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Volume 069: Akka 1299 A.H. (1881–1882), Part IV (4 of 5)

BH01535: O questioner! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

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

O questioner! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He summoneth thee unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. As to what thou hast written concerning the manifestation of the Cause and the completion of the proof, know thou that the proof hath been completed, the heavenly table hath descended, the earth hath been cleft asunder, the heaven hath been split, the mountains have been scattered, the trees have been uprooted, the seas have been frozen, the path hath been laid, the balance hath been set up, the trumpet hath been blown, the door hath been knocked, the hosts have been arrayed, the inevitable hour hath come to pass, the tribes have been shaken, the bugle hath sounded, and the voice of the trumpet hath been raised, when this most exalted Word was sent down from the Most Exalted Pen: My glory and grandeur bear witness that this is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when the call is raised between earth and heaven, to leave behind whatsoever he possesseth, to arise and say:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Creator of Heaven! I bear witness that Thou hast appeared and manifested what Thou didst desire through Thy command ʿBe,' and it was."

O thou who strivest with thy words! Look with the eye of fairness. For years, the arrows of tribulation have rained down from the clouds of divine decree, by reason of what the hands of the wicked have wrought, upon the Truth and His loved ones, while thou didst repose upon the couch of heedlessness in utmost comfort. Now, in these latter days, when God's testimony hath encompassed the world and His proof hath risen like the sun from the horizon of His Cause, thou hast clung to the ropes of the world's soothsayers and their like, seeking to measure the Truth by a standard that is unworthy of mention. Return unto God Who created and nurtured thee, and say:

> "O my Lord! I testify that I was heedless of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom, and turned away from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace that hath encompassed all contingent beings, to forgive me and remit my sins. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

O questioner! Sanctify thine ear that thou mayest hear the divine call, and cleanse thine eye from the dust and rheum of idle fancies that thou mayest behold the Supreme Horizon. Today the whispers of Satan are evident and the breezes of the All-Merciful are wafting. Cast off the former and take hold of the latter. In the name of the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, and such clear tokens have appeared that none but every heedless, turning away, denying one that is far astray would deny them. Observe the signs of God and ponder them, that perchance thou mayest inhale the fragrance of His garment and attain unto the Dayspring of Revelation. All that hath appeared in the world was previously announced in the divine Tablets with the most clear exposition. The Command is in His grasp, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. This is the Day whereof the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an, saying:

> "The whole earth shall be but His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens shall be rolled up in His right hand."

If thou wouldst reflect a little, by the life of God, thou wouldst melt away in shame, for the Truth hath appeared in such wise as hath never been witnessed in all creation, and from His movement and stillness, His call and utterance, and all His ways, proofs, evidences and testimonies have become manifest and evident. Yet despite this, thou still seekest to know the Truth through conjecture and idle fancy. Cast aside what thou hast and take what is with God, the Lord of all worlds. Strive that thou mayest drink from the cup of everlasting life and not be numbered among those who swoon away. By the life of God! The trumpet hath been blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those who have held fast unto His cord and clung to the hem of His luminous robe.

When thou hast received My Tablet and found from it the fragrance of My verses, go forth from thy house towards the wilderness and lament with the lamentation of the bereaved, and say, as many times as the number of the Greatest Name: "I repent before Thee, O God of the worlds!" Then turn thy face towards the Prison and say:

> "I have come unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One of the worlds, with sincerity for Thy sake, in submission to Thy command, in humility before Thy decree, hoping for the wonders of Thy favor, and beseeching Thy ancient generosity, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all worlds! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

BH01567: Praise be unto Him Who cannot be known through…

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

Praise be unto Him Who cannot be known through utterance nor described through proof, Who hath been sanctified above every evidence and argument and hallowed beyond all mention and praise. He hath ever been holy beyond the comprehension of created things and the conditions of contingent beings. Every knower hath testified to his powerlessness, every mystic to his limitation, every accomplished one to his shortcoming, and every sage to his ignorance. Exalted be His greatness, glorified His dominion, magnificent His power, and sublime His station! He it is Who gave Us the glad tidings of His appearance and His arising to establish His Cause, and through these glad tidings did the Prophets and Messengers give tidings to all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation. Yet when He Who was mentioned appeared and the Promised One came, the people arose in opposition, in such wise that the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inmates of the highest Heaven lamented.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of hearts! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy might and Thy power to assist Thy servants to rend asunder the veils and to recognize Thy manifestation in the return. O Lord! They are the poor and the powerless, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. Thou art He Who created the servants through the Word that proceeded from the mouth of Thy Will and preserved them throughout ages and centuries by the arms of Thy power. I beseech Thee to assist Thy servants and Thy creation to turn unto Thee and draw nigh unto the horizon of Thy Cause. Then preserve them, O my God, from the promptings of self and passion, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter, your letters have been continuously received, and detailed responses to each have been submitted and dispatched. In your previous letter you had written that you would send His Eminence Ibn (upon him be the Glory of God) to Iraq, and a response was sent according to your letter. And in this letter which has now arrived, dated the 28th of Rabi'u'l-Avval, you sought permission to send His Eminence Ibn either to those regions or to these parts. Therefore this was submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke forth in the Kingdom of Proof—exalted be His Word:

> "God willing, may they be occupied at all times with service to the Self-Sufficient, Transcendent Cause and be focused on the horizon of wisdom. We have counseled him and do counsel him with wisdom. Any matter that today causes conflict and commotion, it is best to abandon it in the sight of the Lord of all beings. Glory be upon him and upon those with him and upon every wise mystic."

Praise be to God, they are illumined by the dawning lights of the Sun of Grace. This is a bounty that tongue and utterance and pen and ink are powerless and incapable to mention and record and convey. Praise be to God that you have reached a station where you recognize the bounty and know its worth—and this station is very rare indeed. It must be preserved through the Name of the Powerful, the Mighty. Although this is the Day of vision, it is observed that the people are deprived of it. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His Glory, that you may ever drink from the ocean of grace and soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. Observance of wisdom is among those

matters that you have repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His Glory. In all conditions you must look towards it.

Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends in that land. Sacred and exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for certain souls—God willing they will receive them and attain unto them. May your relatives, God willing, dwell and rest beneath the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. One Sadrah is manifest and visible at the ultimate station, and one Sadrah is without end—glorified be He Who created them both and planted them and made them manifest and preserved them.

And glory be upon you and upon those with you 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-Informed.

BH01612: He speaks in the Kingdom of utterance

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Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been attracted, and hath sent down the Book as a token of His grace, and commanded all to act in accordance with what is therein. He is, verily, the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

O people of the earth! By God, the appointed time hath elapsed, and the Self-Subsisting hath come, and through Him hath been fulfilled that which God foretold in the Scriptures and Tablets. Through Him the Known hath appeared, and the back of vain imaginings hath been broken, and the seal of the choice wine hath been broken. Come ye, and hasten, O people of light! This is the Day whereon the Great Resurrection hath occurred, and the Hour hath cried out before the pavilions of grandeur. By God, the most excellent of hours hath come. Blessed is he who hath drunk the Salsabil of Revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of the Final End. Woe unto him who hath broken the Covenant and his pledge, and denied that which the Book hath uttered.

The world hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and hearts and minds have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word of God, the Lord of Lords. Beware, O people of the earth, lest the vain imaginings of the world withhold you from the Lord of all men. Cast away what ye possess, then turn unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared and spoken: "There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

O Ali! We have heard thy call and perceived from it the fragrance of thy love. We have remembered thee in this Tablet, to which the Most Great Name in the world hath borne witness. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all men!" Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning towards thee from this Prison which God hath made the circumambulation place of the righteous. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me by Thy Most Exalted Pen, and made known to me Thy path in the kingdom of creation, and strengthened me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Manifestation of Thy Self, at Whose advent all things spoke and the mountains passed away. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and turning away from Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who have cast away all else besides Thee. O

Lord! The atoms testify to Thy generosity, Thy mercy, and Thy favors. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, then record for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful."

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the verses of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One remembereth thee in His Most Great Prison and announceth unto thee the bounty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who is named Nasru'llah and We enjoin him and My loved ones to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee and mentioned thee in His decisive and impregnable Book.

We make mention of My loved ones there and counsel them with that which will exalt the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the hardships of the world and its conditions. Soon will all that ye see today perish, and there shall remain for you what hath been sent down from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hold ye fast unto the cord of unity and soar with the wings of yearning in this perfumed and gentle atmosphere. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from this noble prospect.

I bear witness that the Servant visited Me on thy behalf and on behalf of him who is named with M and H, and attained the honor of acceptance in this exalted station. The Glory shining from the horizon of the tender mercies of your Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

As to what thou didst mention concerning the Huquq, We have commanded him who circleth round the Throne to write for thee what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. When thou readest My letter and findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!"

I testify that through Thee the cock of eternity hath crowed, and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath appeared. I beseech Thee by the Name through which every door was opened, and every hidden thing was revealed, and every stammering tongue spoke forth, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy Name, who standeth in Thy service, and who is aided to accomplish what Thou hast desired in Thy Book and sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. There is no God but Thee, the Munificent, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH01650: This evanescent servant was gladdened by the sight…

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

This evanescent servant was gladdened by the sight of your letter. God willing, may you ever remain speaking in remembrance of the eternal Goal and gazing toward His horizon. These are days when not a single atom among atoms has been deprived of the lights of the Sun of grace, and not a single drop among drops has been forbidden from the bounty of the divine ocean. Every soul who has turned toward

Him has attained the outpourings of the Most Exalted Pen, and concerning every heedless one the blessed and excellent word “rend asunder his veils” has been revealed. His grace has encompassed all things. If all the pens in the world were to write forever describing a single one of His infinite bounties, they would never complete it. Who can reckon what has appeared and will appear from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds?

After perusing your letter, this evanescent servant sought permission to approach the Most Exalted Horizon. After permission was granted, it was presented before His presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O Ghulam-Husayn! We made mention of thee before, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. We sent down verses for thee, and I am the Ancient Sender. We manifested clear proofs to all who are in earth and heaven, and I am the Kind, the Generous. We immortalized thy remembrance in a Book revealed for him who was named the Nightingale, and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therein did We make mention of My loved ones who soared in My atmosphere and acted according to what was revealed in My Book, and I am the Manifest Book. Every name that turned to the Lord of all beings was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, and I am the Trustworthy, the Faithful.

We counsel thee to patience and forbearance, and to trustworthiness which God hath made a crown for the heads of them that are nigh unto Him. Be thou of such character that thy very limbs shall testify for thee, and that the seal inscription “The Kingdom belongeth to God, Lord of all worlds” shall be seen upon thy brow. Dost thou perceive the fragrances of utterance? Dost thou hear the call of the All-Merciful? Say: Yea, this is through the grace of my Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. By My life! He that attaineth to true hearing ariseth to serve My Cause in such wise that neither the divines of this age who have become corrupt and have corrupted others, and who pronounced judgment against God when He came with a Cause before which all things that were and will be created stand powerless, can hinder him.

We make mention in this station of My nightingale who warbled upon the branches of the tree of My knowledge, and whose song is heard from the atmosphere of My loving-kindness, and then of those who are with him, and I am the Rewarder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We send Our greetings upon them from this station and We cast upon them the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We sent down the verses as a mercy from Us, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Beloved is the soul who reads the divine verses and finds their sweetness. A bounty hath appeared the like of which hath never been seen in the world nor shall ever be seen. God willing, may we all be enabled to make up for what we have neglected in the divine days. O brother! Reflect upon His grace and with thy outer and inner tongue proclaim “Thine is the praise, O Beloved One.” How can one who hath seen no light comprehend mention of it? How can one who hath not reached the water derive any portion from describing it or gain any awareness thereof? The point is that souls who are today heedless and veiled are seen to be deprived of all bounties. It is better that we conclude our mention of heedless souls with the blessed word “Leave them to their vain discourse and play” and turn to mention of the friends of God. On

behalf of this evanescent servant convey greetings to all and say: God willing, reflect upon what hath been mentioned and what is being mentioned, and seek assistance from the oceans of grace and loving-kindness and generosity, that He may assist all to know that which causeth enkindlement and love and affection and unity.

The glory be upon you and upon God's chosen ones and loved ones in those regions and upon those who have attained to this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH01665: O My Name! The letter from his honor Afnan…

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

O My Name! The letter from his honor Afnan Aqa, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, which bore your name, was mentioned by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One. May he, through God's grace, be blessed in all worlds with the infinite outpourings of His Excellency the All-Bountiful. He is the One Who hath witnessed and seen from among the greatest signs of his Lord, and hath spoken and praised the Lord of all beings when he heard His call from His most exalted horizon. Thus did God testify for him from His Most Glorious Perspective. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Generous. The glance of loving-kindness hath been and is directed towards him. The fragrance of God's love hath at all times wafted from him. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all to achieve that which beseemeth this divine Day.

O Mihdi! The Most Exalted Pen hath, in most tablets, made mention of the greatness of this Day, and its mention hath been recorded in the divine Books and Scriptures of the past and future. Nevertheless, the people of the world are seen to be heedless and veiled therefrom, except those whom neither the affairs of princes nor the doubts of the divines have kept back from this Path which itself proclaimeth between earth and heaven. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of the Afnan once again, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O My Afnan! The fragrance of thy love hath wafted abroad, and every possessor of spiritual sense hath perceived it. Be thou fair in the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Every tongue hath spoken in praise of God, but We behold those who claim knowledge to be in heedlessness and behind a veil. Blessed is the learned one who hath cleansed his heart with the waters of his Lord's mercy, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving. They have cast the Truth behind their backs, yet they imagine themselves to be of the people of Paradise.

The divines of the age have been and are the cause of the heedlessness of souls and the veiling of servants, even as hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in tablets past and future—that which sufficeth them that are endowed with vision. In all the Books mention hath been made of the opposition of rebellious and transgressing souls, yet in this Most Great Revelation a great number of divines have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have quaffed from the Most Pure Wine. Whosoever hath today attained unto the recognition of the Truth is recorded with God among the divines and inscribed in the Divine Book. We have previously informed all servants of that which would cause the elevation of

souls and the preservation of being. Beseech ye God that He may aid all and deprive them not of the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings and utterance. He, verily, is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

O Afnan! The Beloved of all creation maketh mention of thee in the midst of sorrows. He, verily, loveth him who loveth Him, and turneth unto him who turneth unto Him. Thy Lord hath been named the All-Merciful in His mighty Book. We have veiled that which hath occurred before and shall occur hereafter, lest the heart of him who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed, be saddened.

The Truth is today manifest in the Promised Land and seated upon the mentioned throne. This is the land that was referred to as the Holy Land in the Qur'an, and likewise in previous Books, and the call of the Prophets was raised in this wilderness. Yet its people are recorded and inscribed as the offspring of vipers, and this Wronged One, in the midst of this group, summoneth all parties unto God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they that attain, blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that know.

Mention was made of the Most Exalted Leaf and the honored mother, upon them both be the glory of God. Two most holy, most glorious Tablets have been revealed and sent specifically for them, and likewise specifically for the Afnan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful. God willing, they will deliver them that they may drink from the Kawthar of divine utterance. Let not the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be My glory, be saddened by the delay and postponement. By My life! That which hath come to pass hath been in accordance with wisdom and expediency. With Him is the knowledge of all things, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee, upon them both, upon them, and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation through My name, the Best-Beloved.

BH01862: Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused…

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

Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of might and majesty, and the summit of grandeur and glory—He Whom the circumstances of tyrants have never frustrated nor the power of pharaohs ever daunted. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy giving, and by those who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament and have drunk the cups of tribulation and adversity in Thy love, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to act as befitteth Thy days. Then protect them from the oppression of those who have denied Thy truth and disbelieved in Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

And now, O beloved of my heart, responses to thy previous and subsequent letters have been written and sent, and likewise in answer to the petitions that were enclosed with thy letter, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed and dispatched. God willing, they will attain unto them. Similarly, in response to the petition of his honor M, upon him be the Glory of God, one Most Holy, Most Exalted

Tablet in the form of a prayer has been sent down from the heaven of bounty with manifest verses. God willing, they will attain unto it and succeed in reading it. May He open before his face the gate of grace from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earth.

After the revelation of the prayer, this evanescent servant stood before His presence and He said: "O servant present! Write to him who beareth My Most Truthful Name, upon both of them be My Glory: The True One, exalted be His glory, hath preserved his honor M, upon him be My Glory, from grave dangers. He hath ever been under the glance of grace. Say: Be thou assured, verily He is with His steadfast, firm and active servants." And He said: "We have ordained for him that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. It behooveth him to preserve this most exalted station in the name of his Lord, the Lord of all humanity."

In very truth, whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him remaineth permanent and eternal, in such wise that the passage of centuries and ages shall not efface it. This mention hath ever been and shall ever be preserved in the Book of God, and its effects have appeared and shall continue to appear. Well is it with him for having attained unto this mighty station.

He further said:

> "We bid him to undertake—as a manifestation of service to the Cause and for the perpetuation of his name in the manifest world—that he should, with the utmost discretion, appoint a representative who would construct in the Prison Land an edifice named Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, and beside it a place for the righteous. This will benefit him in every world among the worlds of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful."

In truth this is a great bounty concerning him, for permission hath been granted that it be built in this illumined and sacred land. His is the praise and favor for this supreme gift. This is a gate of grace through which infinite doors shall be opened unto him. It behooveth him to thank God for this manifest favor. Since he himself sought that which would cause the perpetuation of his mention, name and station, he was therefore blessed with this supreme bounty. Through it shall appear what he desired of the favors of his Lord in this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

BH01922: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is indeed He Who was mentioned in former ages and inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures of old. He is the Hidden and Treasured Name through Whose remembrance the pages of creation were adorned, through Whom the Fire spoke forth from the Mount, and through Whom the Throne was established upon the earth of manifestation. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the ocean of My knowledge and the heaven of My wisdom and faced the lights of My countenance. And whoso hesitateth for less than a moment hath denied My Self, turned away from My proof, disputed My signs and rejected My favor which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty that hath preceded all in the heavens and earth.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from the precincts of My prison, then thank thy Lord for having turned unto thee and revealed that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the eternity of His most excellent names. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

We were seated upon the Throne and heard what the earth related of its tidings when the servant who standeth before the Face presented himself with a white leaf and submitted what was inscribed thereon in the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds. When We heard thy call and thy cry in the love of God and His meeting, We answered thee with this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed be thine ear for having hearkened unto My call, and thy tongue for having uttered My praise, and thine eye for having turned toward My luminous horizon. We made mention of thee on a day We perceived from thee the fragrance of My love, in the Crimson Scroll by My Most Exalted Pen, in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. To this beareth witness He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Brilliant, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Thou art he who took hold of the Book with strength from thy Lord after the learned, the mystics and the princes turned away therefrom, save whom God pleased, the Lord of this mighty Command. Blessed is the scholar who arose to serve My Cause, made known unto men My path and guided them to the ocean of My mercy and the heaven of My loving-kindness. He is indeed among the most exalted of creatures in the Book of God.

Say: O concourse of princes! Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you from the Lord of all men. That which ye possess shall perish in less than a moment and ye shall find yourselves in manifest loss. Leave behind that which the tongues of men testify is perishable and hold fast unto that which endureth with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From this most exalted Station We send Our greetings unto those who have quaffed the wine of immortality in My Most Glorious Name, and We counsel them to observe supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped save those whom God, their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, hath willed.

Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all religions. Verily it hath been raised through grace and commandeth you to that which hath been revealed in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and illumined therewith the horizons of the hearts of those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of certitude.

Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by God, the Mighty, the Praised. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He verily consoleth thee in truth and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There hath been built for thee by the hand of power that which shall not be touched by extinction throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

BH02119: O Abu Talib! This Wronged One declareth: Praise be…

He is the Witness, Who heareth and is ready to answer!

O Abu Talib! This Wronged One declareth: Praise be unto God that thou hast attained unto that which is the cause of thy honor in all the divine worlds. This abasement of thine is the pride of all glories. God willing, thine imprisonment and that of the other friends of God will become the cause and reason for the freedom and deliverance of the peoples of the world. For four months this Wronged One lay under chains and fetters in that same land. So grievous was His incarceration that no eye hath ever seen its like. Prior to that, for a brief duration, He was also thrown into prison, which place is the true abode of God's prophets and chosen ones. During the first imprisonment, which lasted but a short time, they showed Us kindness, but during the second imprisonment, they subjected Us to the most vehement cruelty and hatred. Nonetheless, under all conditions, We remained joyful and showed forth complete resignation and contentment, forbearance and tranquility.

O seeker in the path of God! Upon thee hath befallen that which befell this Wronged One, and thou hast followed His example in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Were the peoples of the world to discover the delight of this abasement for the sake of God, they would one and all offer up their lives and souls in order to obtain it. The life of these days is fleeting, and its gay livery hindereth the people from pondering their end and final destiny.

Hearken to the voice of the Friend! By reason of thine abasement, wish not abasement for anyone. The station of those who are ever patient and thankful is most great. Seek not save the One True God, desire only Him, leave aside thine own will, and fervently set thy face toward the good-pleasure of thy Lord. Set aside that which thou desirest, and take thou that which God—glorified be His majesty—desireth. With outward tongue and inward heart say:

O my God! I am he who hath confessed Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and who standeth present before Thee; I have cast away my own will and desire, hoping for that which Thou hast willed by Thine irrevocable command. My goal is Thee; my paradise is Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O God of the heavens and Fashioner of the sky, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy love in such wise that neither the wrath of princes nor the doubts of divines may withhold me. O Lord! Unveil Thou unto them even as Thou hast unveiled unto me; then strengthen them to turn unto Thee and to direct their faces toward the ocean of Thy bounty.

Thou art He unto Whose loving-kindness and mercy and compassion the very atoms have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Prevailing, the All-Powerful. From this station We magnify, upon the faces of My loved ones there, and give them glad tidings of the bounty of God, and of His loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on the earth. We counsel them to that whereby the Cause shall be exalted and their stations raised among men. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth; and woe betide the heedless!

And We make mention of all My handmaidens who have heard the call and believed in God, the One, the All-Aware. Thus hath the Tongue of My greatness spoken in this station, around which the Concourse on high and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have circled—yea, and those who have cast aside vain imaginings and have drunk of the Kawthar of certitude from the hands of the bounty of their bestowing, forgiving, generous Lord.

O Abu-Ṭalib! Upon thee be My glory, and upon My saints and chosen ones who have acted according to that whereunto they were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH02244: In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O ʿAli-Akbar! We counsel thee even as We counseled thee before with that which will manifest the station of man in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who created the world by His command. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard what His tongue hath uttered in His mighty prison. Now that one hour hath passed from Monday night, this servant hath attained the presence of the Wronged One. We have desired to make mention of the friends of God who have drunk from the choice wine of oneness and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that all may attain unto the most great joy and drink from the ocean of gladness. The names of all have been and are before Us. Praise be to God, they have been and are assisted in benevolent matters from God and are journeying unto God, that is, their beginning and return have been from God and unto God. God willing, may the light of this station be seen manifest and resplendent before their faces, that they may thereby walk upon the straight and manifest path.

On this blessed night, suddenly mention was made of them and the face of the imprisoned Wronged One turned toward them. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to inscribe them as the dawning-places of His most excellent names in the Book of Names by the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

O friends! For some time the religion of God hath been seen to be weak, and the enemies have risen from all directions with the utmost oppression and tyranny. The sun of justice is concealed behind the clouds. Beseech and supplicate the True One, exalted be His glory, that perchance He may change this weakness into strength and this tyranny into justice. Hold fast to the cord of His grace and be confident in His loving-kindness. He is the Powerful One Who hath subdued the world by a single word and by two letters hath brought forth the manifestations of names and the dawning-places of attributes from the concealment of nothingness into the realm of existence.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand is the dominion of all things! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace that Thou write down for us that which befitteth Thy generosity and bestowal. O my Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy creation. We have turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy loving-kindness. Wilt Thou disappoint, O my God, Thy weak servants who have found no helper besides Thee, no ruler other than Thee, and no one merciful except Thee?

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all created things and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all contingent beings, that Thou send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause us to be numbered with them who have hastened unto the river of Thy grace, who have held fast to the cord of Thy generosity, and who have clung to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-

kindness. O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose greatness, power, glory, might and all-encompassing authority all things have testified. Look upon us, O my God, with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and ordain for us that whereby the eyes of Thy loved ones may be gladdened. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Doer, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH02528: In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! The blessed letter of that spiritual beloved has inscribed wondrous lines of divine love upon the pages of the heart, breast, mind and soul. God willing, may the royal seal of the love of that Beloved, the Goal of all the worlds, be inscribed in clear script by the wondrous Pen upon all the tablets of created things.

As for what was written about not meeting—it is clear and evident that this servant is seeking this, and likewise that beloved one. In this case, even if the obstacles of the world should prevent it, this prevention holds sway only in outward form. Otherwise, in reality, the Joy of the world has not and will not prevent it. No sword can sever the inner connection, nor can the passage of time alter it. It has been and will continue to be.

And regarding what was written about sending a list of names to the Most Holy Court—after this servant turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, he presented the details. At that moment, four holy and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and He said:

> "O servant in attendance! It behooveth thee to write what hath been revealed at this time and send it to Ism-i-Jud, that he may forward it to whomsoever hath loved God, acknowledged His grandeur and recognized His sovereignty, that the eyes of His loved ones and the eyes of those who have drawn nigh unto the Most Great Sea and drunk therefrom in His gracious Name may be gladdened by the Tablets of God."

And regarding what was written about the wife of Nabil, these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of Will—exalted be His grandeur:

> "Verily, We gave her glad tidings aforetime through the mention of My Most Exalted Pen, and We mentioned her before her ascension and after her ascension. Verily We have forgiven her and purified her of all that is unworthy of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of God at this time with a mention from which the fragrance of grace is wafted between the heavens and the earth. O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having turned to God on a day when most of the servants turned away from Him, and for having heard the Most Sweet Call and attained unto the word ʿyea.' By My life! This is an honored station. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath believed and attained, and woe unto every handmaiden who hath turned away from God, the Sovereign, the Single, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in what We have sent down unto thee of the food of the Spirit from this heaven which hath been raised up through My Name, the All-Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have taken the choice wine and drunk in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible."

The four exalted Tablets were also sent for that beloved one to forward. These bounties appeared at a time when the Ancient Beauty was showing signs of a cold. Verily the grace is in His hands and He is the Forgiving, the Generous, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Kind.

BH02599: Praise befits and is worthy of that Most Holy…

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

Praise befits and is worthy of that Most Holy Court, Who has made the letters of the friends the greatest gift and has ordained within their fragrance the fragrance of meeting and reunion. Exalted be His power, exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His compassion, and great be His favor! I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect the people of truth from the oppression of the oppressors and the transgressions of the transgressors. Verily, He is near and worthy to answer.

The esteemed letter arrived while this ephemeral one was engaged in writing in His presence, and all of it was presented. They showed the utmost bounty and favor. The religion of God has become weak among the people due to the dominion of the ungodly, and these transgressors have been and are of two kinds: one group consists of those who have been nurtured in pride for years, and the other group consists of those who have become occupied with themselves and heedless of the Truth, showing no respect for divine ordinances and the counsels of the True Counselor. They have acted according to their own desires and become deprived of the Command of God. Verily He speaks the truth, but they do not hear. This is why Islam has reached the state that you now witness. All must beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for the elevation and ascendancy of His religion. All have been and are under His gaze, each adorned with the ornament of His favor.

God willing, in this spiritual morn a sweet breeze will waft from the garden of inner meanings across the world, bringing joy to all, transforming the darkness of the world into light and its heedlessness into awareness. It would be a pity if the trees in the garden of inner meanings were to remain fruitless and without effect.

Regarding what was written about Darvish, it was granted. They said to tell him and obtain his promise not to stay beyond the specified days, as the gathering has grown too large and has truly exceeded wisdom. Regarding the honored beloved, his mention has been and is before the Most Holy Court. They said God willing he is confirmed in what is befitting. Whatever this ephemeral one expresses in service to him is truly insufficient. In any case, I hope for forgiveness. I remember the delight of the eyes of the people of purity. I send greetings and praise to Jinab-i-Aqa Mihdi and those with you.

BH02593: It is abundantly clear that this Wronged One has…

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

It is abundantly clear that this Wronged One has for successive years been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands and has, in the path of God, endured that which you and others have witnessed and heard. The tribulations that have befallen the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity are themselves a reminder, but only for those possessed of insight, whom the veils of human limitations have not barred

from the Most Sublime Vision. Were you to reflect but briefly, you would testify that whatsoever this Wronged One uttereth is purely for God's sake, and that He hath had and hath no purpose save God, glorified be His majesty, nor hath He been attracted to any direction—for He dwelleth in a station where the path of hope is severed.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and in these latter days deprive not yourselves of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that perchance ye may receive a portion of the outpourings of the True Bestower and attain unto your share. As you have been a seeker after good, therefore that which is the cause and source of God's perpetual favors hath been cast forth from His presence. Time and again hath the divine Hand of power preserved you and caused you to attain unto the most exalted summit in your first life. However, this station is confined to the transient days. Strive that you may attain unto the Kingdom that endureth—that is, through deeds befitting these days, that their fragrance may never cease from the realm of existence and may endure through the eternity of God's names.

God willing, may transient conditions not withhold you from the Truth. Were you to reflect briefly, you would acknowledge what hath been mentioned and would arise to make good what hath passed. Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of Revelation and Speaker on Sinai! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the manifestations of Thy might and power in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions.

O my Lord! The world hath occupied me from turning toward Thy horizon and hath prevented me from directing myself to the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. Therefore have I fled from myself unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the veils of the world and the clamor of the nations will not prevent me. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH02722: O spiritual soul! Time and again hast thou been…

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

O spiritual soul! Time and again hast thou been favored with God's infinite bounties. Thou hast drunk from the cup of His recognition and turned to His most exalted horizon. In days when the men and heroes of the earth were heedless and veiled, know thou the value of this most great blessing. He is the Confirmer, He is the Generous, He is the Merciful. Through His wondrous grace He took hold of thee and guided thee from the left hand of doubt to the right hand of certitude. On the Day of the Call thou didst attain to its answer. Observe how many divines and theologians remained veiled from the ultimate Purpose, while thou through God's grace attained unto it. Thou didst drink from the ocean of knowledge and bore witness to the manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that if thou become aware of this most great, most exalted station, thou wilt at all times utter "Thine be the praise, O God of the worlds."

We send Our greetings upon the faces of My handmaidens in that land who have believed in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to the handmaidens of that land. All those souls thou didst mention have been favored with God's grace and in this hour have received their portion from the Kawthar of remembrance and utterance. Happy are they all.

O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation and thy sighing and thy calling in the days of thy Lord, and We have answered thee with that which nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous.

We make mention of him who was named Rida and counsel him to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this Most Great Cause whereby the mountains were shaken. The command is God's, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

We make mention of thy father who attained God's grace when every denier and deceiver turned away from him. We testify that he answered his Lord and turned to His Face on a day wherein the mountains were scattered. He was adorned with the ornament of certitude and drank the choice wine of recognition from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

And We make mention of thy mother who turned to God, heard, answered and believed in God, the One, the Chosen. God hath forgiven her through His grace when she ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, a station none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's grace be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted station.

BH02725: O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! The servant in attendance hath received…

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! The servant in attendance hath received the letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud. We have heard it and answer thee by Our command. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance when every heedless and remote one turned away therefrom. Ye are they who have found the sweetness of My verses and have drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness and have held fast to the cord of My grace and have clung to My luminous robe. The more tribulation increased, the more did My revelation and exaltation increase. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: Beware, O My loved ones, lest the affairs of the world and the tyranny which hath appeared from the darkness of the hearts of the nations sadden you. They desired to extinguish the light of God by what they possess. Say: Perdition betide you, O company of the heedless! And We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have believed in God and His verses and have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous One.

And concerning what thou didst mention about Aziz—upon him be My glory—verily We have made mention of him before and after, and We have sent down for him that which causeth every mouldering bone to speak, and We shall soon send down what We have intended for him. Verily, give him the glad-tidings of this manifest bounty. Blessed art thou and they, and he who is named Abdu'l-Majid and Husayn and every servant who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, turning away from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There hath come before the Face what one of the servants sent. We found him among the sleepers. He had been sleeping for successive years, and when he desired to awaken and arose and took a handful from the dust of idle fancies and desired to weigh therewith the Dayspring of Certitude and to know thereby the Lord of the worlds—Say: Be as thou wert. Verily He is independent of thee and of the divines of the earth and its mystics and of every doubting impostor. It behooveth him to cast behind him whatsoever is on earth, turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and to say:

> "O my Lord! I have forsaken the religion of a people who believe not in Thee and who with regard to the Hereafter are themselves disbelievers."

He hath abandoned what was fitting and held fast to that which is not worthy for the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Ask God to assist him and forgive his misdeeds and draw him nigh unto Him and guide him to His straight path. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon thy brethren and thy sons and thy kindred and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and earth. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH02820: O My Beloved, O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be…

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and majesty

O My Beloved, O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of all who exist in the unseen and visible realms. The Pen desires to speak, but the ears of the world do not wish to hear. If I write "z" and "b", "t" and "k" follow behind, and if we eat the same soup every day, it has not and will not have freshness. In the city they cook fava beans daily and serve chickpeas, following in the footsteps of their fathers. We do not like fava beans and chickpeas. What can be done? In any case, these words are excessive and may cause trouble and become bothersome. However, praise and thanks be to God, in the past year the world of being, by the command of the Sovereign Worshipped One, detached from spirit and wealth, attained their goal and visited and circumambulated the divine Ka'bah and His House.

The words "Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God" and "A proclamation from God on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage" so attracted hearts and souls that neither the clamor of plague nor the assault of the accursed cholera prevented the faithful from turning to and striving between Marwah and Safa and circumambulation. This brief mention is more fitting and sweeter than a hundred thousand lengthy accounts of the tales of Caesars and Persian kings and tyrants and Pharaohs and the transgressors of the Umayyads and the ignorant ones of the Abbasids. When thou goest before the Friend, convey the glorification of the Friend. The weather is sometimes clear, sometimes warm, sometimes cold, and sometimes cloudy. The ignorant one speaks crookedly and confusedly.

I know not what use or fruit these ravings have. This much I say: remembrance of the Friend is good and beloved and effective. When thou goest before the Beloved of the soul, the gift of the flowing soul is proper. This is good, this is beloved. If you go, you will relate, see and hear. My master, sometimes the pen sniffs the air. Until here was from it, but through divine bounty and infinite effort, if movement becomes possible and joy is attained through meeting the Friend, convey glorification and utter nothingness and complete evanescence. Glory be upon thy presence and upon him and upon those who love God and His friends. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02899: The letter which his honor Aqa Khalil, upon him…

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

The letter which his honor Aqa Khalil, upon him be the glory of God, had written to you was presented in its entirety before the throne of the All-Merciful on the twenty-fifth night of the blessed month of Ramadan. This is what was revealed in reply from the presence of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. His word, exalted be His glory:

O Muhammad-Husayn! Praise be to the Goal of the world's peoples, Who has graciously bestowed upon you that of which the learned ones, the literary figures, the mystics and the princes are deprived, save whom God willeth. Were souls who circle round to reflect upon this supreme bounty and mighty gift, they would, until their last breath without cessation, utter "Thine be the praise, O Lord of Majesty!" Beseech ye God that He may make all aware of their stations, or illumine their eyes with the light of recognition and show them. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

His honor Khalil, upon him be my glory, had made mention of some of the friends. Praise be to God, all have their portion from the fruits of the Tree of Divine Unity, and at this moment the glance of favor is directed to each one. Blessed are they who in the days of God have been honored with mention by the Most Exalted Pen, and have drunk from His cup of recognition. And regarding his appointing you as his representative to attain the presence—this matter has been accepted. At some time, turn toward it on behalf of the friends of God who were mentioned in the letter, and attain to that which is intended.

Regarding Mirza ʿAli's request—if God should will and desire it, He will reveal for him that which will bring joy to the eyes of those near to God.

His honor Muhammad before Kh-A has been honored with mention by God, glorified be His majesty. It behooveth him to thank God for having aided him and caused him to recognize Him in His mighty and wondrous Day. The friends of that land, one and all, are blessed with God's favor. We have aided them as a grace from Our presence, and have preferred some above others as a command from Us. We send Our greetings from this most mighty, most holy, most glorious and impregnable spot, and We make mention of My handmaidens who have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02843: O Sulayman, strive that in the days…

In the name of the one true God, the Speaker!

O Sulayman, strive that in the days of the one true Friend thou mayest attain unto a station whose mention hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. This Day hath no peer. God willing, thou shouldst drink, through the potency of God's Name, from the Kawthar of inner meanings which today floweth from the Wellspring of the merciful Will.

The key to the treasured mystery and the hidden secret had ever been recorded and concealed within the divine Books and Scriptures, but today, through celestial grace, that Most Great Key hath become manifest and visible, and it was the Most Great Name of God, through whose blessing the gates of knowledge and wisdom have been and continue to be opened unto hearts. Speak thou through His Name, see through His Name, and find joy through His Name.

Most of the people are intoxicated and gladdened by that which is non-existent and lost, clinging to and occupied with mere illusions. God willing, through the grace of the Beloved of all creation, thou shalt emerge from the sheath of idle fancies that the essence of humanity may become manifest and evident amongst the servants.

Thy letter was received and read. We bear witness that thou didst hear and turn and didst attain unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, did desire. We counsel thee to preserve that which thou hast been given of His all-embracing grace.

Say: O my God and the God of all things, my Lord and the Lord of all names! Thou seest and knowest that I have recognized and become certain that this Path is the most excellent and most glorious of all the paths of the world. Therefore have I chosen it as my path that it may lead me unto Thee and bring me nigh unto the court of Thy holiness. O my Lord! This is my face turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station wherein the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth, and this is my heart which hath attained the blessing of turning toward the direction of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee by the revelation whereby the Tree did speak and the Mountain was crushed to dust, to send down upon me that which will dilate my breast and tranquilize my heart and loose my tongue, that I may raise among Thy servants the standard of Thy remembrance and praise, and make known to them Thy all-embracing grace and Thy straight Path, through the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book.

O my Lord! Aid me in Thy days to serve Thy Cause, that I may thereby possess the mention of good throughout the perpetuity of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02916: O Ism-i-Jud, upon thee be My Glory! We have…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Helper

O Ism-i-Jud, upon thee be My Glory! We have heard thy mention and hearkened unto thy call. No glory or loftiness can compare with this station wherein thy mention is heard and an answer of grace is bestowed.

Where are they who gave up their lives yearning to hear the words “Listen, then behold,” and ascended with this longing? This is a station before which every station bows down and testifies to its exaltation. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the adorning of witnessing and hearkening, of circumambulation and meeting and reunion. Say:

O my God, my Lord, my Goal and my Beloved! I testify that by Thy Word Thou didst create me, and from the ocean of Thy bounty Thou didst give me to drink, and by the sun of Thy verses Thou didst illumine me, and with the ornament […] by Thy power to a station where I beheld Thy horizon […] O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy power, and the penetration of Thy Cause, and the manifestation of Thy authority, to assist me in rendering thanks and praise unto Thee. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast given me that which Thou hast denied most of Thy servants and creatures. I am he who, O my God, hath acknowledged and doth acknowledge the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy generosity and the expressions of Thy grace which have encompassed me from all directions in Thy days. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will make me mighty through Thy name and wealthy through Thy riches and powerful through Thy power in the latter and former days. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

O Javad! God willing, at all times thou shalt be speaking in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. The servant in attendance offered thy letter before the Face and We found from it the fragrances of thy love and affection and thy turning and steadfastness. Know thou with certainty that His grace hath been and is with thee. Praise be to God! Thou didst move for God’s sake and wert with Him and art with Him. In this world thou art honored by His grace and in the other worlds thou art adorned with the ornament of His majesty. Be thou assured by this most exalted Word at the end of the letter of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of Names. And We make mention of My name Mihdi, upon him be My Glory, in this station and We have ordained for him what he desired. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH02954: The Sun of Truth speaks: O youth! Praise be…

He is the Speaker and He is the All-Seeing

The Sun of Truth speaks: O youth! Praise be to God that in the first days thou wert blessed through the bounty of the Lord of all beings. Thy mention shall never be effaced from the Book of God. That which will endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the divine realm hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning you. With utmost joy and delight be thou engaged in the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. Be thou gladdened by His love and vocal in His praise. Thy mention hath been and will continue to be before the Wronged One. In these days the name of God Mihdi—upon him be My glory—sought favor on thy behalf. God willing, mayest thou be blessed by divine grace and illumined by the lights of His countenance.

We make mention in this station of thy mother who believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and drank the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of the bounty of her Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon her as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

And We make mention of thy father through whom the luminary of steadfastness shone forth and the fragrance of certitude was wafted throughout creation. We testify that he cast behind him all idle fancies, turning his face toward this Horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of the Revelation of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He it is who cast aside the books of the world and took hold of the Mother Book by the command of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. He attained unto the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither the clamor of the wasps deterred him from the Lord of Lords, nor did the power of the divines frighten him from the Lord of Names. He forsook the world and turned toward the Most Great Prison—the place which God made the footstool of His feet and wherein He revealed that which had been hidden and treasured in His Preserved Tablet.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee and testified to that which surpasseth the treasures of the heavens and earth, and He giveth thanks to Himself on thy behalf. Verily thy Lord is the All-Loving, the All-Bountiful. The Light shining from the luminous brow be upon thee, O thou who hast spoken that which the Nightingale of Faithfulness spoke, and the Cock crowed upon the branch of eternity. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee, by virtue of what the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, and those who in this mighty Day have attained unto the recognition of God.

BH03103: A mention from Us to one who turned towards…

He is the Herald between earth and heaven

A mention from Us to one who turned towards Us when the divines of the earth turned away from Our Most Exalted Horizon, save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed. When the Self-Subsisting appeared and the Hour came, the clamor of the servants arose and they stood up to extinguish the light of God, the King, the Mighty, the Great. How many a mystic turned away from the Known One, how many a learned one cast the All-Knowing behind his back and waxed proud before God, the Lord of the worlds. How many who had accepted broke God's Covenant on His Day, and how many extinguished ones were enkindled by the fire of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God's Balance hath appeared in truth, yet the people were heedless of it. Say: Verily the Balance speaketh with truth, yet the people are in evident delusion. They hear the Call yet deny it, and they behold the signs of God yet turn away from them. How many a sign hath appeared in truth, and how many an evidence hath come forth from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the heaven of utterance with the sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: O peoples of the earth, fear the All-Merciful and follow not your desires. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by an Ordainer, All-Wise. He hath come from the heaven of utterance with the Kingdom of verses. Fear God and be not of the ignorant. How many a learned one cast the Book of God behind his back, and how many a mystic was seized by the winds of the world and withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many a sleeper heard the Call, arose and turned to His luminous horizon. When the breezes of revelation seize thee and the winds of thy Lord's days attract thee, arise amidst the servants with power and say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the horizon of the Manifestation hath been illumined by the Promised One. Verily He hath come with the standards of

verses and the hosts of meanings. If ye deny Him, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Fear God and be not of the lost. Thus have We illumined the horizon of remembrance and praise. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the winds of the Manifestation stirred when the Speaker of Sinai proclaimed: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH03055: Render thanks to the Lord that through the confirmations…

In the name of the All-Knowing Announcer!

Render thanks to the Lord that through the confirmations of God, glorified be His grandeur, thou hast entered the lofty tabernacle raised in His Name and drunk deep of the river of utterance. Whoever recognizeth the Days of God, that soul is accounted among the inmates of Paradise in the Crimson Book. Beseech God to confirm thee in protecting this precious gem. By My life, were the assessors of the world to gather together, they would find themselves powerless to estimate its worth. Betrayers are many and trustees few. Some mistaken souls have forsaken the River of Mercy for a foul pond. Woe to them and to those who have denied God and His sovereignty and turned away from the Countenance shining brilliantly from the celestial horizon, after the annihilation of all things.

O thou the daughter of My uncle and of My sister! Give ear to My Call, then remember Thy Lord with such steadfastness that the promptings of the evil ones will not shake thee. May God enable thee to cling to the cord of the favour of the Desire of the world at all times, for no deed is more praiseworthy than this.

We mention thy son named Mihdi and give him the joyful news of the favour of his Munificent and Compassionate Lord. The poem he had previously composed in His tribute was received, and the servant in attendance recited what he had composed. We verily heard him and answered him with a perspicuous Tablet.

We send greetings to all the brothers and sisters. We hope from God that they have been and will continue to be protected by Him, glorified be His grandeur. This is a lofty station. May its effects become clear and evident!

Should the intended affair happen joyfully and with radiance, it is very praiseworthy. However, should it entail any harm for that handmaid or her relatives, it would not be praiseworthy before this Wronged One, for one must act according to the requirements of the time and the dictates of wisdom.

Jinab-i Ismullahu'l-Mihdi is travelling in that direction. Do thou that which is discreet. He verily enricheth and assisteth thee, and He is the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Glory be upon thee and upon all the kindred who have clung to the sure handle and held fast to the hem of the garment of the Sovereign of the world.

BH03218: Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified from all…

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

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified from all likeness and comparison, the Beloved Eternal One, Who is worthy and befitting, Who by one exalted Word guided the people of the Kingdom of Creation to the supreme horizon and bestowed upon them a portion from the chalice of His presence. Verily, He is the One Who, by His command "Be!", hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Blessed is the soul who, detached from the world, hath turned toward the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom in the Name of Truth. Such a one is among the manifestations of the Word and the people of the Ark. O ye who drink the choice wine of utterance! Know ye the value of this Day and act as behooveth you.

O Abdul-Husayn! Thy letter was received and the servant in attendance before the Imprisoned One presented it, and thou hast been made to attain unto these sublime words and manifest evidences which have streamed forth from the Supreme Pen. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God that thou hast been and art the recipient of the favors of Truth, both in the past and at present, and hast received thy portion from the divine ocean of mercy. Be thou assured that He hath forgiven thee and thy father, and hath sent down for you both that which hath perfumed the heavens and the earth with its fragrance.

Convey My greetings to the handmaiden of God and say: Verily, He hath forgiven what is past. Guard thyself in the name of thy Lord in thy remaining days. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The word of forgiveness hath been sent down for thee from the presence of the All-Merciful. Act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. God hath made chastity a crown for the heads of His handmaidens. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto this mighty station.

God willing, thou shalt be confirmed through the favors of the Lord of all being in that which is acceptable in His sight. If thou were to offer thanks with a hundred thousand tongues, it would not equal this blessed word which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. O Abdul-Husayn! Convey to the handmaiden of God whatsoever hath streamed forth from the Supreme Pen concerning her, and give her the glad-tidings of God's favor, bounty and mercy. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those who have believed in those regions in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH03182: Praise be to God, thou hast emigrated twice…

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

Praise be to God, thou hast emigrated twice in the path of the One Friend and hast attained thy desired goal. This peerless bounty requireth gratitude, and gratitude for it is to remain steadfast in God's Cause and to manifest such deeds and character as would attract the hearts of the heedless and the minds of those who hesitate. Through the grace of the All-Merciful, turn toward Iran with the utmost joy and fragrance. Speak for the sake of God, for a word spoken for His sake is like unto a tree whose fruit will surely appear in the world. Observe outer beauty: if but one ray from the divine name "the Beautiful" is manifested in a person, hearts and minds are seen to be attracted.

But by the life of God! The power and might of inner beauty is a thousand times greater and more glorious. Blessed is the soul that hath attained this most exalted station. Whosoever acteth according to

and is adorned with goodly deeds, pure words and spiritual qualities—such a one possesseth inner beauty in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. Forget not the divine counsels and preserve the pearls of His love. We make mention in this station of thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! The Wronged One remembereth thee for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names. Verily thy Lord's knowledge encompasseth all things. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure. Be thou grateful to God for this mighty favor. Thou didst turn and hear the Call and respond to thy Ancient Lord, at Whose appearance from the heaven of the divine Command all necks bowed low and every mighty one was shaken. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have sacrificed their souls in this Straight Path. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03263: Unto God belongeth the deeds of the sincere ones…

Unto God belongeth the deeds of the sincere ones, those who have been stirred by the Realities of the Sidrat'ul-Muntaha… As to what hath been written — that a certain soul was a believer and for many years a steadfast acceptor of the Truth, yet thereafter, by reason of the ways and words of certain others, hath turned aside — Glorified be God! If, God forbid, and by way of hypothesis alone, all the friends of God were to manifest unseemly conduct, displeasing character, and words devoid of purity, not so much as a speck of dust would thereby fall upon the hem of the Most Holy, the Most Pure Garment. How then could it be that a soul should turn away from the Truth on account of the deeds of others? Hath it not been heard:

Were all the dwellers of creation to turn faithless and denied, Not a particle of dust would settle on the hem of His Majesty's tide.

All the peoples and sects of the earth do, in the greater part of their affairs, act contrary to that which God hath revealed — as ye have seen and heard. And according to the Shi'ih account, forty thousand souls were in attendance upon the Messenger of God — may the spirit of all else be a sacrifice unto Him — at the Farewell Pilgrimage, yet of this vast multitude, seven or eight are said to have remained steadfast and firm; and concerning the rest, that hath been said which ye have heard.

In any case, all are enjoined, in this Manifestation, to fix their gaze upon the very person of the Manifestation Himself, and to be rooted in certitude by that which appeareth from Him and by the Blessed Word: He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. If a soul were to immerse itself in the oceans of these words, and to be numbered amongst the stars of the heaven of constancy — as is recorded before God and inscribed in the Divine Book — then if that soul, God forbid, after faith and certitude were to become perturbed, this would be proof that from the very beginning it had not truly comprehended the Cause of God. Let all pray that they may at the very least fix their gaze upon the Word: He is not asked of that which He doeth.

The Truth hath never been, nor is He, answerable for the deeds of others or for whatsoever He hath willed or may will. How could it be that a soul would turn away from knowledge on account of the actions of the servants of God? Assuredly, confusion hath overtaken that person, for at times certain ones fall into error. God willing, may such a one be adorned with the raiment of certitude and, whilst yet in this contingent world, be occupied in the mention and praise of the Desire of the worlds — for verily He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth, out of His grace and bounty, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous….

BH03320: Verily, Faithfulness hath now shone forth in the temple…

Verily, Faithfulness hath now shone forth in the temple of majesty in the fairest raiment of beauty. It hath addressed all who are on earth and said:

O concourse of nations! Look upon My comeliness and My charm, upon My light and My radiance, upon My freshness and My tenderness; then render thanks unto Him Who hath created Me, sent Me forth, and made Me to appear in a lucid and resplendent light. Ponder upon My inmost being even as ye have gazed upon My outward form, that ye may come to recognize what mysteries have been concealed within Me and what treasures of the wisdom of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been treasured up in My reality.

Whoso truly knoweth Me shall never part from Me; for through consorting with Me doth man increase in honour and loftiness and height of station. This doth every fair-minded and discerning soul attest.

O concourse of existence! Within Me there dwelleth a maiden of Paradise, coy, pampered and tender, who hath not advanced a single span save in accordance with the will of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The hand of loving-kindness hath clothed Me in the vesture of beauty and hath manifested Me endowed with bounty, with knowledge and with perfection. Blessed the one who turneth his steps toward Me, draweth nigh unto My very self, decketh himself with the raiment of My knowledge and My virtues, and is illumined with My shining light.

Should the sun of My beauty shed but a ray upon his city, thou wouldst behold it fallen in awe before her, or laid low upon its very foundations; yet would its rank and station thereby be exalted to such a degree as to render it independent of all other cities. In the days that are Mine thou wouldst indeed behold it among the most flourishing of the kingdoms of the earth—its blessings none can reckon save God, the Reckoner, the All-Knowing.

And when thou hearest the mention of Faithfulness and its call, then acquaint those who have believed with its advent, its station, and the manifold benefits whereby the lands and habitations of God are enriched through it. Verily, it is the Herald, the All-Informed. Say: Hasten unto it, O people of Baha! It shall profit you in every condition and circumstance; unto this testifieth His guarded, preserved Book.

O thou who speakest forth the remembrance of thy Lord! By My life, wert that city to attain unto but one ray of its lights and one effulgence of its revelations, sorrow would not have encompassed Me, and the Cause would have stood forth in a station manifest and clear.

Do thou, then, make mention of the Wronged One amidst all existence with wisdom and with utterance, that perchance they may deal with equity in the Cause of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Glory be upon thee, and upon such as hearken unto thy words in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH03748: O Taqi! Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Taqi! Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This is yet another time—give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have made mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equalled by all the books of the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thou didst hear the Call before, and now hearken unto it at this time. Verily it calleth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise as shall cause thy name to endure throughout the duration of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is, in truth, the True One, the Trustworthy.

Grieve not at separation, for between thee and Us have intervened the manifestations of hypocrisy who denied the Sun after its dawning and disbelieved in Him Who conversed upon Sinai when His voice was raised from the Ultimate Lote-Tree that there is none other God but He, the Speaker, the All-Seeing.

Preserve thou this Tablet, then read it in the presence of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. By the life of God! Through it are drawn the hearts of all beings. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance, lay hold on My strong cord, and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The Observer hath appeared and presented that which thou possessest. We have made mention of thee in such wise as shall solace the eyes of them that are nigh. He verily recordeth for whomsoever desireth the reward of attaining His presence. He is, in truth, the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We have found the fragrance of thy love and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and recognized the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity and the Imprisoned One amidst the nations! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy patience and the mountain of Thy steadfastness and the sun of Thy favors to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and in Thy grasp is the control of names, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH03596: To be typed

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BH03807: O loved ones of God in Manshad! In My…

O loved ones of God in Manshad! In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

This Wronged One, on this blessed night of Ramadan, makes mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful with wondrous praise and glorification. All things give you glad tidings of divine favor and the infinite outpourings of the Lord. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which the Truth Himself has borne. For four months this Wronged One was afflicted in the Land of Ta with imprisonment, chains, fetters and the taunts of enemies. Yet since it was in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, such joy and gladness took hold as cannot be described.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! God, exalted be His glory, has been with you in all conditions. Whatever befell you has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Soon shall you witness that which has been ordained specially for His loved ones. Strive that no word proceed from you that would prevent the outpourings. Preserve your stations through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. By the Kingdom of Utterance, great profit lies with you. God is awake and aware. Neither slumber nor sleep overtaketh Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which befell you—its stations are a treasure from you stored in the treasury of the one true Goal, and He is trustworthy and hath ever loved and loveth trustworthiness. Rejoice in what the Tongue of Grandeur hath given you glad tidings of at this moment, and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon you, upon your first and your last, upon those with you, those who aided you, and those who heard and responded to you. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Seeing, the Hearer, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH03904: In the Name of Him by Whose fragrance…

In the Name of Him by Whose fragrance the garment was perfumed and the mountains were moved! This is a Book sent down from the Wronged One to him who hath been named Mustafa in the Kingdom of Names, that it may draw him to a station wherein he will arise and say with wisdom and utterance:

> "The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that neither thousands can prevent nor ranks can weaken. He summoneth the world unto the Most Great Name, whereby affairs have been transformed and religions have been shaken."

O thou who art mentioned by My Pen! Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me amongst My servants, and make known to them My Cause and My Path. Then impart unto them My Word whereby the Rock hath cried out and the foundations have trembled. Say: O heedless ones! By God, He hath come at Whose advent hearts were troubled and through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all lands. Say: Beware lest what ye possess prevent you from that which is with God. Cast away vain imaginings and hold fast unto the cord of the care of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This is a Day whereon neither the ornaments of the earth nor its hosts and arts shall profit you. Fear God and follow not every wicked deceiver. When the promise came to pass and the Dayspring of Manifestation shone forth, the divines turned away from Him until they pronounced judgment with such tyranny as caused the Concourse on High to lament, and behind them every discerning knower.

We have revealed the Cause and shown the servants Our most exalted horizon and guided them to the straight path. Confine thy affairs to making mention of Me among My creatures with the wisdom We have sent down in the Book. Thus have We illumined the horizons of utterance with the light of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Convey My glorification to My loved ones who have cast the world behind them in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto God in his final return.

BH03857: This servant submits to your honor that the letter…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This servant submits to your honor that the letter of his holiness Afnan 92 [Muhammad], upon him be all the most glorious Baha, which you gave to this servant was read. And it so happened that at that very moment it was presented to the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness rose and shone forth in relation to him, and the Tongue of Grace spoke this most exalted Word—His word, exalted be His majesty: “We verily magnify the one who teaches My Cause and My Afnans who have attained unto My days and have arisen to serve My Cause. These are servants whom We have preferred above Our servants and Our creation, and We have written for them from the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book a station which was in truth exalted, and We have related them to My Self and made them branches of My Tree.

To this beareth witness My Self, the Truth, and behind it My Book which was from the horizon of the Cause visible.” Should anyone reflect upon that which hath been bestowed upon them, they would declare “this is naught but a great bounty and a noble station.” His honor Muhammad, one of My Afnans, upon him be My glory, is engaged in serving the Cause. God willing, may he ever be assisted. “We verily assisted him before and manifested through him that which caused the fragrance of detachment to be diffused throughout creation. Thus hath spoken the Pen in this station which was through justice raised up.”

O Javad! The servant who is present hath presented his letter before the Wronged One. We have heard and answered. Verily thy Lord was ever-hearing, ever-answering. Give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the prison, that he may rejoice in that which was from the heaven of revelation sent down. Glory be upon him and upon them and upon whosoever was steadfast in the Cause.

The sweet fragrances of divine grace and mercy have ever wafted in relation to the honored Afnans, upon them be all the most glorious Baha. God willing, may all…

BH03960: O Ni’matu’llah! Know thou that, according to what thy…

In the name of Him Who walketh and speaketh in the Prison

O Ni’matu’llah! Know thou that, according to what thy Lord, the Lord of all men, hath decreed in His Book, the favors vouchsafed by Him unto mankind have been, and will ever remain, limitless in their

range. First and foremost among these favors, which the Almighty hath conferred upon man, is the gift of understanding. His purpose in conferring such a gift is none other except to enable His creature to know and recognize the one true God—exalted be His glory. This gift giveth man the power to discern the truth in all things, leadeth him to that which is right, and helpeth him to discover the secrets of creation. Next in rank, is the power of vision, the chief instrument whereby his understanding can function. The senses of hearing, of the heart, and the like, are similarly to be reckoned among the gifts with which the human body is endowed. Immeasurably exalted is the Almighty Who hath created these powers, and revealed them in the body of man.

Every one of these gifts is an undoubted evidence of the majesty, the power, the ascendancy, the all-embracing knowledge of the one true God—exalted be His glory. Consider the sense of touch. Witness how its power hath spread itself over the entire human body. Whereas the faculties of sight and of hearing are each localized in a particular center, the sense of touch embraceth the whole human frame. Glorified be His power, magnified be His sovereignty! These gifts are inherent in man himself. That which is preeminent above all other gifts, is incorruptible in nature, and pertaineth to God Himself, is the gift of Divine Revelation. Every bounty conferred by the Creator upon man, be it material or spiritual, is subservient unto this. It is, in its essence, and will ever so remain, the Bread which cometh down from Heaven. It is God's supreme testimony, the clearest evidence of His truth, the sign of His consummate bounty, the token of His all-encompassing mercy, the proof of His most loving providence, the symbol of His most perfect grace. He hath, indeed, partaken of this highest gift of God who hath recognized His Manifestation in this Day.

Render thanks unto thy Lord for having vouchsafed unto thee so great a bounty. Lift up thy voice and say: All praise be to Thee, O Thou, the Desire of every understanding heart!

BH04047: The Wronged One testifeth that there is none other…

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Wise

The Wronged One testifeth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One mentioned in the Books, the Scriptures and the Tablets. Through Him knowledge hath appeared before the faces of the world and the Sun of Understanding hath shone forth from the horizon of this Heaven which was named the Most Great Prison in My perspicuous Book. We have manifested the Cause when the heedless entered into this mighty Stronghold. O peoples of the earth! By God, that which was hidden from all eyes and inscribed in God's Books, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from the Possessor of Destiny Who proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but I, the Most High, the Most Great."

The standard of Islam hath been reversed and its throne demolished by what the hands of the heedless have wrought—they who broke God's Covenant and Testament and cast aside what was sent down from His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the straight path of God. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye the Lord of Names. He hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and earth. Through your oppression the

Apostle hath lamented in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Spirit in the Supreme Kingdom, and the Wronged One in this noble station. We summoned them to the Living Waters but they issued a decree against Us.

Lo! They are among the most lost. From the Pen of God, the Lord of this luminous Day: O thou who gazest toward My horizon, hearken unto My call. We have remembered thee in a Tablet whereby the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of this glorious and mighty Scene are blessed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world, turning unto the Lord of Eternity Who hath appeared with the truth and spoken amongst the nations that which hath caused the limbs of those who denied God, the Almighty, the Powerful, to quake.

BH04122: O Mihdi! Blessed is thy father who migrated…

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

O Mihdi! Blessed is thy father who migrated from his home in his longing to attain the presence of God and appeared before the Throne when the Cause was veiled in manifest obscurity. He drank from the Kawthar of reunion before its manifestation and attained to the Hidden Mystery before its revelation. To this testifieth He with Whom is a mighty Book. He was with Me for numbered days in the prison of Mim. Thus doth his Ancient Lord make mention of him—He Who proclaimeth from the heart of the world: "There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed."

He is 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 Generous. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed are they who visit him, even as the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His mighty prison. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon the Sacrifice who ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered him with that which surpasseth all that the people possess, and We remember him as a token of Our grace, for 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 the thankful. Say: Praise be to 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 the fragrance of generosity wafteth among the worlds, 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 Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04211: To ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab, son of him who ascended…

To ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab, son of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion—He is the All-Knowing Witness

A mention from Us to one who heard the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon—the station wherein the Lote Tree of the Uttermost End speaks forth from the luminous spot: "Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

We mentioned thee before and mention thee at this time. Be thou thankful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the All-Mentioned, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Rememberer, the All-Knowing."

I testify that Thou didst arise with the Cause and didst manifest that which was hidden from time immemorial and treasured within Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

Know thou the value of this Book. Nothing thou hast heard or seen can equal it—to this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one. The fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path.

We make mention of thy father who drank the choice wine from the hand of My bounty and soared in My atmosphere and acknowledged that which My tongue acknowledged and confessed that which My Pen proclaimed, and attained unto the Supreme Companion when he sought the most exalted Summit—the station which none save God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath understood. I testify that he heard the Call and responded to the Lord of all beings and turned to the Face after the passing of all things. Blessed is the tongue that uttered his remembrance and the soul that turned unto him, pure for the sake of its Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O thou who art mentioned! Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee, then beseech thy Lord to strengthen thee in that which will cause thy remembrance to endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this mighty station.

BH04339: O Razi! May you be illumined by the effulgences…

In the name of the Everlasting Seer!

O Razi! May you be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, speaking in remembrance of the one true Friend, steadfast in His love and firm in His Cause. If you are poor, the All-Sufficient is with you.

When this Wronged One was beneath chains and fetters in the Land of Ta, two days passed during which nothing touched His lips and He possessed not a single coin. At that time He was the Most Affluent of all the world—one whose wealth was attained from the utmost degree of poverty, and who was not saddened or ashamed by abasement and worldly disgrace in the path of the Lord of all being. He was and is with you—grieve not.

After sorrow comes joy; be not downcast, for boundless relief follows. In this very world countless doors exist—God willing, they shall be opened by the finger of will, and new worlds shall be witnessed in this world. He loved and loves poverty, and sits and communes with it.

If thou sittest upon dust, grieve not—the Lord of the Throne is with thee. If thou art hungry, be not sorrowful—the place of heavenly food beholds thee. If thy night is without light, be not downcast—the Dawning-Place of light is present.

Verily, I commune with every poor one, sit with every lowly one, turn toward every oppressed one, and behold every grief-stricken one. The sweetness and delight of the utterance of the All-Merciful transforms and removes the bitterness of this mortal world. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of My utterance and has held fast with patience to My straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04278: In My Name, the One Who Rules over what…

In My Name, the One Who Rules over what was and what will be.

This is a Book which testifies before the world to that which the Lord of Nations testified before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have heard thy call time and again, and have answered thee as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

The ocean of utterance surged when stirred by the fragrance of thy love. Thus was the matter decreed, that thou mightest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Goal of all return. He who was named Muhammad came before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison with thy letter, from which We found the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, the Lord of Lords. We sent with him that from which the sincere ones will perceive the fragrances of the garment from this Spot which God, the Lord of all directions, hath made. Then the servant who is present came with thy other letter and presented it before the Wronged One, and this Tablet was revealed for thee which speaketh the truth throughout ages and centuries.

Blessed art thou for having turned to My horizon, heard My call, spoken My praise, and arisen to serve My Cause whereby the mountains were shaken. We have accepted what thou didst in the prison. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy, then strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My most beautiful Names. Thy Lord verily aideth whom He willeth through a command from Him, and He is the Powerful over what will be and what hath been. The Glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto what they were promised in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets.

BH04132: Praise be to God Who hath revealed…

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which was hidden and manifested that which was treasured through the mystery of His Name, the Enchanting, which were it to be cast upon the mountains they would crumble, and upon the earth it would quake, and upon the heaven it would split, and upon the souls they would tremble, and upon the hearts they would be troubled, except for those preserved by the hand of might and power. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And the essence of peace and the mystery of blessings be upon Him Who told of the Ancient Being in the world, through Whom were

manifested God's most beautiful names and His most exalted words and His most great attributes, and through Whom emerged God's commandments and His laws and His sovereignty and His will, and upon His family and companions through whom the world attained to the Kawthar of knowledge and utterance and the choice wine of wisdom and exposition, and through whom were brightened the eyes of the people of divine unity and the fragrance of the garment was diffused among the people of truth.

And then, this evanescent servant hath attained unto your letter, from which every fair-minded one perceiveth the fragrance of love and affection and the sweet savors of nearness and unity. When I read it and understood it, I sought audience and presented it, whereupon He—may my spirit be a sacrifice for Him—said:

> "Nothing will benefit him except persistence in what He hath intended for him, that he should hold fast to his occupation, placing his trust in God, the Lord of creation."

The Truth beareth witness, and the fair-minded among creation, that whenever your letter reacheth this servant, joy and gladness seize him in every way and in every place. We beseech God to assist you and aid you and preserve you and grant you the best of what lieth with Him. Verily, He is the Judge, the Ruler, the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH04344: O Fadlu'llah! The All-Bountiful remembers thee with a bounty…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Fadlu'llah! The All-Bountiful remembers thee with a bounty from His presence. He is verily the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have remembered thee with that which was a light for the darkness of the earth, a Kawthar for all who thirst, and a spirit for the bodies of the worlds. Glory be to him who attains to My utterance, and exaltation to him who arises to serve My firm and mighty Cause. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then give thanks to thy Lord, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Fadlu'llah! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the grace of God [and thy remembrance hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen]. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained to this greatest bounty. Whatsoever thou hast done in the path of God is evident and manifest before God. Thy reward is with Him Who created thee and fashioned thee and aided thee in what thou didst accomplish on this straight path.

In the days of life, whatsoever thou hast done in truth returneth unto God. Praise be to God it hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. If thou wert to arise to offer thanks for this blessed word which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Divine Will, for as long as the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom endure, it would verily be as naught. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, for having enabled me to recognize Thee and serve Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world in Thy days and turned to Thee in such wise that their blood was shed in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by them, to make me in all conditions steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH04345: Blessed are the friends of God and His chosen…

Blessed are the friends of God and His chosen ones who have grasped the cord of teaching with the wisdom We have sent down in the Book

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

O Qasim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calls thee and makes mention of thee that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Aid thou the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance, lest the clamor of those who have turned away be raised when the Countenance of the Ancient One came with a manifest light. Know thou that victory lies in teaching the Cause and in steadfastness in that which thou hast been commanded by the One Who is the Strong, the Ancient. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee from Him Who hath come with the truth with mighty sovereignty.

Say: Verily, He, from the Most Great Prison, summons the peoples unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We, from this station, send Our glorification upon the faces of Our loved ones who have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings, turning unto the horizon of certitude, and upon him who turned to the Supreme Horizon and was named the Dove in the Kingdom of Names, and upon those who attained unto My choice wine, the mighty, the wondrous. By the life of God! Whoso drinketh thereof, nothing whatsoever shall prevent him from God, the Fashioner of the heavens. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names from His most glorious station. Blessed are they that hear!

O Qasim! Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this most exalted Station and have made mention of thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet, with which nothing on earth can compare. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!

Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath spoken the truth in this mighty announcement.

BH04419: One must hearken with the soul to hear…

In the name of the one true God!

One must hearken with the soul to hear the call of the Beloved of the worlds which has been raised from the Prison. And whoever has attained to this supreme honor and mighty gift will not be held back from the Most Great Horizon and the Lord of Power by the adornments, riches and might of the world. The beauty of the world will not captivate him, nor will its dominion and majesty frighten him. He will drink of the Choice Wine that had been sealed through the name of the Self-Subsisting, in such wise that neither the clamor of the world nor the tumult of the nations will deprive him from the presence of the Friend.

O friends! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One, and act in accordance with what befits the Day of God. The rising and setting, the dawning and declining of the world proclaim on His behalf and make all aware of its change, transformation and evanescence. Blessed is the soul that is not occupied with its vain and

transient conditions, nor with its unprofitable and worthless manifestations, and is not held back from the one true Goal.

Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in the most wondrous Persian tongue, that thou mayest drink from the chalices of the words of the All-Merciful the living waters, and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Be thou thankful and among those who give thanks.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have done that which they were bidden in His mighty Book.

BH04519: In My Name, the Almighty

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This is a Book known of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it calls all unto God, Lord of the unseen and the visible. Say: O people, fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. By God's life! They would make mention of the imaginary by night and by day, yet when He Who is known appeared, they denied Him and perceived not.

Every misbeliever has taken for himself a vain fancy apart from God. They understand not. They worshipped the unseen throughout ages and centuries, yet when He manifested Himself they denied Him, saying:

> "It behooveth Him not to appear, for we have heard from our fathers that He is the Hidden Name."

Say: By God! He is this One, and this is the treasured Mystery. Say: If ye desire the outward, verily He is this Speaker Who proclaimeth that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. And if ye desire the inward, verily He hath appeared but through this Name and speaketh but through this tongue, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: Where is your goal, O company of vain imaginings? By God! If ye seek other than Me, it is but an idol unto you, did ye but know. He it is Who testifieth that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O thou who art dawning from the horizon of the Bayan! Reflect upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed, and reflect upon that which the heedless have spoken. By My life! Were anyone to know what hath befallen My Self, he would weep both morn and eve. Read thou the Book, then render thanks unto Him for having revealed unto thee this assured Tablet.

BH04654: Verily We desire to give unto him who…

He is the One Who oversees all who are on earth and in heaven.

Verily We desire to give unto him who is named Elias the choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name, and We desire what Moses asked of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We have aided the children of Abraham in this Most Great Revelation and guided them to My Straight Path and assisted them to know Me and caused them to hear what Moses heard on the Mount of Recognition, and I am the Generous Giver.

Give thanks unto God for having made thee speak forth this Most Great Remembrance and for having caused thee to turn toward My luminous horizon. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace and say:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Announcement whereby the pillars of the world were shaken, to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cords of Thy grace and mercy and loving-kindness, and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Verily We have remembered the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses in the letter Dal before Vav and given them glad tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard their call and answered them through Our grace, and I am the Hearer, the Answerer. And We remember 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 and then deliver unto them this clear Book that they may rejoice in this most great bounty 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 upright one who hath turned unto God.

BH04618: Praise be to God Who illumined the world through…

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

Praise be to God Who illumined the world through the Light which shone forth and gleamed through His Most Great Name, whereby the Kingdom of Names was made to tremble and all the tribes of the earth lamented, save those whom He protected through His power and delivered through His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Fadl! We have witnessed thy devotion and heard thy call, yet We have withheld the Pen until this time, in accordance with the wisdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee and all who are on earth to be trustworthy, chaste and faithful, and to act in such ways as will exalt the Cause of God amongst all peoples. He, verily, is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire, holding fast to the Sure Handle, and woe betide the heedless.

The Wronged One calleth out at all times, summoning all to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the glorious Throne. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Wronged One, for He hath made mention of thee in His Most Great Prison. We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer of prayer.

Say: O God of Names and Sovereign of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, which shall endure after all things have passed away, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and enable me to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then decree for me, through Thy bounty and grace, the good of both this world and the next, O Thou Who art the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Lord of the exalted Seat!

BH04649: O My Most Exalted Pen! Speak forth…

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

O My Most Exalted Pen! Speak forth in the kingdom of utterance and remind the people of this Day, the mention of which hath adorned the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Let not the multitude of enemies, nor the gloating of the wretched ones, nor the doubts of the divines prevent thee. Beware lest thou regard the creatures and their doings. Speak forth that which thou art bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have created thee for My remembrance and praise, and for that which the Tongue of My Grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of My utterance—that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people of the earth! That which was promised in the Scriptures of God hath appeared, and He Who was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath come. Fear God and be not of them that turn away. Beware lest desire prevent you from the Lord of all creation. Cast away vain imaginings, turning unto the horizon of certitude. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of steadfastness and certitude, did ye but recognize it. This is the Day wherein the tongue of mercy speaketh, did ye but hear it.

O thou who hearkeneth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison. Verily it guideth thee to a station wherein the hints of the perverse ones and the doubts of the deniers shall not grieve thee. From this spot We send Our glorification upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Vestment in that land. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04822: Your letter hath reached the Most Great Prison…

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

Your letter hath reached the Most Great Prison, and that which was mentioned therein hath been heard. May you ever drink from the Kawthar of the eternal Beloved's loving-kindness, and abide beneath the shade of the Tree of grace. There hath appeared on earth that which was hidden from time immemorial and will remain concealed forevermore. Blessed are they that have attained thereunto and have received their portion from the divine ocean of revelation.

All peoples rejoiced at the mention of this most holy, most exalted Day, yet when the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace and the world was illumined by the lights of His manifestation, all turned away save those souls who, with the arm of certitude, shattered the idols of idle fancies and were enabled to hearken unto the call of God, exalted be His glory. Whosoever hath this day attained unto the Goal—that is, hath recognized Him—is mentioned in the Perspicuous Book as being among those near unto God. Should you spend your entire life extolling God, it would still be as naught compared to this supreme bounty. Give thanks unto God thy Lord, for He hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison through this luminous Tablet. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy Cause to aid me to love Thee and to win Thy good-pleasure, and to stand firm in Thy Cause. I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted

Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04759: O thou Muhammad-Sadiq! Upon thee be the Glory…

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

O thou Muhammad-Sadiq! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The Tongue of the All-Merciful hath testified of him who speaketh the truth, that he is indeed the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Symbol, and the Sealed Book. He hath appeared in truth, and He is the Rememberer and the Remembered, the Witness and the Witnessed. The Tongue of Eternity hath spoken amongst the nations, and the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, have proclaimed His Manifestation. Every Messenger sent with truth hath testified to Him, and every Prophet hath attained unto this Hidden News. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the presence of God, and whoso hath turned away is accounted among the idolaters in the Preserved Tablet.

Thy remembrance was mentioned before the Wronged One. There hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the hearts of the chosen ones to soar and all things to speak. The Cause hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. Convey My glorification to My loved ones who have cast away all else but Me and have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of My bounty, and say: By God! This is the Day wherein the Self-Subsisting hath come with His irrevocable decree. Beware lest anything withhold you from God. Verily, He hath appeared in truth and unto Him shall all return.

Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies. These are My chosen ones in My realms and My loved ones throughout My lands. Upon them rest My prayers and My mercy and My grace and My loving-kindness, which have preceded all created things. Praise be to God, the Lord of this Promised Day.

BH04715: In My Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

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A remembrance from Us for those who have attained to recognition when the All-Merciful came and held fast to His mighty cord. Verily We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in evident veils. Behold and recall when We seized the mighty one with a power from Us and a strength from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

He showed pride before God and there befell him from his party that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the people of this noble station to lament. We rained down upon him from the heaven of justice the arrows of tribulation—evil was the rain of those who warn. There hath appeared in this Revelation that which never appeared before—to this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen that which was hidden from all eyes. To this doth My truthful and trustworthy tongue bear witness. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance,

render thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed to Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and acquainteth them with Thy straight path.

Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, that Thou disappoint me not from the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy grace and aid me to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH04816: A Book from Our presence unto him who hath…

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

A Book from Our presence unto him who hath turned and attained unto the knowledge of God according to a prescribed measure. O Baqir! Didst thou but know the station of My Day, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of detachment in Mine atmosphere, and arise to celebrate My praise and glory amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord speaketh as He pleaseth; none can withstand His command. He doeth and ordaineth as He willeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have made mention of thee and of them that have believed in that land through verses from which the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, is wafted abroad. We have been with those who were afflicted with tribulation in My path.

Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over what was and what shall be. How many a learned one turned away from the Cause, and how many a learned one spent what he possessed in My path and bore hardships in My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. By God’s life! He hath left nothing unmentioned in the Book. Soon shall that which was hidden in His knowledge be revealed. Blessed is he who hath recognized what hath been sent down in this Tablet, and woe unto every heedless one who turneth away. O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice at My remembrance of you and My turning towards you from this Spot round which circle angels who are nigh unto God.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon them who have acted according to what hath been sent down in the Book by God, the Lord of existence. Whoso achieveth good deeds, upon him shall descend from the heaven of divine favor a mercy from His presence and a blessing from His court. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

BH04711: At this moment it occurred to this evanescent one…

He is God, exalted be His bounty!

At this moment it occurred to this evanescent one to submit a matter concerning items sent from the friends of God, so that this mention may become the cause of joy and delight. Therefore it is submitted that whatever each person sent arrived complete according to what was written, and the details were presented at the Most Holy Court, and all were adorned with the ornament of divine favor and mention of God, exalted be His glory. Of the fruit from that beloved one’s garden which was especially honored to

reach His presence, He partook of several pieces. In brief, all attained His favors. In all conditions we must mention God's bounties, observe His bestowals, and speak forth His praise and thanksgiving. Blessed is His bounty which attained acceptance, and blessed is the soul that was mentioned and attained the Beloved's favor.

This evanescent servant has specifically written and sent this letter so that all the friends, leaves, and handmaidens of God may rejoice and drink from the ocean of God's favor and become mindful through this mention. The purpose was and is to manifest the outpourings of the True Bestower and divine favors. God willing, may all in that land and its surroundings be present at the table of grace and partake of the heavenly feast. Verily He is the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you and upon them from the presence of the Mighty, the Great.

The servant

BH04708: To be typed

To be typed.

BH05231: He dawneth above the horizon of immortality

He dawneth above the horizon of immortality

O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His All-Praised Station and gives thee glad tidings of God's mercy and His loving-kindness, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. This is a Day wherein the ocean of bounty is in motion and the Lord of existence speaks: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." I have manifested My Self and revealed that whereby the hearts of all who are in earth and heaven were attracted, except such as have violated the Covenant and denied this momentous News.

We make mention of thee through that which bestows wings upon them that desire to soar in this atmosphere from which can be heard the melodious warbling of the Bird of My wondrous utterance. O Mahmud! Thou hast attained unto divine favor. We beseech God that thou mayest remain steadfast in His Cause and be enabled to make mention of Him amongst His servants. We counsel thee to observe wisdom lest there appear that which may perturb the hearts of them that have turned towards Him.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and say:

> "Precious is this Day and mighty is this Cause. Implore ye God to protect you from the doubts of the deniers and the corrupt ones."

At no time or age hath God, exalted be His glory, manifested Himself in such wise. All divine Books bear witness and will continue to bear witness unto this truth. He, verily, is the Herald, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Glory be unto the people of Baha who have cast away idle fancies and drunk from the hand of His bounty the Kawthar of certitude.

BH05061: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love!…

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

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant has found the fragrance of utterance from your outward words which tell of the essence of love and affection. It is as though every limb of mine has a mouth and has tasted the sweetness contained therein in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. By your life, then by your life, the heart rejoices in your mention and your letter and your sincerity towards God alone. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor in all conditions and to unite us in His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Giving, the All-Informed.

The servant was gladdened by the breaking of a hand that had stretched forth in oppression and tyranny. We beseech God that other hands may meet the same fate—those who have acted as he acted. Verily He is the Just, the Avenger, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding the house—everything that proceeds from your honor is excellent, excellent, as it was said of old: “Everything from the excellent one is excellent.”

And concerning what you mentioned about Iraq—the circle of evil has encompassed them, and this is what the Desired One has informed of in various Tablets. We beseech God to assist its people to return. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

And it is hoped, through your wondrous favors upon this servant, that you will graciously convey my greetings to those who are with your honor among the loved ones of God and those who are in Iraq, especially Jinab-i-Hajj Abbas and Jinab-i-Muhammad-ʿAli the imprisoned. Then the Most Glorious Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have been honored to serve you.

The servant. 19 Dhi’l-Hijjih.

BH05237: O Musa! The Lord of Names makes mention…

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

O Musa! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee and reminds thee of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of God’s Will, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down from the heaven of revelation that which profiteth the servants. He Who speaketh beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving.

The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, yet the people perceive it not. The Mother Book hath been sent down, yet the people understand it not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed every ignorant one who is rejected. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not those who have cast aside the Covenant of God and have done that which hath caused the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament in a praiseworthy station. Cast aside what your desires command you and take hold of that which ye have been given by God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. Verily He hath appeared and made manifest that which hath caused the breezes of revelation to waft throughout the world and the fragrance of the garment to be diffused, did ye but know.

They behold the signs before their faces, yet deny them, and they hear the call of God, yet turn away from it. Say: Follow, O people of the earth, that which God hath ordained in His promised Day. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and in that which hath been sent down for thee wherewith the near ones have attained. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Creator of the heavens, be upon those who have laid hold on the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Bestower, the All-Forgiving.

BH05488: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of grace

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibilities, calling all unto a station to which the Supreme Pen, and those who dwell in the cities of names, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds, have testified. O people of Baha! Take heed lest the conditions of the world cause you to waver. Leave behind what the people possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto that which God hath ordained in His precious and wondrous Book. This is a Day wherein every atom among atoms proclaimeth: The Revealer of verses hath come!

Hasten, O concourse of the hesitant ones, and follow not every accursed Satan. Take the chalice of utterance in the name of your Lord, the Sovereign of all religions—this is My Book, the mighty, the wise. Beware lest the conditions of creation sadden you and prevent you from this Truth that calleth out with the most exalted call: "He Who fashioned the heavens hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and all who are on earth." Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise, and the eye that hath beheld the light of His countenance, and the ear that hath heard the melody of God from the direction of His mighty Prison.

Thereupon did all things speak forth at this time: "Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down this wondrous Tablet." The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause of their Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH05421: God testifies that there is no God but Him…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who speaks is indeed the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His clear tokens—He at Whose appearance the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was rent, and its peoples lamented, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. Through Him appeared what was inscribed in the Books of God, and His advent was heralded by the Point of the Bayan and before Him by God's Messengers, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God! The Self-Subsisting has come, giving His sealed choice wine to drink to those near unto Him. Blessed is he who turned, partook and drank in My Name, the Munificent. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from the Truth.

Cast aside all else and take what hath come unto thee through His binding and wise command. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that through it may be attracted the hearts of those who were heedless of this momentous News. Say: This is the News whereof God gave tidings in every age, and through it the horizon of utterance was illumined. Thus have We set forth the verses, sent them down in truth, and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be thankful and be of them that remember. Say: This is the Day of Utterance and this is the Day of Praise, would ye but know. Say: Make haste, O people, to gain what escaped you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath held back from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH05614: O Murad! God's will is manifest and His purpose…

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

O Murad! God's will is manifest and His purpose evident. The heirs of Moses and the children of Abraham have in this Most Great Revelation attained supreme bounty. Beseech God that He may aid all to remain steadfast and to that which will exalt the Cause. The Cause is most mighty, and likewise the satans lie in ambush. God willing, may they soar in the atmosphere of the Merciful's love on the wings of steadfastness and certitude.

The mention of the believers has been and continues to be in God's Kingdom. By My life! Its effects shall become manifest and evident in the world. Convey on behalf of this Wronged One greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. From the land of Ha and Mim the fragrance of sincerity is inhaled. Blessed are they who have taken the most exalted cup and drunk therefrom the sealed wine in My Most Glorious Name, despite those who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have denied His bounty and turned away from His manifest sovereignty. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained this mighty station. We, from this station, send Our greetings to My loved ones and to your brother, and We beseech Him to ordain for him the reward of attaining His presence and to write down for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to Him, for He is the Mighty, the Great.

BH05319: O handmaid of God, desire nothing from the Friend…

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

O handmaid of God, desire nothing from the Friend save the Friend, and seek naught from the Beloved save His good-pleasure. His favor is better than a hundred thousand children, and His good-pleasure sweeter than a hundred thousand worlds. If thou attain this station and achieve this blessing, thou art possessed of the Kingdom. This is the most great bounty and the supreme bestowal.

Thy letter was received and was honored to attain the glance of favor from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. God, exalted be His glory, hath remembered and will remember His servants and handmaidens. Forgetfulness doth not overtake Him—His station is sanctified above forgetfulness, let alone His Most Holy Essence. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He heard thy call and made

mention of thee in the Most Great Prison with words that are more precious in the sight of God than all the treasures of earth and all its bounties.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the keys to the treasuries of glory and wealth, and in Whose right hand is the control of acceptance and prosperity! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which, when it appeared, all things spoke and the breezes of grace wafted over all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me and remain with me in my world and my afterlife. O Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself, so write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05565: O Akhtar! Your plea hath been heard…

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

O Akhtar! Your plea hath been heard in the Most Great Scene by the Lord of Power. The sweet fragrances of love were inhaled therefrom. By the Sun of the heaven of utterance! This is the Day of mention and praise, and the Day of steadfastness and faithfulness. The tongue was created for this Day and the ears for hearing the Call. Blessed is the eye that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and the hand that hath been raised toward the heaven of His bounty. That which flowed from the tongue of love in praise and glorification of the Wronged One hath appeared and been made manifest. The servant in attendance made mention that the recompense thereof lieth with God, exalted be His glory.

Be thou happy and be of those who render thanks. That which is accounted as the most mighty of all deeds in the presence of the Throne this day is steadfastness in this mighty Cause. By My life! This is a momentous tiding wherewith God hath given the glad-tidings in His Books and Scriptures. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto. We have remembered thee with that which shall never perish, throughout the eternity of My names and attributes. Give praise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Glory be upon those who have hearkened unto the Call and acted according to that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of Names, in this Most Great and Wondrous Revelation.

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BH05390: In My Name, through which the mountains were set…

In My Name, through which the mountains were set in motion.

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired as a token of His grace. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Supremer Ruler over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Hashim! He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through this perspicuous Book, and hath witnessed thy devotion and hath turned toward thee with a countenance whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is he who is endowed with vision and hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

Cast behind thee idle fancies and take the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, then drink thereof through His wondrous remembrance.

Beware lest the doubts of the turbaned ones and the allusions of those who have denied the Day of Judgment hold thee back. Say: By God! The Promised One hath come, and at His advent the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and the inhabitants of the highest Heaven did smile with joy. Fear ye God, O concourse of names, and be not of them that turn aside. This is the Day of revelation and of witnessing, as attested by Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereof the tongue of mercy hath spoken throughout all creation, and wherewith He Who came with the truth gave tidings of a mighty matter. O people of Baha in other lands! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all humanity. He commandeth you to observe that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Hold fast unto the cord of goodly character and cleave unto that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, may be exalted. Thus hath the tongue of mercy spoken in the kingdom of utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Gracious Lord.

BH05937: O Isma'il! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Knowing

O Isma'il! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison-yard and gives thee the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come, riding upon the clouds, yet the people are in evident doubt. The heaven hath testified to the Lord of Names, yet 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 acknowledged 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.

Verily, We make mention of all My loved ones in that place and My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. O My loved ones! We have made mention of you before and after in the Crimson Tablet, at whose appearance every book and preserved tablet hath bowed down in submission. Rejoice in My remembrance and take the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink thereof with the wisdom sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon those whom neither the tempests of the learned nor the storms of the mystics have stirred, who cast the Book behind their backs and clung to what they possessed of the doubts of the suspicious ones.

BH05965: O Thamarih! The Lord of Oneness hath mentioned thee…

In the name of the Peerless Beloved!

O Thamarih! The Lord of Oneness hath mentioned thee time and again, repeatedly. This station is most great. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to preserve it.

Be not saddened by the tribulations of the world. The joy of them that have turned to God and are sincere is, and shall ever be, in God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that the Sun of Truth is shining and the ocean of bounty is surging. Blessed is the one whom worldly conditions have not prevented from turning to God.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then drink from the cups of My words—at times the choice sealed wine, at others My blessed Kawthar, at times the Salsabil of immortality, and at others My purified honey. Thus doth the Beloved of the mystics command thee. Strive that thy joy and gladness, thy glory and majesty, thy wealth and riches may be in God, exalted be His glory.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land and gladden them with His infinite favors. Say: God willing, may ye all remain firm in His Cause and be attracted by His verses in such wise that its effects become manifest in the earth. Verily, He sends His greetings upon you and counsels you with that which will exalt this great, mighty and wondrous Cause.

The glory be upon you from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05770: Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Responding One!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the yearning of them that are athirst in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the Name whereby Thou hast subdued the cities of the hearts of Thy servants, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the power of Thy Will and Purpose, and by the breathings of Thy verses in Thy days, that Thou aid me to stand firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. O my Lord! This one is seated, whom the wonders of Thy grace and bounty have established, and this is a dead one whom the fragrance of Thy raiment hath quickened, and an ignorant one whom the manifestations of Thy mercy and favors have taught.

I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast sent for the guidance of Thy creation and the manifestation of Thy generosity unto Thy creatures, that Thou write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall cause me to speak Thy remembrance and to gaze toward Thy direction and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and I am the weak, the helpless, the poor, the destitute. O my Lord! The fragrance of Thy bounty hath guided me to the ocean of Thy generosity, and the lights of Thy countenance have guided me to the fountain of reunion with Thee.

I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve me from the hosts of self and passion. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH05737: The blessed letter which you wrote to this evanescent…

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power.

The blessed letter which you wrote to this evanescent one brought life and strength. And after this transient one's taste acquired the sweetness and delight of the world of the world, he turned toward the

Most Holy and Supreme Court and presented the requests. He smiled and uttered this blessed word—exalted be His glory:

"We have decreed what he desired and have forgiven him." God willing, may they be focused on the Truth in all conditions and act according to what He loves and is pleased with. End quote. Praise be to God, that beloved one attained to the word which he desired. The grace of the Truth towards him is of such magnitude that it had and has no need of mention by this servant. For God is your understanding, and for God is your deed, and for God is your sincerity, and for God is your humility, and for God is your submissiveness, and for God is your turning to Him, and for God is your verse and prose. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He will assist and confirm that beloved one in all conditions to praise and glorify and extol and magnify and remember and express Him. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind. Praise be to our Lord, the Glorious, the Beautiful, the Powerful, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH05980: O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee with the most exalted utterance amidst all religions and guideth thee to the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before all faces. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, were thou to be of them that know, and this is the Day of assistance and proof. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God on this Day through whose remembrance all things have been attracted and have spoken forth that there is no God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth that thou mayest be of them that attain. Take thou the Tablet by Our command and by Our power from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Compassionate, the Generous. They who follow vain imaginings instead of God, these are in manifest error. When thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen and found the fragrance of utterance from the utterance of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, turn thy face toward My direction and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We make mention of thee and of thy branch and of those handmaidens who have attained unto the days of God and have witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified: There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH06392: In His Name, the Protector over all names!…

In His Name, the Protector over all names! The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but Him. He has ever been One in His Essence and One in His attributes. He was ever in the heights of grandeur and glory, and will ever remain in the exalted realm of might and majesty. He sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to manifest His grace and to convey what He willed through His bounty and bestowal, until the Cause reached unto the Lord of all creation and Pride of all existence, Who was the Manifestation of this most exalted Word:

"He is the First and the Last, the Seen and the Hidden."

Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the tongue that hath acknowledged what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn! He whom God loveth brought thy letter. We read it and make mention of thee, and beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of joy and delight, and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His grace that which befitteth His generosity and favors. Verily, He is the Protector of those who love Him and the Helper of them that act. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those who follow what they are commanded in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH06148: This is a remembrance from Us to him who…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds, on a day wherein every learned one turned away, and every mystic denied, and every transgressor pronounced judgment, save whom God, the Most High, the Most Great, did will. The Truth hath appeared and made manifest that whereby the station of humanity is exalted. Every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness to this, yet they turned away from Us and cast the Book of God behind their backs and rose up against Us with such tyranny as caused the Concourse on High to lament and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to weep in this sublime station. We came for their deliverance, yet they seized Us and imprisoned Us in the land of Ta with such tyranny as causeth the pens of the world to be ashamed to recount it.

He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness to this. Be thou eloquent in My remembrance and hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to My luminous hem. Soon shall all that thou beholdest today perish, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been ordained from the presence of One mighty and wise. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One in His mighty prison, and He commandeth thee to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06121: The whole world hath been created for the recognition…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord.

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 with a single moment of past ages and centuries. How excellent is the state of 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 ever shall be to teach His Cause. O ʿAbdu's-Samad! By My life, if thou attainest unto this most exalted station, thou hast attained unto all

good. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide some wandering soul through the fragrance of utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is among the most mighty of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All matters 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 meeting. He is the Supreme, He is the Almighty. If thou observest with the eye of truth, thou wilt testify that nothing that is witnessed on earth can compare with this Tablet. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06380: O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The Wronged One mentions thee from this…

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The Wronged One mentions thee from this most exalted Station and gives thee glad tidings through this Remembrance, with which nothing in the kingdom of creation can compare. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having moved the Pen of the Wronged One to make mention of thee. By the life of God! It shall endure in the treasuries of God's books, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice in this most great favor. He, verily, aids whomsoever He pleaseth through His command. He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Hearken in the Persian tongue: God, exalted be His glory, through His name the All-Knowing, brought forth the divines of the earth from the realm of nothingness into the court of existence, that all might be guides to His path and dawning-places of His proof. When the Day of God appeared and the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all were found to be veiled. Nay, rather, they arose in opposition, and ultimately pronounced sentence of death upon the King of existence, before the mention of Whose name they had bowed down. Such is the state of these souls. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause in such wise that the clamor of the people of the earth shall not prevent thee from the Lord of Heaven. He is, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06189: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify…

He is God, exalted be His glory! The greatness and majesty belong to Him!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I testify to that whereunto all things have testified—that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty to do what Thou willest. Neither the ranks of armies, nor the hosts of nations, nor the clamor of divines, nor the power of rulers can prevent Thee. Blinded be the eye that seeth not Thy power and might, speechless be the tongue that uttereth not Thy praise and glorification, and darkened be the face that turneth not toward the dawning-lights of Thy Manifestation. Thou hast ever been supreme over all names, and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy light through which the valley flowed and earth and heaven were illumined, to preserve this handmaiden of Thine from vain imaginings and idle fancies. O Lord! Cause her to turn unto Thee and to gaze toward Thy horizon. Ordain for her that which will assist her to remain

steadfast in Thy Cause, then grant her what Thou hast ordained for Thy leaves who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs in days when all on earth turned away from Thee save those whom the hand of Thy power did rescue. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH06326: In My Name, the All-Compelling, Who overshadoweth all horizons

In My Name, the All-Compelling, Who overshadoweth all horizons.

Hath the Call been lifted up? Hath the Cry been raised on high? Hath the Path been established? Hath the Balance been set?

Say: Yea, by the Lord of all the worlds! The Path itself proclaimeth: Lo, I stand before your very faces, O concourse of the heedless! And the Balance declareth: Verily, I weighed you in the hour of your neglect, O company of the doubters!

The Call, moreover, crieth aloud: I have been uplifted in such wise that the inmates of Paradise and the dwellers in the sanctified retreats of holiness have heard Me, whilst ye remained veiled in a palpable veil.

Say: O My people! Believe in God and in His signs, and be not of those who denied the proof of God and His testimony, who contended with His very Self, and gainsaid that which was sent down at His behest, the All-Wise.

Say: Look ye unto the Most Exalted Horizon! By God! It hath already appeared and hath been illumined with the radiance of the Countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Lauded.

O thou who art remembered in My Most Great Outlook! Make known unto the people My Manifestation, My rising and My effulgence, and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, that haply they may arise and give ear unto the Call of God, the Bestowing, the All-Bountiful.

And in all conditions hold fast unto wisdom, for We have, in very truth, taken a covenant regarding all that is enshrined in My mighty Book.

Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, from the presence of God, the Lord of the lofty Throne.

BH06846: O ʿAbdu'llah! All divine Books and Scriptures gave…

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

O ʿAbdu'llah! All divine Books and Scriptures gave the people of the earth glad tidings of this holy and blessed Day. Yet when the dawn of the Day of Manifestation appeared, the tyrants and pharaohs of the earth turned away and arose to cut down the Blessed Tree. The tyrants and pharaohs, in their primary station, are the divines of the age who have taken the reins of the people and command them according to the dictates of their own desires. Reflect upon God's vast grace and mercy—those who considered themselves the most advanced, ancient, ascetic and God-fearing remained heedless and veiled from the Cause and reason of creation, while you, through divine grace, attained recognition of God, exalted be His glory, on the Lord of Days and turned toward the highest horizon. By the life of God! All that exists and is

treasured cannot compare with this lofty, most exalted station, if you succeed in preserving it. What has befallen you—God is the witness and bearer of proof that He does not allow to perish the reward of the doers of good. Be confident in His grace and be of the thankful ones.

BH06700: The Most Exalted Pen calls Its friends…

In the name of the one true God!

The Most Exalted Pen calls Its friends from the direction of the prison and summons them to the highest horizon. This is the day when His Holiness the Spirit crieth out in the holy valley, saying "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds!" The plains of Hijaz and Batha quiver with joy at the appearance of the Lord of Names, yet their inhabitants are submerged in the sea of self and desire. The Truth shineth resplendent like unto the sun, yet eyes remain deprived and prevented by the veils of idle fancies. Beseech ye God that He may not cause any to be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Name. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the people of that land and other villages, and give them to drink from the choice wine of remembrance and utterance, that all may engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation with the utmost joy and fragrance. And We counsel all to wisdom and steadfastness, for in this day the clouds of oppression have prevented the light of the sun of justice from shining. Blessed are the patient, blessed are the successful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06880: O Nasru'llah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

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

O Nasru'llah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee in such wise as to cause the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness and the united ones to perceive the sweet savors of My wondrous utterance. The servant who is present came before Our presence and presented what thou hadst sent unto him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have heard thy call and what thou hast mentioned, and We have answered thee in truth, for verily We are the Answerer. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face, and the hand that hath aided that which was commanded, and the man who hath remained steadfast in this mighty Cause. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then act according to that which hath been sent down from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

We make mention at this time of My handmaiden who believed in God when every renowned scholar turned away from Him. We testify that she believed and recognized and answered her Ancient Lord, and We were with her at the time of her ascension, and We made mention of her before and after her passing. This is naught but a grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon her, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06545: This is a mention from Us to him who…

In the Name of Him through Whom the Resurrection was established!

This is a mention from Us to him who is named Ahmad, who attained unto My days, soared in My atmosphere, and uttered My beautiful praise. Verily, We make mention of thee with that which shall never perish. Thy Lord, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a day wherein all things have spoken, and the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree hath been raised, yet most of the people are heedless. They have rejected their God through following their own desires. They are indeed among the deniers in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and speaking the praise of thy Lord. Verily, He heareth and seeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Great.

Say: O people of the earth! Turn ye unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, then read what hath been sent down unto you from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the utterances of the divines withhold you from the Lord of Names. Cast away your desires and hold fast unto that which ye are commanded by the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Thus hath crowed the Cock and warbled the Nightingale. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto them that turn away.

BH06597: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is indeed the One promised by My tongue, recorded by My pen, remembered in My heart, and made manifest in My days—days wherewith We gave glad tidings unto all in My Books, My Scriptures, My Psalms and My Preserved Tablet.

God willing, mayest thou in all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to the firm cord. Today, whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, is recorded and inscribed in the Book of God as the most distinguished among the servants of the past and future. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this supreme station. However, this station is perfected through complete and perfect steadfastness. The beginning is the knowledge of God and its end is steadfastness in His love and in that assistance which, in the divine Books, referreth to the teaching of His Cause. This must be done with perfect wisdom and moderation, lest any matter arise that would cause disturbance and unrest among souls. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of their Lord and acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

BH06629: The Day hath come, yet most of the people…

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

The Day hath come, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Call hath been raised in truth, yet most of the people remain asleep. Such heedlessness hath seized them that they have denied the revelation of God and His bounty. They are indeed among the perishing ones. Say: The Promised One hath come from

the heaven of divine decree, yet the people persist in manifest delusion. Vain imaginings and idle fancies have held them back from God, the Lord of all men. He Who hath come from the heaven of divine decree with manifest sovereignty beareth witness to this. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its effects, arise from thy place and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Name which none save Thy knowledge hath comprehended, to number me among such as have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and have hastened unto Thine all-highest horizon—the Station from which the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth. Leave me not to myself and to my desires. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the kingdoms of the heavens and of the earth. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07314: O Abu'l-Qasim! My Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering!

O Abu'l-Qasim! My Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance and thy humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast turned unto My Cause and attained the light of the Countenance when thou didst enter My prison and stand before My gate, which God hath appointed to be guarded by the Concourse on High and the angels nigh unto Him. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of divine permission and acted according to that which is recorded in the Books, Psalms, Scriptures and Tablets. God willing, thou shalt at all times be enabled to make mention of God, exalted be His glory, and to serve His Cause. This is a Day wherein the assayers of divine unity distinguish and differentiate between the pure and that which is otherwise. God willing, may all attain unto that which is pleasing unto Him. Convey My greetings to the friends of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. The Glory be upon thee. We bid thee convey on Our behalf greetings to him who was named ʿAli-Akbar and to him who hath arisen to serve this mighty Cause.

BH07007: The greatness of this Day hath been attested…

In the Name of the one God!

The greatness of this Day hath been attested in all the Books. Reflect upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

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

All the chosen ones and holy ones gave glad tidings unto the people of the appearance of the Most Great Luminary, that He might lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them the glad tidings of the days of God. And when the veils of glory were rent asunder by the hand of power and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all turned away except whom God willed, and some who claimed faith and certitude were deprived of the Lord of Lords by the croak of a raven. Say: O friends! This is the Day wherein the suns of assurance and certitude must needs shine forth from the horizons of your hearts, that all may thereby turn unto the Day-Star of the horizons and be freed from the loss of

remoteness and from agitation and doubt. This is the Day of the most great gain. Mighty effort is needed and lofty striving is required. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Manifest, the All-Wise.

BH07326: In His Name through Whom the Call has been…

In His Name through Whom the Call has been raised amongst creation! O Isma'il! Thou hast attained unto the most great gladness and been adorned with the greatest joy, for God, glorified be His majesty, hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Most Great Prison and made mention of thee. Be thou grateful and numbered among those who render thanks.

O Ni'matu'llah! The Lord of Names saith: God willing, mayest thou ever be sustained by the true bounty and heavenly sustenance and be adorned with that which God loveth. The world is evanescent and that which is with God endureth. To this testifieth every just and informed one.

O ʿAbdu'llah! True servitude is a mighty station. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe betide him who hath failed to recognize its station, been heedless of it and transgressed by even a fingerbreadth. For all things there is fixed a station, measure and limit. He who attaineth unto true servitude unto God, verily he hath attained unto all good. To this testifieth He Who speaketh the truth: "There is no God but Me, the Commander, the All-Knowing."

BH07103: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed…

He is the Witness, the Witnessed One

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden in the Books of old. He, verily, is the Fulfiller in truth. There is none other God but Him, the Truthful, the Trustworthy. The Tablet calleth aloud in the world and giveth glad tidings to the peoples of the Most Great Name, Who hath summoned all unto the supreme horizon—this station which God hath made His glorious and wondrous seat. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names. He hath come with a sovereignty that the affairs of men cannot frustrate. To this testifieth the Tongue of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. O Karim! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath read it.

Thy Lord, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Hearken with thine inner ear to that wherewith the Prisoner calleth thee, then act according to what thou hast been bidden in My mighty Book. Beware lest the affairs of the peoples prevent thee from the Lord of Eternity. Cast away what they possess and take with the hand of power that which hath been given by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, and woe unto the deniers.

BH07964: O Ghaffur! This Wronged One, imprisoned for the sake…

He is the Omnipotent over all the realms of existence

O Ghaffur! This Wronged One, imprisoned for the sake of God, hath turned from the prison precincts toward thee and summoneth thee to the supreme horizon. All people have been created to know God, exalted be His glory. Yet when the Dawning Place of His most beautiful names and the Manifestation of His most exalted attributes appeared, all were deprived save whom God willed. Strive that thou mayest receive thy portion from this Most Great Sea. The intoxication of vain ornaments hath so seized the people that they remain heedless and veiled from this supreme bounty. Soon shall death overtake all. Blessed is the soul that hath been awakened by the call of the trusted Counselor and hath arisen to redress that which hath escaped him. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee and the hints of every doubting soul veil thee. Cast aside what is with the people, taking hold of that which is with God, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07703: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is verily the hidden, treasured, and guarded Mystery, to Whom the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have testified. Through Him the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged, and the horizon of certitude hath been illumined, and the table of utterance hath been sent down from the clouds of the mercy of God, the Mighty, the Loving. O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Countenance hath arrived and was presented after permission was granted. We have answered thee with this Tablet, before which the near ones have bowed down in humility, and We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter as a token of grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs and taught me what was hidden in Thy knowledge and guided me unto Thy mighty, extended Path.”

BH07483: In My Name, the Expounder, the All-Knowing!

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Rejoice thou that thou hast been mentioned before the Divine Throne and inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen, and art standing in service to My Cause amongst My servants. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have wafted unto thee the fragrances of the Divine Robe and have revealed for thee that before which every lofty mention hath bowed down. Be thou in all conditions directed towards Mine horizon, standing firm in My service, and holding fast to My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The stars of idle fancies and vain imaginings have set, inasmuch as the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord’s will, the Mighty, the Great. How many a learned one hath remained ignorant of the All-Knowing, how many a mystic hath denied the Self-Subsisting, and how many a heedless one hath been awakened by the Call and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. The grace is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey

My greetings unto My loved ones who have turned towards My direction and have spoken in praise of My beautiful Name.

BH07761: Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of remembrance time…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

Thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of remembrance time and again, and this is one of God's great bounties. Today the station of the friends of God and the degrees of remembrance and utterance remain, by reason of mankind's lack of capacity, concealed and hidden. Yet assuredly the Finger of Power shall rend asunder the veil and make manifest the station of every soul and the recompense of every deed. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the heavenly table and divine blessing. Strive thou, in the name of God, exalted be His glory, to preserve this station. This is the Day for the manifestation of stations and the disclosure of deeds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which leadeth to the exaltation of God's Cause. He is indeed reckoned among the sincere ones in My perspicuous Book. The Glory rest upon thee and upon thy father, who was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen before his passing and after his ascension. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH07911: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken unto My…

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

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken unto My most sweet call which hath been raised from the prison of ʿAkka. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Remembering, the All-Bountiful. The ties of blood-relationship are severed, and there remaineth but the relationship with God, the Lord of the worlds. His Will is the Father of the world and His Purpose is the Mother of the children of Adam, and Divine Destiny—that is the station of the geometry of all things from God, the Creator of heaven—and Divine Decree is His firm and established judgment.

Grieve thou not over anything. By the life of God! The Most Great Joy hath come. Praise God, thy Lord, for having turned unto thee and sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation and whereby the eyes of the sincere ones have been gladdened.

And the splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have made mention of you in numerous Tablets, as attested by Him with Whom is a perspicuous Book.

BH07850: He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing! The Wronged One…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing! The Wronged One of the world has, during nights and days, summoned the people unto God, exalted be His glory, and hath mentioned, through sufficient and healing utterances, whatsoever would conduce to the exaltation of the servants and the advancement of

the inhabitants of the cities. He hath counseled the friends of God to sanctification and detachment and to that whereby the Cause will be uplifted. That which today is conducive to the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of light hath been and will continue to be unity, inasmuch as through it the horizons are illumined and through it the station of man is made evident. Had the loved ones and chosen ones acted until now according to what the Most Exalted Pen commanded them, the entire earth would have been witnessed illumined with the light of certitude. O friends! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and listen with the ear of the soul to the counsel of the Trusted Counselor. It is better for you than what ye possess and what the peoples possess. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and woe unto them that have broken it.

BH07685: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the Self-Subsisting arose, and the seal of the choice Wine was broken, and there hastened unto Thee all who cast behind them the manifestations of learning—they who violated Thy Covenant, and disbelieved in Thy signs, and turned away from Thy presence, and denied Thy right when Thou didst come unto them from the horizon of the Spirit with manifest sovereignty. O my Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens who seeth her heart drawn unto Thee, and her eyes fixed upon Thy horizon, and her face turned toward the lights of Thy countenance. Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy Revelation when Thy servants and creatures turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained for the people of Thy most exalted Paradise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All things have testified to Thy generosity and bounty and gifts and favors. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Munificent, the Bestower, the Generous.

BH07714: The Wronged One beareth witness that there is none…

He is the One Manifest from the Supreme Horizon

The Wronged One beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of might and grandeur, and will continue to be even as He hath been. He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O thou who gazeth toward Mine horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My mighty prison. It will draw thee nigh unto a station wherein the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering." Verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Say: O concourse of men! Cast away what ye possess and hold fast unto the Book of God. Verily it hath been sent down in truth from His glorious and mighty Kingdom. Cling ye to the hem of God and His bounty, and follow not every deluded remote one. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of Names did walk. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath cast away the world for love of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH07741: He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! They…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! They who have disbelieved in God and His Manifestation, and have denied that which hath been sent down from His glorious and wondrous Kingdom, these are they that are lost. Say: O people! This is the Day of God, were ye to be of them that recognize it. This is the proof of God, were ye to be of the fair-minded. The verses have bowed down before My proof, and voices have been hushed at My revelation, and the horizons have been illumined by the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Generous, save those who have denied the bounty of God after it was sent down, and have rejected this Most Great Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth: The Door hath been opened, and the All-Bountiful hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O thou who art mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen! Render thanks unto God for having enabled thee to attain unto this supreme grace and for having drawn thee nigh unto this station round which circle the Concourse on High and His honored servants. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08009: Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed…

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with divine favors and turned thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive thee from the ocean of His bounty and to aid thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth. In these days the clouds of oppression have prevented the rays of the Sun of Justice from shining forth and appearing, inasmuch as most of the lands of the believers in divine unity have fallen under the control of the deniers. All must call out from the depths of their hearts unto the Self-Subsisting Lord and supplicate that perchance He may show mercy from the ocean of His grace and the sun of His bounty, and protect the believers in unity from the evil of the heedless ones. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth and the Ruler over all who dwell in the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH08517: In My Name which is sanctified above all names

In My Name which is sanctified above all names

O people of earth and heaven! By God, He hath come through whom the eye of the world is illumined, yet the nations are in manifest doubt. They have cast aside their God in following their divines who broke God's Covenant in previous ages and in this age which hath brought joy to the eyes of all ages. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, give thanks unto God Who hath sent down unto thee this preserved Book. I testify that it was preserved in God's knowledge and concealed from all eyes. Then when the time came, We sent it down as a grace from Our presence and made it manifest as a mercy from Us, yet most of the people perceive not. They see yet deny, they hear yet understand not. Blessed art thou for having attained unto it, and We counsel thee to preserve it in My Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08618: In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names!

In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names!

O Most Exalted Leaf! The Supreme Pen hath testified for thee in the kingdom of creation that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn unto the Lord of Names on a day wherein hearts and pillars trembled. O thou who art the Greatest Cry! Rejoice in that the Lord of all humanity hath remembered thee with a remembrance that surpasseth all the treasures of earth and heaven. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He turned toward thee from the Most Exalted Station. O thou blessed fruit! Give thanks that the Lord of creation hath turned toward thee from this Prison which hath adorned the Books and Tablets. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and happiness be unto thee, and delight be unto thee from God, the Lord of lords. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who serve thee for love of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

BH08572: O ʿAli! A letter has come from him who…

In the Name of Him Who has power over what was and what will be!

O ʿAli! A letter has come from him who has turned to God, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee with this wondrous mention. Blessed is he who attains unto the traces of his Lord's Pen and witnesses to that which God has witnessed—that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord with manifest humility. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back from the Most Great Name. Leave behind what the people possess, taking hold of that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We remembered thee and expounded the verses as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed be thy brother and thou, and they who have hastened with their hearts unto the Divine Lote-Tree which speaks forth in the kingdom of creation that which it spoke before creation itself:

> "Verily there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

BH08587: O Muhammad! When thou hearest My call and attainest…

In His Name that ruleth over all names

O Muhammad! When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Book and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, say:

O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all names and in Whose right hand are the controls of all things! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby the hearts of Thy servants have been shaken. O my Lord! I am the ignorant one who hath turned to the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the distant one who seeketh from Thee the Kawthar of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the providence that hath encompassed the world and by the Most Great Name not to disappoint me from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and not to deprive me of the breezes of Thy Revelation. Thou art He Whom the power of kings cannot

frustrate, nor can the clamor of the subjects prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful.

BH08005: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! Praise be…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! Praise be to God! Thou hast been made the recipient of God's infinite favors which are the cause of exaltation, ascendancy and salvation. Under all conditions be engaged in offering praise and thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory, and be humble and lowly before His loved ones. This Wronged One conveyeth His greetings and salutations to all the friends and counseleth them to that which is seemly. All must adorn themselves with divine attributes and spiritual qualities, for the world and all that is therein are not worthy of attachment, as that which perisheth deserveth not to be loved. It is hoped that the hearts of all the pure ones may become sanctified from the murk of the world and turn wholly toward the Most Exalted Horizon. O friends! While time remaineth, arise to do that which beseemeth you. Ye were all created for this Most Great, this Most Holy Day. He, verily, speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful!

BH08705: God willing, may you be illumined by the divine…

He is the Mighty, the Beloved!

God willing, may you be illumined by the divine bounty through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. This is the Day wherein the Sun of the Will of the Sovereign Lord of being hath shone forth upon the Sinai of hearts. How blessed is the state of that soul who hath hearkened unto the Divine Call from the blessed Tree and beheld the manifest lights. From all things riseth the cry "Show me Thy beauty!" Blessed is the eye that hath seen, the ear that hath heard, the heart that hath understood, and the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beseech ye God to preserve the eye of the world from the ophthalmia of desire, that all may attain unto that which is intended. O friend! The True Friend maketh mention of thee in the prison-land. Be thou thankful to God for this and be of them that are steadfast.

BH09080: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been beneath the glances of My loving-kindness, to which My Pen and My Tongue and the dwellers of the cities of My mighty Cause bear witness. Thou hast ever been and art standing before My countenance. Should there be an outward delay in the manifestation of loving-kindness, be thou not grieved. Verily, He is with thee and beholdeth thee in thy station and heareth thy call and knoweth what is in thy heart. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee before and have testified through Our Most Exalted Pen that which all things have uttered. Blessed be God, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09117: O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful…

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

O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful Who hath summoned all to the One, the All-Informed. The servant who is present hath appeared and laid before the Wronged One that which was uttered in the letter of him who was named Ali in the Kingdom of Names. We have perceived the fragrance of his love and sincerity for God, the Lord of the worlds, and We make mention of him in this spot with this gracious remembrance, that he may rejoice and be of those who render thanks. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and him who was named Muhammad and those who have acknowledged the oneness of God and acted according to that which they were commanded in His mighty Book. O Ali! We have heard thy call and thy remembrance, and witnessed thy turning and thy devotion. Blessed art thou and those who have laid hold on the Sure Handle and achieved the supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08766: He is manifest and evident. The entire world has…

He is manifest and evident. The entire world has been promised the manifestation of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and the previous Books bear clear witness to this most exalted matter. However, when the call “Verily I am God” was raised from the blessed, lofty Divine Lote-Tree of Oneness, all turned away and even issued the decree for His death, except for those souls who, in this divine morn, drank of the true wine. They were and are among the stars of the wondrous heaven who were raised up in the name of Truth, and in the vast wilderness of certitude they utter “Here am I, O Lord of the worlds!” Blessed are they and joy be unto them. Beseech ye God that all the peoples of the world may attain to this most great bounty. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH09140: In My Name, powerful over all names

In My Name, powerful over all names

O ʿAli! Thou hast attained unto My mention aforetime. Verily, He remembereth whoso hath turned unto Him, and heareth whoso speaketh His praise, and seeth whoso hath arisen to serve Him. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. How many a deluded one hath turned away from the Truth, and how many a heedless one hath waxed proud before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth from the Most Great Scene: “There is none other God but I, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.” O concourse of men! Rend ye asunder the Greatest Veil. He, verily, is the learned one who hath cast behind him the Book of God and followed his own desires, when God came with a manifest sovereignty. Thou hast indeed laid hold on the cord of steadfastness. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

BH08728: In remembrance of the One Friend: O friends! Behold…

In remembrance of the One Friend: O friends! Behold the world as a book. Every matter, every ordinance, and every event hath been clearly recorded therein by the Pen. It is a Book from God which at all times

counseleth and admonisheth all the peoples of the world. Yet rare hath been and still is the ear that attaineth unto hearing, or the eye that beholdeth. If hearts were illumined with the lights of the Name of the Beloved, and likewise eyes and ears were sanctified and purified from the dark dust of the world, all would turn with their souls toward the direction of the Throne of the All-Merciful. Thus hath spoken the Pen when the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the Most Great Throne. Blessed is every seeing one who hath seen, and every hearing one who hath heard, and every soul that hath attained unto this mighty station.

BH08962: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the One manifest from the Most Glorious Horizon

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me in a Cause at which the limbs of all names have trembled, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having guided me to the Straight Path. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of the garment of Thy mercy and the sweet scents of Thy bounty and favors to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the veils of Thy creatures who have turned away from Thy face and denied Thy proof and evidence shall not hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Moreover, grant me the good of this world and the next, and aid me to act in such manner that my remembrance shall endure in the Kingdom of Names. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH08818: In the name of Him Who, by the movement…

In the name of Him Who, by the movement of His finger, rent asunder the veils! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses and will continue to send them down as He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the hosts of princes nor the clamor of divines who denied the Truth when it came from the heaven of the Command with the standards of verses and hosts which no knowledgeable counter could enumerate can prevent Him.

We have remembered thee from this Most Exalted Station that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. Grieve not over anything, for the Command is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

When the Cause appeared and the Temple of the Manifestation was established upon the throne of utterance, all in creation turned away save those who cast the world behind them, turning unto the Most Great Name through which surged the ocean of divine knowledge and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted and the verses were sent down and the signs appeared and that which was hidden in the earth was made manifest. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken that thou mayest know and be among the thankful.

Cast aside vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord, then turn with thy heart unto God, the Originator of heaven, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy most exalted dominion. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and to make me among those

who have stood firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and Whom nothing among the peoples can prevent. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH08885: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!…

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! All things bear witness to the revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people deny and know not. The dwellers of the kingdom of earth and heaven have been seized with rapture, yet mankind turns away and perceives not. All created things have spoken forth for the Most Great Remembrance, yet the nations object and understand not. Verily, those who have not recognized this Revelation have indeed denied God's proof and evidence in every age and dispensation—to this testifies He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a preserved tablet. Most people are worshippers of idle fancies, and thy Lord beareth witness to what I say. It behooveth thee to rejoice within thyself for having been mentioned in the prison by the Pen of the Wronged One, Who hath given glad tidings to the servants from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have achieved the most great steadfastness on the promised Day.

BH09265: In His Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! May you…

In His Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! May you, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, attain His good-pleasure and act in accordance with that which He hath commanded. Today the enemies are seen to have gained ascendancy over the friends. As ye have witnessed and heard, most cities and regions have fallen under the control of strangers, and the fire of sedition and corruption hath been kindled in most lands. This is because the servants have deprived themselves of the river of the All-Merciful's mercy. They have abandoned that which is right and clung to that which is wrong. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform this weakness into strength and this abasement into glory. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH09513: Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name…

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

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the near ones have hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy presence, and through Whom those drawn nigh have sacrificed their souls in their quest for reunion with Thee! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the vessels of Thy power, and the suns of Thy loving-kindness, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, the hearts of the learned were perturbed, the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder, and the idols of men were shattered. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all mankind and the Sovereign of both this world and the next. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee and turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Giving, the Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

BH09665: O ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab! May God willing, thou shalt hearken…

In the Name of the Peerless All-Knowing One!

O ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab! May God willing, thou shalt hearken with true hearing and sight to the call of the Wronged One and gaze toward His horizon. The world hath been encompassed by the dust of vain imaginings which hath concealed the Morn of the Day of His appearance. Blessed is the soul whom the conditions and intimations of men have not debarred from the Most Sublime Vision. We make mention of thee and of her who hath been named Mihman. We give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid her and thee. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory rest upon you both and upon those who are with you, from the Wronged One, the Exile.

BH09466: He who circumambulated My Throne has presented a book…

He who circumambulated My Throne has presented a book wherein was the mention of My loved ones. We have made mention of each one of them as a token of grace from Us, and verily I am the All-Bountiful. O Muhammad-Kazim! We have observed thy book before, and before that, and thou hast attained unto My mention time and again. Be thankful unto God for this supreme gift. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of Lords. O Abdul-Hussein! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison's precincts, and counsels thee to remember God and [His praise] and that whereby His Cause, the Guardian over all lands, may be exalted. We make mention of thy brothers and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded the earth and the heavens.

BH09307: God hath blessed thy arrival, thy turning unto Him…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker!

God hath blessed thy arrival, thy turning unto Him, and thy enkindlement. He counseleth thee to observe discretion in all circumstances. Hold fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords. We testify that thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and borne witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven. Be thou thankful unto God for having made the Most Great Word to be a testimony from Us unto thee in the Book. Conceal the pearls of divine knowledge, and this Tablet which We have sent unto thee. Thus have We commanded thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have turned with their hearts unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

BH09603: O Abraham! We make mention of thee for having…

In the Name of the Strong, the Almighty

O Abraham! We make mention of thee for having turned to God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Countenance of God and the heart that hath turned to His praiseworthy station. Behold and call to mind when the Friend, through the power of the Glorious One, turned toward the abode of the idols in the name of His Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is the hand that shattered the idols of fancy and vain imaginings through this Name whereby all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained, willed otherwise. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Verily He remembereth thee whilst imprisoned in the Most Great Prison, and turneth toward thee when sorrows have encompassed Him. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto the supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH09609: O Isma'il! God willing, mayest thou be favored…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Seeing!

O Isma'il! God willing, mayest thou be favored by divine grace and be enkindled in thy youth with the fire of the love of God. This is the Day of greatest profit. Blessed is he who hath profited, and he who hath turned, and he who hath spoken with this wondrous, mighty remembrance. Beseech thou God that He may cause the hearts of all the friends to be connected with the Most Great Ocean and adorn them all with the ornament of love. By the life of the Wronged One! Should any soul attain to that which hath been mentioned, he shall find himself free and detached from the veils and clouds and sorrows and griefs of the world. Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those men who have believed and those women who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH09650: In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! O Khadijih and O Fatimih! All in the world, whether male or female, have been created for the recognition of God, the remembrance of God, and service to His Cause. For every party among parties and every class among classes, He hath, through His all-pervading wisdom, ordained a matter and appointed a service. Today, the service of the handmaidens of God hath been and is trust in God, steadfastness, and sanctification from that which is unseemly. Strive ye to be adorned with the ornament of detachment. Verily, He counseleth all with that which shall profit them in every world of His worlds. Your petition was presented, and this answer hath been sent down from the Kingdom of grace. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of his Lord's utterance, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

BH09278: O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the world calls thee from the Most Great Prison and summons thee to God, exalted be His glory. Hearken unto His call and hold fast to that which befits His Day. Convey greetings from the Prisoner to all the handmaidens in that land. At all times the Pen of the All-Merciful hath been and is occupied with the mention of such servants and handmaidens as have held

fast unto the truth and have fixed their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon. God willing, may they be assisted to act in accordance with that which hath been recorded in the Book of God from the Most Exalted Pen. The world is and hath ever been transitory. All must hold fast unto that which endureth. Verily, He maketh mention of you out of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH09224: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! I…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! I testify to that which the Wronged One hath testified: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the description of all beings. He hath created all things through a command from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He was one in His essence and one in His attributes. Through His Name was raised the standard of "There is none other God but Him" and was hoisted the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" upon the mount of understanding, as a command from His presence. And He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art he who hath sought, and attained, and heard, and witnessed this glorious station wherein the Wronged One proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH09319: In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven! Come, O My Pen! How art thou faring on this Day? Hath the wine of mystic knowledge intoxicated thee? At times We behold thee racing in the arena of divine knowledge, and at others moving and swaying. Tell Me truthfully what hath befallen thee in these days. Hath the rapture of the Call seized thee, or have the melodies of the birds of eternity, warbling upon this Tree which calleth out in the nights and at dawn, captivated thee? It saith: O my Lord! Thou knowest what lieth within me and how choice hath been taken from me. I testify that by Thy Name the verses were sent down and through them souls took wing. I beseech Thee to assist me in the service of Thy Cause and enable me, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all mankind.

BH09476: We have heard thy call and have remembered thee…

He is the Hearer, the Answering One

We have heard thy call and have remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and say: O God of the world and desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the sincere ones have soared, and the near ones have drawn nigh, and the faithful have spoken, to aid me to know Thee and to arise to serve Thee.

O my Lord! The breezes of Thy verses have stirred me in Thy days, and I have turned to the Kaaba of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to disappoint me not of that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy servants.

O my Lord! Thou seest one powerless who hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and one ignorant who hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge. Send down, then, from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will sanctify him from all else save Thee and draw him nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09571: To be typed

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BH10015: We bear witness that there is none other God…

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

We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He was from eternity in the heights of might and majesty, and unto eternity shall continue to be in the heaven of glory, power and magnificence. None hath known Him as befitteth His recognition. Every learned one hath acknowledged his powerlessness and every mystic hath confessed his shortcoming. He hath sent the Messengers as a bounty from Him unto His creation. Among the people are those who have turned unto them and those who have turned away from them, until they pronounced judgment against them with manifest injustice. Blessed is he who hath testified to that which his Lord testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and blessed is the countenance that hath turned toward His beauteous and mighty Face.

BH09842: Glorified be He Who heareth and answereth, and seeth…

In the Name of Him Who hath illumined the horizon of existence!

Glorified be He Who heareth and answereth, and seeth what the servants do. He, verily, is the Truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. That which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath appeared and been made manifest. O Joseph! The All-Merciful, Who hath come with a grace that hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen, remembereth thee. This is a Day wherein the trees have quivered, the rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. Thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of the Bayan with My Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath recognized and found, and woe betide every heedless one who is rejected.

BH10096: O ʿAli! The Wronged One of the world remembers…

He is the Beholder from the horizon of the Kingdom

O ʿAli! The Wronged One of the world remembers you from His Most Great Prison and calls you to a station where the doubts of the deniers cannot cause you to slip. We have mentioned you before in such wise that nothing in all creation can equal it, as the Creator of the heavens bears witness, if you be of those who know. Blessed is your heart for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and joy be to whoever has turned their face toward their Lord, the Generous. Thus has the horizon of recognition been

illumined by the Sun of your Lord the All-Merciful's utterance. When you attain and find the fragrance of the All-Merciful, say:

> "Praise be unto You, O You in Whose grasp lies the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH10063: In My Name that ruleth over all that are…

In My Name that ruleth over all that are in earth and heaven

O Taqi! Fear God, thy Lord, then remember Him through that which guided thee and directed thee to His straight path. The All-Glorious forbiddeth vain desire and commandeth you to observe that which the Lord of all beings hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. The Sun of Revelation hath risen and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. They have cast aside the Lord of all beings by following their desires. Know ye that they are among the abased ones. Arise with supreme steadfastness to remember God, the Lord of the first and the last. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

BH09734: Praise be to God that you have arrived…

He is God!

Praise be to God that you have arrived in health and wellbeing, illumined by the lights of divine love. Truly the eye of the soul is brightened. God willing, beneath the blessed Lote Tree you shall drink countless and infinite cups through the bounty of the Lord of Names, and the tongues of those drawn nigh and the devoted ones in the chambers of the Throne shall speak forth "Well done!" and "How pleasing!" I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid you that attainment may be realized everywhere—that is, here and there, and likewise in that House. The Command is in God's hands—my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

BH10038: O Asad! In this hour when the Supreme Pen…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Asad! In this hour when the Supreme Pen is speaking, it is observed that his honor Asad—upon him be the Glory of God—is occupied in those regions with praise, glorification and service to the Cause. Blessed are those souls who today have attained to serving the harbingers of the Faith. We make mention at this hour of the letter Nun, and I am verily the Rememberer, the Observer, the All-Wise. And We make mention of several numbered ones from among My loved ones in that place, and I am verily the Witness, the Mighty, the All-Informed. And We make mention of ʿAli whose name was present before the Face in this hour in this exalted station. We send Our greetings upon him and upon those whom We have mentioned through symbols in this wondrous Tablet.

BH10001: In His Most Great Name!

In His Most Great Name!

A sincere lover is not overtaken by heedlessness, and a true lover is not deprived of that which causes the Cause to be manifest. O ye lovers of the Manifest Beloved and O ye seekers of the Present Goal! This is the day of turning unto God and the day of the Covenant and Testament. With complete strength and power hold fast to the strong cord of divine love and cling to the hem of His grace. The darkness of oppression hath encompassed the world. God willing, ye shall not in this darkness be deprived of the lights of the divine Day. Soon shall the station and rank of every steadfast seeker become manifest in the world. Thus hath My Pen spoken with My firm and mighty command.

BH09973: The Supreme Pen makes mention of Rida and commands…

He is established upon the Throne

The Supreme Pen makes mention of Rida and commands him to that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. God willing, may you partake of the sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting with perfect steadfastness and contentment, and drink thereof. Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened unto His call and turned thy face toward His horizon. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure through thy remembrance throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Realm. This day is the Sovereign of days, inasmuch as the Herald of Sinai is calling aloud manifestly and resplendently, summoning all peoples to the Straight Path and the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed art thou for having attained unto His wondrous Tablet.

BH09964: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great Say…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, and the Manifestations of Thy Inspiration, and the Day-Springs of Thy Cause, and by Him through Whom Thou didst seal Prophethood and Messengership from Thy presence, to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy perspicuous Book. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, and seeking the wonders of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to ordain for me, through Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which will preserve me from self and passion and draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all men and Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH10077: He hath manifested in truth and justice

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O Rajab-ʿAli! This Wronged One hath received thy special request for a Tablet, and these exalted words have been revealed in thy name. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto them and drink from the ocean of His bounty. All the friends of that land are at this moment present before Our face, blessed by the lights of His loving-kindness. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of freedom and hath testified to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This Prisoner counseleth all to perform such deeds as shed abroad the fragrance of sincerity. Work ye according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09835: Your mention hath been made in the presence…

He is the All-Kind, the All-Merciful!

Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. Thou art among those souls who have attained unto His presence and reached this Most Great Cause, which hath been the purpose of the creation of all beings. This station, however, requireth guardians and protectors. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that pure deeds and praiseworthy character have been and ever will be its guardians and protectors. God willing, thou shalt act in a manner befitting the days of God and hold fast unto that which is in the Book. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Clear Book, from which every discerning soul can inhale the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09750: Verily the Divine Tree makes mention of one…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Verily the Divine Tree makes mention of one of its leaves and one of its maidservants, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. Be not grieved by the world and its conditions. Soon that which thou seest today shall be rolled up, and another carpet shall be spread out. Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. No one hath found from the world the fragrance of permanence and faithfulness. That which is therein shall perish, and that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen shall endure for every man who hath turned and every woman who hath turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee.

BH10379: This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein…

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

This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is guidance for the people unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. O Rida! We counsel thee to perform pure deeds in the love of God, the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that is in the world perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of thy Lord's Will, the Ancient Revealer. Take hold of this Tablet with the strength bestowed by Us, and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Possessor of this mighty Day. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee. Cast away what the people possess and take what hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

BH10363: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Desire…

In the name of Him Who rules supreme over all names!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Desire of the world and Sovereign of nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured up with Thee, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have acknowledged that which Thy Prophets have uttered. O

Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned unto the ocean of Thy wealth, and I am the sinner who hath sought the Kawthar of Thy forgiveness. I implore Thee not to disappoint me in that which I have desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10451: O Khalil, rejoice that the ocean of forgiveness has…

He is the One Who speaks the truth amongst creation

O Khalil, rejoice that the ocean of forgiveness has turned toward your brother who has ascended to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have forgiven him as a bounty from Us, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the King of Kings. This is the day wherein the sun of generosity has dawned and the heaven of munificence has been upraised through this Name that speaks from its praiseworthy station. By this Name the limbs of all names have trembled. Through this Light the earth has brightened and faces have been illumined. O Khalil, praise God that you have been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen time and again. He is verily the Witness, the Observer, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH10415: O Asad! We have mentioned thee time and again…

He is the Speaker from the most exalted horizon

O Asad! We have mentioned thee time and again, and this is yet another time. Give thanks to the Lord of all beings and the Master of the hereafter and of former times for this bounty which hath been manifested from His Most Exalted Pen in this perspicuous Tablet. Be as beseemeth My Cause and My days. Thus doth command thee He Who is the All-Knowing Commander. The glory be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention before the Throne and for whom hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance that which hath illumined the whole earth. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

BH10369: The Most Exalted Pen commands: O friends! Hold fast…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

The Most Exalted Pen commands: O friends! Hold fast to that which is the cause of exaltation and elevation and the means of raising up the Cause among the servants of God—glorified be His majesty. Whatsoever He has commanded has been and continues to be for the good of His servants. Every person of insight bears witness to what has been mentioned, and every hearing ear is aware. Strive with the utmost diligence and effort to make up for what has passed, for verily that which is lost today will not return. The Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station bears witness to this. The glory be upon you from the presence of the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH10628: The Most Great Name hath testified that thou didst…

In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous

The Most Great Name hath testified that thou didst turn and believe in God, the Lord of Eternity, on a Day wherein the peoples turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will.

In the Name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous

Upon thee be My Glory and My Mercy. I testify that thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and didst turn to the Supreme Horizon and bore witness to that which the Lord of all being did bear witness—He Who came with a Cause before which every mighty cause hath bowed down.

BH10672: Every soul who in this Day has attained unto…

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

Every soul who in this Day has attained unto this most sublime and most mighty Cause and remained steadfast therein, hath attained unto all good. This is what God hath testified at the beginning of days. The first step is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and afterward to act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the Pen of the All-Bountiful. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve this, for therein lieth the good of both worlds, both now and forever. Blessed is he who hath quaffed My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10558: What was concealed in the eternity of eternities…

He is the Witness and the Testifier

What was concealed in the eternity of eternities is now manifest. Nevertheless, the people of earth remain deprived of this most great bounty, for which no likeness or parallel can be observed, save those souls who have transcended all contingent beings and fix their gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who has sought the Intended One with his heart, and he whose tongue has spoken His remembrance, and he whose eyes have beheld His signs, and he whose ears have heard His most sweet call from His most exalted horizon. Blessed are they who have attained.

BH10715: O Ghulam-Husayn! Your mention hath been made…

He is God, exalted be His glory. The All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee and biddeth thee to observe wisdom in these days. He beseecheth the Exalted One to enable thee and assist thee to do that which He loveth and pleaseth Him. Be thou eloquent in wisdom and hold fast unto it under all conditions. Verily, He is with His servants who act. We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

BH10698: O Husayn! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

O Husayn! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning unto God, thy humility, thy submissiveness and thy resignation in the days of God, exalted be His glory. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! We beseech God to aid thee under all conditions to preserve this mighty station. I swear by the lights of His countenance that whatsoever is witnessed cannot be compared with a single word from the words of God. Be thou thankful and among them that render praise.

BH10685: In My Name that dawneth from the horizon…

In My Name that dawneth from the horizon of the world

O my handmaiden! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison precincts and commands thee to that which befits His mighty Day. Hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness in all conditions. Verily He is with thee and with those who have turned unto Him when He came with manifest sovereignty. Thou art she who hath attained to the service of My Name and His presence—know this and be grateful to thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who are there. We send Our greetings unto them from this exalted station.

BH10903: O My Afnan! O thou who gazest upon My…

He is the Most Glorious!

O My Afnan! O thou who gazest upon My countenance and hast clung to the hem of My robe! Verily thy Lord, the Most Glorious, maketh mention of thee amongst men in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. We have accepted what thou hast wrought in My path and what thou hast uttered in praise of Me in My days. Be thou thankful that We have been with thee in all conditions.

BH10965: He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli!…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The world and whatsoever appeareth therein shall ere long return to nothingness. Hold thou fast unto that which beseemeth thee throughout the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and that is a deed which is performed purely for the sake of God by His servants. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto it. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Peace be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the oneness of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10897: O Ahmad! The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ahmad! The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet the heedless are in a strange sleep. The Hidden Mystery hath been made manifest, yet those who turn away are in grievous delusion. The voice of the Nightingale hath been raised, yet most of the people are among the heedless ones. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth, yet most of the people are among those who wander distraught. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy father, and blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10833: OIn His Name, the All-Knowing, the Most Great!

OIn His Name, the All-Knowing, the Most Great!

God bears witness that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has come is verily the Sovereign of existence, both seen and unseen. He testifies that you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained the Kawthar of the presence time and again. Know thou this most great station, then preserve it through My Name, the Preserver.

BH10955: O Muhammad! Verily God sends His blessings and glorification…

In His Name, the All-Bestowing!

O Muhammad! Verily God sends His blessings and glorification upon those who have turned to this Manifestation and have heard from Him that which He spoke on the Mount. He, verily, is the One mentioned in the scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. The white earth hath been adorned by His coming, and the holy vale by the fragrances of His luminous robe. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His day, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family.

BH10957: In My Name, the Most Great

In My Name, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Hasan! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified ere the creation of the kingdom of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. We have turned toward thee from this Most Great Station and have made mention of thee in such wise that thou mayest discover through it the sweet fragrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou grateful unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the seen and the unseen!

BH10773: In My Name, the Rememberer! We make mention…

In My Name, the Rememberer! We make mention of all who are present and absent, and of those who have ascended unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. I testify that My servant Baqir hath ascended on the wings of love and certitude unto his Lord, the All-Merciful. Upon him be My glory and the glory of them that are in the highest Paradise and the glory of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We were with him at the time of his ascension, and before it, whereof beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

BH10915: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O Baqir, bear thou witness unto that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over this world and its conditions. Rather,

rejoice in this remembrance, which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this My Most Exalted Pen doth testify in this glorious and elevated station.

BH11023: O friends! Reflect upon that which hath appeared…

O friends! Reflect upon that which hath appeared and come to pass. The Object of all desire is manifest and all beings seek Him…

The fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance is wafting with such intensity that all who dwell on earth are powerless to reckon it…

BH11141: The All-Glorious

The All-Glorious

O My Afnan! Baha forbids vain desire and commands all to turn to the Lord of earth and heaven, and bears witness that you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Rejoice in this Most Great Word and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven!"

BH11142: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory! We have, in Our wisdom, withheld the Pen from making mention of you. Verily your Lord, the Most Glorious, is the Most High, the Most Great. Be thankful for that which hath been sent down unto thee—the word of God's good-pleasure—from the presence of God, the Lord of all beings. Nothing on earth can equal it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH11149: He is the Mighty, the Great! O My handmaiden!…

He is the Mighty, the Great! O My handmaiden! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy devotion, thy migration, thy love, and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, thy Lord, through which the feet of the mystics and the learned have slipped, save those whom God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed, hath willed. Thou didst migrate in My path until thou didst attain My presence, and didst hear My call, and wert blessed with My meeting, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH11153: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

O thou who art mentioned before the Face and who standeth before the Gate! We have remembered thee and do remember thee as a favor from Us, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Most Glorious, Who hath called all unto the supreme horizon. Glory be upon thee and upon those who circle round the Most Great Throne and who have acknowledged that which God, the Lord of all beings, hath acknowledged.

BH10989: Allah'u'Abha! I bear witness that thou didst depart…

Allah'u'Abha! I bear witness that thou didst depart from thy dwelling, advancing toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst enter the Most Exalted Paradise and didst attain the presence of God, the Lord of the first and the last. Therefore do thou give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the mystics and Goal of all the worlds.

BH11055: Allah-u-Abha! We convey greetings to the true friend…

Allah-u-Abha! We convey greetings to the true friend and counsel him as befits. Blessed is he who awakens at the Call and arises to serve the Cause of his Lord. And woe unto him whom vain desires have kept back from God, the Lord of the first and the last. Joy be unto thee for having drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful.

BH11172: In My Name, the Answerer

In My Name, the Answerer

O ʿAli! We have heard thy call and thy name, and We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the love of thy Lord, and speaking in remembrance of His beautiful Name. The Sure Handle hath appeared and that which was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Most High, the Most Great, hath been made manifest. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family.

BH11323: In the name of God, the Luminous, the Most…

In the name of God, the Luminous, the Most Luminous! O My Afnan! By My life, what is in My earth and My heaven cannot equal My Word, and We have sent it to thee that thou mayest give thanks unto the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first.

BH11269: Allah-u-Abha! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that there…

Allah-u-Abha! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted, and that thou hast turned toward My Most Glorious Horizon and testified to that which the Lord of all beings testified when He was established upon the Most Great Throne with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11317: O Abu'l-Qasim! God willing, may you be confirmed through…

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

O Abu'l-Qasim! God willing, may you be confirmed through divine grace and act according to what is befitting. Your letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love was diffused from it. We beseech God to draw you near unto Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

BH11342: O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! The Single, the One, maketh mention…

In His Name, the All-Wise

O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! The Single, the One, maketh mention of thee and calleth out to thee from the most exalted horizon, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of the final end. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones found the fragrance of God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

BH11324: He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! O My Afnan…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious! O My Afnan, he who has turned his face towards My countenance! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness which have preceded all who are in My earth and My heaven. Be thou thankful for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of all worlds.

BH11328: O thou who hast turned thy face toward…

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

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. He maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all beings, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee in the Book of Names. Rejoice thou at this, then praise thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH11355: The Lord of Creation bears witness in this Most…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

The Lord of Creation bears witness in this Most Great Prison, as He bore witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto My Word, and the ear that has heard My verses, and the eye that has beheld My most holy and luminous horizon.

BH11420: We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee…

He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet. We counsel thee to show forth the utmost steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed.

BH11421: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to that which the Most Glorious Tongue testified in the Supreme Paradise—the station which God hath made the point of circumambulation of His Most Beautiful Names and the dwelling-place of those near unto Him.

BH11569: Words on the gravestone of the wife of the Bab

He is the Eternal!

Verily, the exalted leaf hath heard the call of the divine Lote-Tree and hath taken her flight unto it. 1299

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BH00252: God knoweth that sighs are well nigh ascending…

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 knoweth that sighs are well nigh ascending and tears are falling in separation from you. The servant beareth witness that separation hath weakened him and parting hath enfeebled him. At times he reflecteth upon your presence and nearness, and at others upon your utterances and your steadfastness, which hath no equal, likeness, or parallel in all the world. The servant beseecheth the Lord of Eternity and the Sovereign of nations to unite us through His grace, to draw us near unto Him in all conditions, to shelter us in the precincts of His mercy, to bestow His favors upon us as He did at first, and to vouchsafe unto us the chalices of reunion and the cups of meeting. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the Mystery and the Mystery of the Mystery, and the Mystery enshrouded in Mystery, and the Mystery veiled in Mystery, whereby the Great Terror appeared among mankind and that which He desired was made manifest in less than the twinkling of an eye. He is indeed the Sovereign Whom neither the doings of the heedless nor the doubts of the mystics can frustrate. He speaketh as He spoke before creation: verily there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon the Daysprings of His Cause, the Manifestations of His Self, the Dawning-places of His wisdom, the Repositories of His knowledge, and the Recipients of His Revelation, whom neither the tempests of the divines prevented from turning unto Him, nor the storms of princes from facing toward His direction. They cast aside all else but Him and hastened in His Name to the Most Sublime Horizon, drank the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the favors of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls, and upon those who arose to serve them, attained their presence, drank the Kawthar of their utterance, soared in the atmosphere of their love, and testified to that which their tongues had testified. I bear witness that they are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding.

And now, O beloved of my heart, desire of my being, one who is mentioned in my heart and present before mine eyes—may my soul be a sacrifice for thy steadfastness and thy uprising! I know not whether the people recognize thee, whether they hear what thou speakest concerning the Cause of God, whether they perceive from thee the fragrance of love and affection, or whether they treat thee as they treated the Lord of the worlds. By the life of the Desired One! Were the veil to be lifted, they would circle round thee, would humble themselves in thy presence, would arise to serve thee and would carry out whatsoever they were commanded by thee. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord and the Lord of all things visible and invisible, to make known unto mankind that from which they are veiled and to guide them to that which they have neglected. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The springtime of divine knowledge and fragrant flowers and colorful blossoms are present, yet the power of smell and perception is absent. It seemeth as though the means of knowledge, perception, reason and thought have wholly disappeared and become non-existent. Yet again, perchance the grace of God, exalted be His glory, may encompass all and, through His bounty, bring to life the dead of the earth. God willing, your efforts and influence shall cause wondrous and novel fruits to appear from the trees of being. In all circumstances and whatever may transpire, hope hath ever prevailed and still prevaileth over despair. There is hope that the glance of His loving-kindness may be directed toward the heedless. Verily, He hath power over all things and is unto His servants All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.

The blessed letter of that Exalted One, written on the twelfth day of the honored month of Shawwal, bestowed infinite joy. God knoweth that rivers of delight flowed from it and the fragrance of the spirit wafted therefrom. It was read repeatedly, and after transcending the realm of ecstasy, rapture and joy, it was presented at the Most Exalted Threshold. These are the words spoken by the Beloved, mighty is His glory:

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all created things, and My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have made mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance of My loving-kindness hath been diffused throughout My lands amongst My servants. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. He loveth to make mention of thee in that which will solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart. Thy Lord is, verily, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Associate with the people in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may not be raised. They make mention of God by night and by day even as their forebears did before them, yet when He appeared they turned away from Him and committed that which caused the eyes of those near unto God to weep.

O My Name! Do they treat thee according to their idle fancies or according to what beseemeth thy relationship to God, the One, the All-Informed? We have enjoined upon men goodly conduct and that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. Ask thou God to aid them in this and to ordain for them through His Most Exalted Pen that which shall protect them from the hosts of the oppressors. Say: O concourse of the heedless! Come ye, that I may cause you to hear the Call that hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and show you the Dayspring of your Lord's Cause, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean. Cast away your vain

imaginings and take hold of that which hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

O My Name! Consider how the people cling to a letter while remaining deprived of the Mother Book. In some Tablets this passage was revealed:

> "He hath come with what is with God, His testimony and His proof. Fear God and be not of the heedless."

Nevertheless, they have forsaken the ocean and occupy themselves with a drop. Would that even this drop were pure! One is greatly astonished at the heedlessness of the people and at what hath appeared.

God willing, may the servants who are adorned with the ornament of divine love manifest perfect unity and harmony, for if they attain unto this station, its effects will swiftly appear throughout all regions. By the life of God! Should a soul conduct himself with utmost humility in His path, he will assuredly attain, both outwardly and inwardly, the highest station. O My Name! With the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord that He may not deprive His loved ones of the light of unity, nor withhold from them that which lieth with Him. All have been created for unity and harmony. Glory be to God! Despite the divine counsels in the Holy Books and Tablets, some remain heedless and veiled.

This heedlessness hath prevented the flow of bounties and blessings. Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of the Wronged One, and with perfect kindliness impart unto them the utterance of the All-Merciful, that perchance the tree of "yea" may grow from their hearts and that which is intended may be made manifest. Verily, He speaketh the truth. Blessed are they that hear! Blessed are they that act! May the splendor that shineth from the horizon of My loving-kindness, the mercy that descendeth from the heaven of My tenderness, and the clouds of My generosity be upon thee, upon them, and upon every steadfast soul that hath turned unto Me.

Through divine grace, it is hoped that the heedless souls may attain, through your attention, that which beseemeth this blessed Day. And regarding what you wrote about arriving in Tiflis, it caused boundless joy, for praise be to God, it brought glad tidings of good health. And you mentioned Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali and his brother Jinab-i-Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon them be the glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, and are confirmed in a matter from which all on earth are heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. The grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, is evident and manifest toward Jinab-i-Haji AH, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, and his sons and those with him. God willing, may they ever be engaged in remembrance and arise to serve, and may God make what hath proceeded from them a treasure for them in heaven. And you mentioned two believers from Saysan (ʿAli and Muhammad). God willing, may they be confirmed in what God hath revealed in the Book. Coming to this land would be unwise, especially at this time when various winds are blowing. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His majesty:

> "The glance of favor hath been directed toward the people of Saysan. They must at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. If they themselves cannot undertake teaching, they should appoint helpers. Thus hath God ordained aforetime and at this hour. We give glad tidings to him who was named ʿAli and him who was named

> Muhammad of God's grace and mercy. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Countenance, and woe unto the heedless.Today, whosoever has attained recognition and stands firm in the Cause—even if wisdom requires their physical absence—verily the reward of attaining His presence shall flow from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them. Whatever hardships they have borne in the path of Truth have not been, and shall never be, in vain. The reward of all is recorded in God's Book. I swear by the Ocean of Utterance that for every deed there is an effect and likewise a fruit, which shall surely become manifest in the world at its appointed time. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon them and upon My loved ones in that place who have forsaken the world, clinging fast to the Most Great Name—at Whose appearance all things proclaimed: Verily, there is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Informed."

Section 2: "This servant offers greetings to each one…"

This servant offers greetings to each one and seeks divine confirmation for all. Regarding your mention of Haji Muhammad Husayn, God willing, may he drink from the wine of steadfastness and attain that which most of mankind is deprived of. Mention of him was also made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur:

> "O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The whole world was brought into being for this Day, yet they remain heedless of it; they were created for this cup, yet they remain deprived of it. Those who truly attain on this day are counted among the gems of existence. We, from this station, send Our greetings to Muhammad-Husayn, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones."

Ask thou of God, exalted be His glory, to reveal the fruits of His remembrance, that all may turn with their whole being to the horizon of the All-Merciful. If thou seest him, give him My glad-tidings and remind him of that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

You mentioned the Afnan and his companions—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Outwardly, no news has reached us except the initial report that they had departed from the Land of Kha, though news continues to arrive from the Land of Ha. Praise be to God, they are safe. In truth, Haji Siyyid Muhammad, one of the Afnan—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—stands firm and is occupied in service. Though all are, praise be to God, confirmed and assisted, he shows no delay in completing his services. What you had requested by command was sent some time ago and has arrived. God, exalted be He, has confirmed him; his deed was accepted in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. How excellent and pleasing it is for him! News of the Afnan has also arrived from Hong Kong. Praise be to God, he is safe and occupied with the mention of God.

Regarding what you wrote about the trust of Aqa ʿAli Milani—upon him be the glory of God—it was a silk handkerchief specifically bestowed upon him. Praise be to God, some in those regions are enkindled. If someone knowledgeable in certain matters and familiar with the Turkish language were to proceed to those parts, it would be most beloved. However, such a person must be calm and wise, and must know with certainty that God's Cause in this Most Great Manifestation has been characterized by kindness

toward the servants, and the decree of wisdom has been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in most Tablets. The purpose is that if a worthy person is found and proceeds to those regions, it would be acceptable in the sight of God.

Concerning what was written about Haji Mirza Jabbar, it was presented before Him, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "Should God will, He shall guide him to His straight path and acquaint him with that from which most of the servants are veiled, and direct him to what He desires. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower. At all times He calls all who dwell in the realm of possibility unto Him. Blessed is he who hears and responds, and woe unto every heedless doubter."

God willing, the lights of that honored one's sincerity will shine upon him and cause him to attain unto that which God loves.

As for what was mentioned in the petition sent to His Holiness the Branch concerning Mirza Muhammad-Ali Khan—would that you had associated with him repeatedly, for certain doubts had been instilled in him by Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi in Iraq. The details of the Khan's situation are as follows: After the passing of his late father, a group desired to attain the presence [of Baha'u'llah], including the brother of the late Sipahsalar. The Ancient Beauty, solely to meet with those souls and to show kindness to Mirza Muhammad-Ali Khan, went very early in the morning and attended the memorial gathering. The aforementioned Khan showed the utmost humility, submissiveness and gratitude. Some time later, when the Ancient Beauty had gone [to Salman], Mulla Shaykh-Ali, who lived in Kazimayn and who had been very close friends with the father of the aforementioned Khan, made mention of Mirza Muhammad-Ali Khan, who had apparently had a dream in those days.

The mentioned Shaykh presented this before Him, and the Ancient Beauty showed favor and commanded the Shaykh to go specifically to the Khan and convey His greetings, giving him the glad tidings that, God willing, his affairs would unfold according to his desire. Similar instructions were also given to Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi, but that ignorant one apparently spoke in the name of Mirza Yahya, for in those days whenever the Ancient Beauty would speak, some would suppose He was speaking on Mirza Yahya's behalf—whereas His Holiness knows that the words and deeds of that person were non-existent and null in the Most Holy Court. The aforementioned Khan had merely heard a name without substance, while remaining unaware and veiled from the essence of the divine Cause and wisdom.

In any case, from the Khan's statements made to the honored physician (upon him be the Glory of God) in Iraq, it became apparent that the Qumi individual had attributed those glad tidings to Mirza Yahya. Had there been association and had he become aware of the true matter, it would have been most praiseworthy, for in those days it was observed that he was a youth of good nature who had attained unto love, and his late father was not without love either. Should the opportunity for a meeting arise, it would be most welcome, that perchance he might remember and fear God, and become acquainted with what was recorded in the books of old.

The petition from the person from Shirvan arrived, was presented, and a response will be sent.

Thanks be to God, other conditions in this land are peaceful. All the friends, as before, are blessed with good health. The latest news is the ascension of the honored and deceased Darvish Sidq-ʿAli, upon him be the glory and mercy of God. Praise be to God that he ascended in utmost sanctity, detachment and love, and he is among those souls of whom the Supreme Pen has spoken with the utmost grace and favor in his mention. Would that I had been with him to attain a mighty triumph, a great bounty, and an exalted station. The pearls of that Beloved's shell are, as commanded, being presented and are blessed with favor, compassion, mercy and grace. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory shining from the horizon of our Lord's favor, the Creator of the heavens, be upon you and those with you and those who love you and hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God, after sealing the envelope another door opened and the blessed letter dated the 23rd of Dhi'l-Qa'dih, numbered 6, illumined the heart and bestowed true light upon the eyes. This bounty descended at a time when there was no opportunity to give thanks, as sending a petition would be delayed. Therefore it was read in great haste and afterwards the main points concerning true trustworthiness were presented before His presence. This is what the tongue of grace uttered:

"O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! Time and again mention of thee hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. All that thou didst send in the name of the servant in attendance before the Throne—this Wronged One testifies that he sent replies to all. God willing, mayest thou ever be blessed with His grace and mention and arise to serve Him. Time is most precious and honored, while the people of the earth are in utter heedlessness. God willing, those who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude must, united and in harmony, hold fast to that which promotes the Cause of God. Should they attain this station, the Command will be effective, the decree all-encompassing, and the Word triumphant.

O My Name! Today all effort must be expended on uniting the loved ones, that perchance this mighty matter may proceed from potentiality to actuality and become the cause of the manifestation of God's favor. Say: O friends! Fix your gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and hold fast to His will. Today victory lies in unity and accord. By the life of God! The world of manifestation is veiled by lack of unity and the Cause is held back. O My Name! The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly conveyed this station and commanded His loved ones to it, but thus far no fruit thereof hath appeared. Perchance God will open their eyes and acquaint them with that which will draw them nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the Bestower. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who love thee and hear thy words purely for the sake of God, the Lord of lords." End.

Thus far four letters from that Beloved One have arrived and detailed responses to each have been submitted and sent. How could there be any negligence in this matter? And this letter which has just arrived is the fifth letter sent from the land of Qaf with a number written on it. It appears number five has not yet arrived. God willing it will arrive. At present there is no more time for petitions. It is being entrusted to the true Trustee and I seek His aid in its expression. The glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who seek you and hold fast to what you possess. Praise be to God, my Beloved and your Beloved.

First of Muharram 1300

BH02696: He is the Remembering, the Hearing, the Responding One!…

He is the Remembering, the Hearing, the Responding One! Your letter has come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance before His face read it. We have answered you with that from which those near to God perceive the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and through which the sincere are drawn to a station that tongues and pens are powerless to describe. We have heard what you testified to in the days of God and have accepted it as a grace from Us. Verily your Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Give thanks to God for this supreme bounty which has appeared from the Ancient King, then preserve it in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those whom veils have prevented from the Source of verses. Break the idols of fancy and imagination in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of all names. Cast aside the imaginings of the learned and [take…] the Possessor of Names. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken in a station which God has made the Dawning-place of lights.

The Hidden Treasure has appeared and the Concealed Mystery been revealed. Then did the learned flee from the field, for vain imaginings deluded them such that they denied God, the Lord of the Final End. They behold the signs of God yet deny them—thus do their souls entice them.

When the Call was raised and the Cloud bore witness to the Lord of Lords, say: O people! This is the Day you were promised in the Books of God. He has appeared in truth, and in it the Balance has been set up, the Path made manifest, and the mountains passed away. Turn with illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is what you were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of your Lord, then speak His praise at all times. Soon shall the world and that which has deluded the princes of the earth pass away, while that which has been sent down from the Lord of Creation shall endure.

We make mention of him whose name was in your letter as a mercy and grace from Us, that you may give thanks to Him Who possesses the Mother Book.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Do you find for yourself an ear that might attain to true hearing when the Call was raised from the Dawning-place of Glory in a station which God has made a heaven for this heaven and a point of circumambulation for every seeing one who advances? O Baqir! Give thanks to God that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One when every associating doubter turned away.

Say: Praise be to You, O my God, for having strengthened me and made known to me that which the learned of the earth were heedless of—they who denied Your proof, disputed Your signs, associated partners with Your Self and broke Your Covenant. I beseech You to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby souls were troubled and feet did slip.

BH03580: O Muhammad! Remember when thou didst leave thy home…

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

O Muhammad! Remember when thou didst leave thy home in thy longing to attain the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain the presence of the Countenance and didst drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thou art he who didst migrate and journey until thou didst enter and attain My presence, and didst hear and witness that which was foretold in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most exalted horizon, and the ear that hath heard My most sweet call, and the heart that hath turned to My glorious and impregnable station. Hold fast to the cord of My wisdom and cling to the hem of My loving-kindness. Then speak forth My Name amongst My servants, that the fragrances of My utterance may draw them nigh and bring them close to the Most Great Ocean, each drop whereof proclaimeth: The Owner hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Muhammad! We created the world for this Most Great Day, yet when it appeared, the divines of the earth denied it, and through their denial the people denied it also. To this testifieth every man of insight. Beseech God to rend asunder the greatest veil by the finger of power, might and sovereignty, and to guide all to that which He hath willed on this wondrous and glorious Day. Convey My greetings to those who have drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name in such wise that the intimations of the heedless failed to deter them. Say: By God! Thou hast attained unto that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast confined matters to the mention and praise of the Wronged One. This beseemeth him who hath adorned himself with the robe of justice and attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We counsel thee to observe wisdom in all matters, lest there arise that which would cause the clamor of the deniers to be raised. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the sun of My Word. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on My Name, and woe betide the deniers. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath cast away the idle fancies of the people, holding fast to the cord of certitude.

BH04027: I am the Hearer, the Answerer

I am the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and called all unto His straight path. Among the people are those whom the wine of the sweetness of utterance hath so enraptured that they have cast away the world and turned unto the Most Great Name, and among them are those who have clung to their desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this glorious and gracious station.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Wronged One. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which, were it to be cast upon the barren earth, would cause red roses to spring forth therefrom through the wafting of the breeze of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies and turned unto God when the learned and the mystics turned away from Him, save those whom God aided as a grace from Him—and He is the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who taught thee the commanding Word of God, acquainted thee with the Balance, guided thee to His path, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, then drink therefrom despite those who have turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, that which was recorded in the Books of God hath appeared, and He Who was promised by the tongue of the Messengers hath come. Cast away what ye possess, then turn ye unto the Most Sublime Horizon, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful been diffused. Blessed is he who hath seen and found, and woe unto the heedless.

Rejoice thou in that God hath forgiven thy father and ordained for thee what He desired as a grace from Him—and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH04319: In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer…

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names! O thou who hast drunk the wine of divine knowledge! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that the foundations of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, may be shaken thereby.

Say: O people of the earth! Aid ye your Lord through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the command been sent down from the Supreme Pen in His perspicuous Book. Leave the world behind through My Most Great Name and take up that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst the nations. This is better for thee, and My sovereignty encompasses those in the heavens and on earth.

This is a Book that calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. This is a Day whose praise was uttered in God's Books aforetime, and all were given glad-tidings of this Revelation, whereby, when it appeared, all things spoke forth, the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined, the Cry was raised between earth and heaven, the ocean of knowledge surged, and the fragrance of the Garment was diffused.

Take hold of the reins of humanity through My Name and remind them of that which hath been sent down in God's Book, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Beware lest anything prevent thee from that which thou hast been commanded. Soon shall appear in the earth the recompense of those who have arisen to aid the Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise.

Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones on My behalf and remind them of My mercy and My loving-kindness, that the mention and utterance may draw them to the horizon that hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God, that the servants may be enkindled thereby. Thus doth

counsel thee He Who hath spoken in every matter, that there is none other God but I, the Commander, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of life through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH01713: O thou beloved of my heart, mentioned in my…

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

O thou beloved of my heart, mentioned in my soul, and standing before the gate of my Lord! There has come upon this servant that which has weakened, exhausted, burned and melted him. By the life of the Desired One, I found myself in an ocean of grief that had neither beginning nor end. The pillars of the earth trembled from the force of this calamity, by which sorrows seized all who turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I testify that my tongue is powerless to mention it and my pen is unable to express it. This servant beseeches his Lord to pour forth upon you patience from His presence and fortitude from His realm. Verily He is the Mighty, the Wise. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, to send down upon Thy Afnans that which will preserve them from all else but Thee. Then pour forth upon them patience from Thy presence and assist them in all that befitteth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Although all limbs and members are consumed by this most great calamity, yet as these are the days of manifestation, we must in all conditions hold fast to the cord of patience. That which appears from His presence is to be obeyed. May God, exalted be His glory, adorn all with the garment of patience. Verily He is powerful over all things. Glory be to God! Several months ago a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the Most Exalted Leaf and the Greatest Holy Leaf and the Supreme Cry—upon her be from all glory its most glorious, from all exaltation its most exalted, and from all radiance its most radiant. This servant pondered on what was revealed but, due to its greatness and power, made no representation and remained silent from asking until recently when the command was issued that the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet be written and sent.

Now after reviewing the petition sent, it becomes clear that in those same days when the petition was submitted, the answer was revealed from the heaven of grace. But O beloved of my heart, the passages of the petition melt the heart, for the utmost regret, sorrow, sighs and tears in separation from her are manifest and evident. Although this state is in one respect most beloved and that condition was witnessed in them and that station was manifest in them—this flame of separation is effective in the world and a mighty influence is apparent and evident from it, for it was for God and purely for His sake, sanctified from doubts and allusions. After the arrival of the letter, only enough time was available to be enabled to express these few words.

God willing, details will be submitted later. Until now, outwardly nothing has been submitted in the Most Holy Court. This servant too was for some days present in another place. Upon return he became occupied with submitting this reply. In any case, hope lies in forgiveness. To the honored ones in that land—upon them be from all glory its most glorious—convey greetings, glorification, glory and utter

evanescence and nothingness. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to grant patience to all. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Another submission: The reply to Mulla Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the glory of God, which was previously to be sent, is now sent. One copy of it should reach his honor Afnan A.H., upon him be from all glory its most glorious, to give to Mulla Rajab-Ali, upon him be the glory of God. However, all possible effort in correcting it would be beloved. May the glory shining, manifest and rising from the horizon of grace be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you and upon every assured, steadfast one.

The servant 17 Muharram al-Haram 1300

BH00202: After completing my previous petition in response to your…

Section 1: "After completing my previous petition in response…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

After completing my previous petition in response to your letters, there was some delay in sending it. Another letter dated the 25th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah emerged from the horizon of love and utterance. Praise be to God, this fresh bounty arrived and became the cause of boundless joy. After reading and reviewing it, it was presented before the Most High. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke in reply:

O Zayn! Praise be to God, you have attained unto countless bounties and have been enabled to recognize the Treasury that had forever been hidden from minds and eyes. In these days a letter arrived from the Overseer (Nazir), expressing the desire to visit the Land of Ha [Haifa] and also the intention to print the Kitab-i-Iqan. In view of this undertaking, your presence was requested, but this matter was not accepted. They themselves should obtain a correct copy and proceed with what they have intended. Great care must be taken in the correction. If a book of verses is published, it is beloved before God, provided it does not cause mischief and commotion. In all cases, the command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. End.

A letter was written to this servant from the honored Physician and the honored Overseer, upon them be the glory of God, and it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Praise be to God, they have always been thinking of promoting the Cause of God. May the True One, glorified be His majesty, confirm them and enable them to achieve that which is adorned with the ornament of immortality."

He showed great kindness. God willing, this servant will also respond to their letter. Although a few days ago a letter was sent to the beloved Physician, upon him be the glory of God, God willing it will arrive. In any case, this evanescent servant begs confirmation for them. Today all must be vigilant and act in ways that exalt the Cause of God. Divine verses have encompassed all regions, are found with every soul, and are visible in every house. Now we beseech Him to enable and confirm His servants in what is befitting. Verily, He has power over all things.

And regarding what you wrote about the honored wife of the departed and elevated Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be the glory and mercy of God, who had sent some passages from the tongue of the deceased to be presented in the Most Holy Court—these were presented and attained the honor of being heard. And this utterance shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Beloved of all possibilities:

> "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The first matter of the deceased was this statement: 'My God, Thou art my witness that I am ashamed for not having been able to render a service worthy of this blessed Day.' Excellent indeed was what he spoke in the station of humility, submission and supplication. And We say in this regard that he indeed acted as was befitting. He was among those who attained recognition, drank from the cup of certitude, and adorned his temple with the ornament of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech the Most High to accept what he did in His path and to remember him with a remembrance that neither extinction nor forgetfulness can encompass. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

O my God! Thou art my witness that I was helpless. I beseech Thee by Thy grace and bounty to forgive me and to overlook the transgressions of this sinner. Though we are the transgressors, Thou art the Ocean of Mercy.

O Zein! We have heard his call and what he uttered. Verily he was mindful, holding fast unto God and clinging to His robe. We beseech the Most High to forgive him, to purify him, to cause him to enter the most exalted station and draw him nigh unto Him in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

I testify that he turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of all beings. He heard the derision of the enemies and that which caused the hearts of the pure ones to burn—those who broke God's Covenant and His Testament by following the sources of conjecture and the manifestations of idle fancies.

O Abu-Talib! Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for having fulfilled thy covenant and pledge. I testify that thou didst achieve the greatest steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and didst drink of His sealed wine sealed with His Self-Subsisting Name. Thou didst arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the affairs of men nor the doubts of the divines who wandered in the wilderness of error and transgression could deter thee. Thou art he who witnessed hardships and calamities and accepted abasement for the glory of God's Cause, thy Lord, and wast content with what befell thee for the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of His Word.

Blessed is he who remembereth thee with goodness and testifieth to that which the Wronged One hath testified in this station. O seeker! The Wronged One remembereth thee and remembereth thy tribulations in the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. He recounteth thy virtues and what thou hast accomplished in thy days. Can treasures compare with what hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen? Nay, by the Lord of Names! Thus hath grace appeared from the All-Bountiful.

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to thy being wronged, to thy turning unto Him, thy humility, thy submissiveness, thy remembrance and thy praise in days wherein the standards of oppression were raised in most lands.

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy Most Great Name and the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity, to protect Thy loved ones and chosen ones from the oppression of the aggressive ones among Thy servants. Then forgive them through Thy generosity and favors, and grant them the blessing of meeting Thee in each of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey the call of the Wronged One to his remaining kindred and console them on My behalf. They have always been and continue to be in My sight. Let Ismi-Jamal, upon him be My Glory, also write something and send it, expressing satisfaction. The end is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds. We send Our greetings from this station to them and console them. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Regarding what was written about the Huquq, it has been pardoned. The tongue of the Beloved uttereth this blessed word: Had people not withheld the Huququ'llah and had they paid or would pay it, God would have bestowed bounty upon them. We beseech God to grant them abundance. Say: Be not grieved. By the life of God! One moment for that departed soul is now better than all the joy, delight and comfort of this world. The ear of the world is not worthy of hearing this mention, for limited minds are unable and incapable of comprehending this lofty station. Knowledge is with God, the Wise, the All-Informed.

As for what you mentioned concerning the son of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq the Most Holy—upon them both be all His most glorious Glory—I laid it before His Presence. He said—and His sweetest utterance is:

> "O Zayn! The servant in attendance here laid before Me that which the son of My Asdaq—upon them both be My Glory and My mercy—spoke. In these days a letter arrived from him too. Praise be to God, he dwells beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence and is engaged in service to the Cause. God willing, may he be confirmed in that which will cause the fragrance of eternity to waft from him. Convey My greetings and salutations to him. Verily We make mention of him as We have mentioned him before, and We give him the glad tidings of My tender care, My mercy, My providence and My grace which have encompassed all existence."

End quote.

This servant also conveys greetings and salutations to them. Some time ago a detailed letter was sent to them. God willing it has arrived. And mention was made of the women—that is, the household of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him and upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy. Regarding each one, manifest tokens of providence were evident and clear. Some time ago, especially for the exalted Leaf—upon her be the Glory of God—a wondrous and sublime mention was revealed and sent. Likewise mention was made of their household members who are present. Praise be to God, all are objects of His providential regard.

And as for the mention they had made of the son of Ali-Nur—upon him be the Glory of God—and the matters they had written concerning Deputy Ali-Akbar—upon him be the Glory of God—all was laid before Him. This is what was revealed in response:

In His Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O ʿAli-Akbar! We have heard thy call and what thou didst desire from God, the Lord of the worlds, is clear and evident. Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and in all matters speak this word and place thy trust in Him:

> "O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy light shining forth from the horizon of Thy grace, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and to decree for me through Thy bounty that which will profit me in Thy worlds. O Lord! I know not what profiteth or harmeth me. Thou knowest better than I know my own self and what is with me and what hath occurred and will occur in my heart. I beseech Thee to send down upon me that which will profit me in the Hereafter and in this world and will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven."

O ʿAli! In all matters place thy trust in God and with utmost contentment commit thy affairs to Him. He was and is the Trustworthy One, and will assuredly manifest whatever is best. Despair not of the spirit of God and His mercy, and trust in Him in all conditions. That which was true wisdom hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Now if thou dost submit and attain unto this station, it is acceptable and beloved; otherwise, seek whatsoever thou desirest. The command is in His grasp. He doeth and judgeth and commandeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. End quote.

Regarding the matter of Mirza Abu'l-Fadl—upon him be the Glory of God—whatever they have written, these matters depend upon consultation. Whatever emerges from consultation, act accordingly.

Mention of ʿAli-Nur and his relatives was made from the Tongue of Providence. God willing, may all attain unto that which God loveth.

The mention of Haji Muhammad-Hashim who attained the presence, and his son—upon them both be the Glory of God—was laid before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: God willing, may they dwell beneath the pavilions of grandeur and rest in the shade of the Tree of Grace. End quote.

The mention of the family of the King of Martyrs and those related to him, nay all those who love him—may my spirit be a sacrifice for them—has been and continues to be within the pavilion of mercy. Blessed are they and blessed is he who mentions the two shining Lights who attained all bounty and all good from God, the Bestower, the Generous.

Likewise, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn and his father and those with them—upon them be the Glory of God—have attained to the mention of the Desired One and been adorned with the ornament of His favor. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any of the friends of this most exalted, most holy ornament, and to confirm in its preservation those upon whom it has been bestowed.

Verily He has power over all things, is worthy to answer prayers, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Section 2: "And concerning the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir…"

And concerning the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir—upon him be the Glory of God—and the ascension of his departed mother, and likewise the mention of the ascension of the departed and blessed Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Kamalu'd-Din—upon him be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest—all were presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. He said: "O Zayn, upon thee be My peace and My glory! We have previously mentioned Jinab-i-Kamal'd-Din and offered condolences to his family, and commanded them to patience and resignation, which are among the attributes of the sincere ones. Blessed is he! He believed in God and turned to Him and drank from the hand of His bounty that which was denied to all on earth save whom God willed, the Lord of the worlds. He never hesitated in mentioning God and praising Him. We beseech God to forgive him and remit his trespasses and cause him to enter within the precincts of His mercy. We make mention of his sons and his wife and those with them, both female and male, and We ask for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and steadfastness in the Cause of God. By My life! This is the crown of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

"We make mention in this station of him who traveled and migrated until he arrived and attained Our presence and heard the call of the Wronged One in His mighty, impregnable station. O thou who hast journeyed unto Us! Hearken unto My call. We make mention of thee and counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of thy Lord may be exalted, and with the wisdom which God hath made the foundation of all deeds. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Forget not what We have commanded thee. We beseech God to assist thee in what He loveth and approveth, to grant thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to ordain for thee and thy descendants, through His Most Exalted Pen, that which shall never perish. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

"We make mention of Muhammad-Baqir and give him the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. Verily He heareth the call of those who commune with Him and seeth the deeds of those who have turned toward Him with illumined hearts. He is indeed the Hearer, the Answerer.

"We make mention of the handmaiden who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. Blessed is she! She attained unto My mention before her ascension and after it. We beseech God to draw her nigh unto Him and to cause her to enter the lofty chambers in the Most Exalted Paradise. How excellent is that mighty, wondrous station!

"We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have held fast to that which they were commanded. He is indeed the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

> "We make mention of the sons of Khalil and counsel them to perform pure deeds and that which befitteth their stations, and that whereby the fragrance of their love and knowledge may be diffused amongst the small and the great. And We make mention of the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The individual mentioned by Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah was mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said:

> "The grace of God hath turned and continueth to turn towards him. God willing, may he be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and remain steadfast in service to His Cause. Blessed is the eye that gazeth upon His grace and the ear that is turned to His call."

This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid the honored friend Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah to achieve unity and concord among the friends of God in that land. This matter is of utmost importance and acceptable in the sight of God. He that causeth healing and fellowship among hearts in this day is mentioned as among those near to God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and the servant whom God hath aided in this.

Jinab-i-Haji Ghulam-ʿAli and those with him have returned, and the funds that were written of have arrived. The names of the souls were mentioned in His presence. He said:

> "O Zayn! All that they have sent, whether from those associated with him or others, was presented and accepted. It behooveth them to thank God Who created them, provided for them, reared them, aided them to recognize Him, and gave them to drink of the Kawthar of His utterance. We verily send Our greetings to them from this Spot and give them glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them. We beseech God to draw them near in all conditions, to aid them to be steadfast, and to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones among His near servants and handmaidens. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Praise be to God that mention was made of each one and the glance of grace was directed towards them. Should one offer thanks for a hundred thousand years, one could not adequately express gratitude for a single word that hath appeared from the Dawning-Place of grace. The name of each one was honored. That Beloved One gave all of them the glad tidings of His supreme grace, that all might attain to the greatest joy and occupy themselves with praise and gratitude to God. The other trusts that were with him also arrived.

As for the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance did speak:

In the name of the one true God

O thou who hast turned unto Us! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the luminous Spot. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which God loveth and unto deeds from which the fragrance of sincerity shall be wafted throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. And God willing, thou shouldst hold fast unto the Book of God and act according to that which hath been revealed therein, for if the loved ones of God who are scattered throughout the lands were to act upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will as a token of His grace, the light of His Cause would encompass the world.

Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the path of God. The cause of every affliction hath not been and is not heedlessness. Tribulation is for those who love Him, and this hath been mentioned before. Reflect upon what hath been revealed in the Hidden Words which have descended from the heaven of the Divine Will. He saith: “O Son of Man! My calamity is My providence, outwardly it is fire and vengeance, but inwardly it is light and mercy,” and so forth. And He saith: “For everything there is a sign. The sign of love is fortitude under My decree and patience under My trials.” If in certain instances heedlessness hath occurred, verily He hath forgiven what is past. God willing, arise henceforth to make good what hath escaped you.

The world is not worthy of mention, and its evanescence is witnessed at every moment. Arise to serve the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. Turn unto Him and place thy trust in Him. Verily He will protect thee and assist thee and make known unto thee what thou desirest, and ordain for thee that which will bring solace to thine eyes and gladden thy heart. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle and unto that which beseemeth these days. He Who remembereth thee at this moment hath passed successive years during which He found no place of safety for Himself, and in all conditions stood firm among the enemies, summoning all to the Supreme Horizon. There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which hath caused all things to lament.

No deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to that which beseemeth thee. Every deed that appeareth for the sake of God—its recompense is preserved in the treasury of the All-Knowing, the Trustworthy. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by the ocean of Thy bounty and the river of Thy mercy, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in the service of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I have fled from myself and from all else unto Thee. Write down for me, therefore, that which Thou hast written down for Thy loved ones.

Then preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy providence and enable me to act in accordance with that which Thou hast taught me of its excellence, station and benefit. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Zein! Ask God for assistance on behalf of His servants. Verily He concealeth and loveth not that one should speak or reveal or disclose. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Merciful. In any case, convey what hath been revealed unto the aforementioned person. God willing, he shall be enabled to do that which is meet and seemly. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth mankind unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The petitions of Haji Ghulam-ʿAli were received, but for reasons of wisdom no reply was given. He also made entreaties on behalf of certain souls; these too were postponed for reasons of wisdom. Let your honor mention that the aforementioned Haji hath made mention of all and delivered the petitions, and all have attained unto that which is beloved, inasmuch as mention was made of each one before the Presence and they have been illumined by the lights of His grace. This sufficeth all, would they but know it. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Mention hath been made of His Honour Darvish Khavar, upon him be the Glory of God. Well done for what he hath accomplished in the path of God. Of that which he brought, three tumans should be given to His Honour Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah and two tumans to His Honour Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God, and concerning the other five tumans, they commanded that a feast be held on behalf of the Wronged One.

According to His command, the book that was carried by His Honour Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, should be arranged by your honour, and one volume thereof should be sent specifically to His Honour Aqa Shahvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God. And regarding the copies about which instructions were previously given, these should be carried out. Care should be taken in its dictation, for due to the scribe's preoccupation, errors are possible.

Concerning what you wrote about the arrival of His Honour Nazir, upon him be God's loving-kindness, and the execution of that with which he was charged, it was presented. They said: "Blessed are they, happy are they, and may it be wholesome unto them." If the friends were to discover and become cognizant of the station of this blessed word "happy" which hath issued from the blessed lips, they would be blessed with boundless joy.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to all, and from every gathering requesteth mention.

Peace and the glory shining forth from the horizon of God's loving-kindness be upon your honour and upon them and upon those who are with you and who love you and upon every steadfast servant.

The servant 18 Muharram 1300

BH04861: He was named Jamal in the Book of Names…

…He was named Jamal in the Book of Names and Ismu'llah in the Crimson Scroll. Thus was the matter decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed….

Concerning thy mention of proceeding to Diyar-Bakr, there is no objection, but in all circumstances He hath commanded that silence be maintained, lest there appear that which would disturb the people or raise a clamor. Teaching in these lands and their surroundings hath been strictly forbidden in the Book, and those lands are also considered as surroundings….

O Baba Husayn! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth thee…

O Shir-Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto wondrous and sublime Tablets….

BH00063: By thy life, O Thou Who art the Beloved…

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

By thy life, O Thou Who art the Beloved of my being and art mentioned in my heart! Were the essence of thanksgiving to appear with a hundred thousand tongues, and were the temple of praise from time immemorial unto time immemorial to voice forth praise and glorification of the Truth—exalted be His glory—it would fail to requite a single one of His bestowals. One of His bestowals—exalted and glorified be He—is that He hath adorned the hearts of His friends and chosen ones with the ornament of love. Should one endowed with insight contemplate its outward aspect and reflect thereon, he would find himself in a boundless ocean of wonderment, and should he ponder its inward reality, he would be moved to proclaim that its station is beyond description. Exalted be His favors that have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and magnified be His mercy through which existence hath appeared and the Tree hath spoken forth on Sinai.

According to a well-known tradition, He hath declared love to be the cause and reason for creation. Man standeth bewildered before this Most Great Ocean and its waves. Praised be God that the ocean of inner meanings hath become manifest and visible, and its waves are that which proceedeth from the Mouth of the Divine Will—namely the Most Exalted Word and the Letters that have appeared in the Kingdom of Creation. These exalted letters are accounted as waves of the ocean and as hosts of God, for by these hosts hath He taken possession of the world and made it subservient. Exalted be His power and glorified be His dominion. There is no God but Him. Unto Him be the magnification, the blessings, the salutations, and the radiant light shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord and the Lord of all men, upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have aided it with wisdom and with utterance. Upon them do the dwellers of Paradise invoke blessings, and beyond them the Tongue of the All-Merciful, from the Pole of the All-Glorious Garden.

My soul be a sacrifice for your service, your devotion, and your steadfastness! The letter of Your Excellency was in truth as a heavenly paradise, for it was adorned with the anemones of realities, the litanies of meanings, and the blossoms of exposition. Even as the present elements of existence, it was both befitting and intelligible; it perfumed the nostrils with a fresh fragrance and bestowed upon them their due portion, abundant and sufficient. Blessed is that gift, and blessed that sweet savor! Blessed the Pen that moved, the Tablet that bore, the ink that flowed, and the fingers that became the dawning-place of love and affection, the source of bounty and rectitude.

After reflection, remembrance, reading, and perusal, it was directed towards its intended goal, and was presented before the Most Exalted, the Most Sacred Court of the Lord of the unseen and the seen. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered—exalted and most sweet is His word:

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My grace, and My mercy. The Pen of the Most High hath borne witness to thy rising up in My service and thy striving for the exaltation of My Cause and My Word. Out of love for the people of the world thou hast embraced exile, and hast traversed the lands to guide the nations. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Bayan and hath turned unto it with soul and with sweet savors; and woe unto every heedless one who hath held back, every sleeper who hath been withheld, every wanderer whose striving hath been spent upon a vain life. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His praiseworthy station.

O My Name! Look, then remember, when thou didst stand before the Wronged One, and He Who spake with thee was the Speaker of the Mount, Who came with the signs of the Manifestation, in such wise as had been inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! All meanings did bow in adoration when the Bayan shone forth from the tongue of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This doth bear witness, whosoever hath spoken and whosoever speaketh, that in every station: "There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Loving."

O Mihdi! We have made mention of thee in such wise that nothing can equal it, and We make mention of thee through that which will regenerate the world through the bounty of the Lord of eternity. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the seen and the unseen! Convey unto the people that which We have commanded thee and remind them of that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Take thou a cup from the Kawthar of utterance and sprinkle thereof upon the dead, in the name of Him Who revealeth the verses, Who hath turned towards thee from this forbidden spot. Say: Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not the desires of such as have denied the proof and turned away from the All-Merciful when He came with sovereignty that transcended all who are adorned with the ornament of being. Say: If ye would judge fairly concerning that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will, then speak ye with pure truthfulness. This will deliver you and guide you to His extended path.

Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold you back from Him Who is the Lord of all names. Rend asunder with the finger of certitude the veils of idle fancy, clinging to the hem of the robe of your Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Affectionate. O peoples of the earth! Purify your ears from that which ye have heard from the ignorant ones and your hearts from the insinuations of such as have disbelieved in God in this Revelation. We have sent down the verses and manifested the proofs in such wise that none will deny them save every stubborn opponent. This is the news whereof God's Books have given glad tidings aforetime, and after them the Prophets and Messengers have borne witness. O heedless ones! Open your eyes: verily the Sun hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of grace and the Ocean of Life hath surged within all possibilities. Come ye, come ye, and follow not every ignorant outcast. The lips of being have smiled at this Revelation, as attesteth every fair-minded one who hath attained pure truthfulness in the days of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O My Name! The servant in attendance has come with thy letter and presented that which thy tongue, both outward and inward, hath uttered in praise of God, Lord of all worlds. From every word We perceived the fragrance of thy submissiveness, humility and supplication before God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. We have adorned thy head with the crown of My remembrance and thy temple with the robe of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My Name! Remind My loved ones and My friends in My behalf with a remembrance that will generate love and unity in such wise that they will renounce all they possess, clinging to that which hath come to them from the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

O My Name! Convey to all the greetings from the True One and strive that the fire of true love may be kindled amongst them. Say: Let not the fruits of the tree of unity slip from your grasp. Were ye to become

aware, ye would seek it with your very souls. The steadfast souls of earlier times must show forth the utmost love and kindness to others, and others must hearken unto them and arise for the love of God, that the diverse peoples of the world may inhale the fragrance of unity. By My life, O My Name! This hath been and is the foundation of the Cause and the source of divine wisdom. They must arise with such love as to cause faces to turn and hearts to be attracted.

All matters are witnessed before God. How many souls there are who outwardly show acceptance yet manifest neither fruit nor trace, nevertheless they become the recipients of favor. The breezes of grace guided some of these souls and enabled them to attain their heart's desire. The mercy of God, exalted be His glory, hath taken precedence; the grace of His near ones must likewise take precedence. Blessed are they who have shown humility for God's sake. We testify that whoso showeth humility toward My loved ones hath shown humility before My own Self and hath visited My glorious Kingdom. In this matter, which is the most ancient and greatest of all matters, exert vigorous efforts that perchance all horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. Verily He is thy Helper and thy Supporter, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. That which ye have carried out in this journey hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and hearken unto thy word, from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O beloved of my heart! When the ocean of grace surgeth, what can a mere drop accomplish? Whatever may be offered is meaningless and whatever may be said is unworthy. I beseech the Exalted True One, glorified be His grandeur, to make that beloved one the dawning-place of enduring traces. Verily He hath power over all things.

As to the mention made of Muhammad Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God (966), and likewise the arrangement made with the beloved Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, all were presented at the Most Holy Court, together with their letter written to that presence. The Sun of grace shone forth and was evident in relation to them. May they ever be the recipients of grace and steadfast in service. O My Name! The honored Andalib, upon him be My glory, is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. I testify that he hath turned unto God and attained the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hath arisen to serve Him amongst His servants. And I am the All-Seeing Witness.

As to what was arranged concerning the Huquq, it hath been accepted and is well-pleasing before the Throne. We testify that thy deed was purely for My sake and in quest of My good-pleasure. Upon thee be My glory. We have instructed the servant in attendance to transcribe and send it forth. We likewise make mention of the Siyyids. They are servants who have believed in God and turned toward Him. We have mentioned them in various Tablets as a token of Our grace. Glorified be He Who hath aided them and enabled them to do that which He loveth and approveth. By My life! The whole world hath not and cannot equal these words. We likewise make mention of Muhammad the Messenger and give him the glad-tidings of divine favors. God willing, may all abide protected and joyous beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence.

O My Name! We make mention in this place of him who hath been named Qasim and give him the glad-tidings of My acceptance, My attention toward him, and My approval of what he hath wrought in the

path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O My Name! Remind him of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will as a mercy from Me, for I am the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Kind.

We make mention of My loved ones in Ra and Shin and their surroundings, that they may be assured by the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of the Nightingale once again that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. We have mentioned him in such wise as hath made the lips of understanding smile. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath guided him to His straight path and caused him to speak His praise and glorification among the servants. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My loved ones in that place! Know ye his station, then thank Him Who hath sent down unto you that whereby your mention shall endure throughout the duration of My most excellent names. We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the True King, the Manifest, shall be exalted. Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Us and fear not the hosts of the oppressors. Woe unto the world that hath denied the right of God and His Cause, and turned away from Him Who created it by a word from Him. He is assuredly among the most lost. Blessed are ye for having cast him and his like behind your backs, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon on a Day proclaimed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Hold fast unto the cord of unity and cleave unto that whereby the Cause of God, your Beloved and the Beloved of them that know, may be exalted. He verily seeth you and heareth what your tongues utter. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, is in truth the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing. Grieve not at what the idolaters say. Behold and then recall what they uttered when Muhammad the Messenger of God appeared, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the Interlocutor. Shame upon a world that hath gone astray and led the servants astray. We testify that by its tyranny the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have lamented, as have the inhabitants of the pavilions of Glory and Grandeur, and the people of the tabernacle of [Infallibility] in a noble station.

The Glory be upon you and upon your children and your families from the presence of One Mighty, Beauteous. God hath forgiven you and your fathers and your mothers as a favor from Him. Be grateful therefore and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that are nigh!”

End.

Glory be to God! One deed was performed, and as it was for God’s sake, its fragrance encompassed the world. For at this moment, which is eight o’clock on Monday the twenty-second of Muharram, the Ancient Beauty hath, with utmost grace, mentioned all collectively and then individually, and adorned all with the robe of forgiveness. Exalted, exalted be this most great favor, and exalted be this mighty generosity! O beloved of my heart! In truth the favor is of such magnitude that all tongues are powerless and fall short of its mention. To this testifieth every atom, every thing, every sign, and every fair-minded and perceiving one.

In the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence was mentioned Aqa Mirza Muhammad Darbaghi, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, and this is what was revealed in response from the Lord of the Final End—exalted be His greatness:

In His Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad! Ismi Mihdi in his letter sent to this Servant mentioned thee, and likewise made mention of the friends in that land. God willing, mayest thou ever be blessed with divine favors and remain turned toward the highest horizon, for should man show the slightest negligence, the smoke of the imaginings of the veiled ones will deprive him. Praise be to God that thou didst hear the divine call and didst turn toward His horizon. Preserve this mighty station through the power of the Most Great Name. Mention of smoke hath been revealed in one of the Tablets. God willing, may all be preserved from it. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way, and He is the Speaker, the Helper, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Section 2: "This is the Day which all the Messengers…"

This is the Day which all the Messengers and Books have heralded. Nevertheless, most of the divines of the earth remain veiled and heedless thereof, and have become the cause of the heedlessness of the servants. They are the greatest veil and the thick coverings. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of these heedless ones have not prevented from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. O Muhammad! Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds Who assisted thee in a Cause from which most of them that are on earth are veiled. God willing, mayest thou be aided to achieve the most great steadfastness and that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

And regarding the mention made of Mirza Tahmasb-Quli Beg, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Creator of existence, specifically for him—exalted and mighty be His utterance:

Ardabil, Jinab-i-Tahmasb-Quli Beg, upon him be the Glory of God

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names

The servant in attendance read thy letter before the Wronged One and was favored with His hearing. From its words and phrases wafted the fragrance of love. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of the eternal Beloved's grace and remain focused on the horizon of His Cause. O thou who art enkindled with the fire of separation and hast turned to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment! Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in thy Lord. Verily He is the Companion of the companionless, the Helper of the helpless, the Supporter of whosoever arises to mention and praise Him, the Confirmer of whosoever turns to Him, and the Answerer of whosoever calls upon Him. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto His Face, and the ear that hath been honored by His sweetest call as it was raised between earth and heaven.

We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause, to manifest spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds, and to speak goodly words. By My life, whoso acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained by God is assuredly among those who are nigh unto Him in a perspicuous Book. Praise be to God that on this

blessed day thou hast inhaled the fragrance of His garment and turned toward His straight path. This is a great bounty and a mighty blessing. By the life of God, the precious jewels of earth and the treasures of kings cannot compare with it. Know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous One.

The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath been and will ever be with His loved ones. Verily He is the Near One, the Watchful. O Tahmasb! Give thanks to the Lord of eternity Who hath blessed thee and engaged Himself with thy mention in this Most Great Prison. That which this Wronged One hath ever desired is the salvation of all. God willing, mayest thou speak the praise of the Beloved of all worlds with the utmost joy and delight, and hold fast unto the will of God. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Lord of eternity was in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be among the steadfast ones.

In these days this region is somewhat disturbed; therefore it is not permissible to turn towards this direction. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and to decree for thee the good of this world and the world to come. Verily He is powerful over all things. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of their Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous.

God willing, may they be illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of utterance and meaning that hath shone forth from the Supreme Pen's horizon, and drink from the chalices of success wherein it lieth concealed. Verily He is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was written about the honored Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, that he intendeth to travel to various regions—God willing, may this intention pass from potentiality to actuality. He hath had this intention for some time, but it hath not yet emerged from the realm of the unseen into the world of manifestation. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to quicken the dead with the water of His utterance, and every decomposed bone. It is hoped that the winds of will shall move him. Some time ago a detailed, extensive letter was submitted and sent to his presence. God willing, it hath arrived by now. He wrote a letter to this servant in these days, but since no word of the previous one had arrived, there was a delay in sending a second reply. God willing, may he ever dwell with the utmost joy and delight beneath the shade of the Beloved of the worlds' loving-kindness.

Regarding what thou didst write about Murad Khan, it was presented before the presence of the Ancient Beauty, and this most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him. His exalted Word:

Qaf. His honor Allah-Murad Khan

In His Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

Verily We have heard thy call and thy turning unto Us, and We have remembered thee with that which its fragrance will never pass away, through the everlastingness of God's Most Beautiful Names. Be thou thankful for this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! I testify that Thou hast called all unto God and hast borne in His path that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy

Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Murad! Rejoice in that the Desire of the world hath remembered thee. Nothing that thou witnesseth and beholdeth can equal this, as testified by His Clear Book. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned unto the All-Informed One. How many a learned one hath been hindered, how many a knower hath denied, and how many a servant hath turned and rent the veil through My Most Great Name. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and faithful one who hath turned unto Him.

As commanded, if he is aflame with the fire of love, let it be bestowed. They said: O My Name! Whosoever is mentioned in the Most Holy Court hath attained unto divine favor. This is My practice which hath been established from the beginning of My Revelation, as attested by those in My presence who record that which descendeth from the heaven of My grandeur, and beyond them, verily Thou art the Witness, the All-Seeing. For these are days of grace, therefore it hath been and continues to be bestowed. Otherwise, in truth, were the stations and ranks of the servants to be observed, little worthiness would be found. But God, thy Lord, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what was mentioned about gatherings and meetings of the friends, and likewise their feasts in the path of God, these details were presented before the Countenance. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His utterance: Blessed are they who have found companionship with My Name and have honored His dwelling place. God willing, may that gathering not be scattered by various corrupting winds, and may the dawning-places of vain imaginings not prevent them from the lights of certitude. May their unity increase at all times until all are illumined together by the lights of the Divine Word and become the cause and means of enlightening the world. We mention them all and give them glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them.

Verily, We from this station send Our glorification upon them and give them the glad tidings of God's grace, bounty and mercy. For whatsoever they have done hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. How excellent is this most exalted station! God willing, may they remain firm and steadfast on this path and consult regarding the promotion of God's Cause and its teaching, and act according to what is most beloved and excellent. The world is evanescent and whatsoever is witnessed therein shall return to nothingness—this is a truth to which minds, souls and tongues have borne and continue to bear witness. Therefore must the friends of God, exalted be His glory, turn to that which shall cause the salvation of the servants.

Whatever is manifested today for the love of God—its recompense is preserved and treasured in the divine treasuries. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the friends of God. All the souls in that land who have attained unto the wine of divine knowledge are mentioned in God's presence. Their names, one by one, have descended from the Kingdom of grace, especially those souls who, for the love of God, have performed that which was heard to be accepted from the Tongue of Unity. This evanescent servant

hopes that all may act unitedly and in harmony according to what is befitting this Day—namely, that they may turn their attention to the reformation of souls. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about Mashhadi Ali-Akbar and Aqa Siyyid Isma'il—upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory—being present from the land of K along with several others, and that Mashhadi Ali-Akbar and Jinab-i-Sabbagh specifically requested that mention of them be made before the Most Holy Court—all these matters were laid before the Divine Throne. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur:

> "O My Name! We have turned toward them from this Most Exalted Station and have remembered them in such wise that were it to be cast upon the solid rock, the water of life would flow therefrom. Give them glad tidings from Me and remind them of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. We counsel them to show forth supreme steadfastness in this Cause, such that no idle fancies shall hold them back from the Lord of all beings. Blessed be their faces, their ears, their eyes and their hands—they who have witnessed, heard, turned toward and taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Ask God, thy Lord, to protect them and to send down for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have arisen to serve God, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve that which leads to remembrance, awakening and salvation. Indeed, wonder upon wonder it is, for the Divine Call hath left its mark upon the solid rock, yet no trace thereof appeareth in the hearts of the heedless. The Command is in His hands; He doeth and decreeth as He willeth and as He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about the arrival of the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli—upon him be the glory of God and His favors—mention of him was the cause of boundless joy, for according to reports he returned from the mouth of the serpent and, praise be to God, remained protected. Detailed accounts of his experiences have arrived from every quarter, and you too have written that all people have testified and continue to testify to the impotence of their divines and the shortcomings of their leaders. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with these glorious veils and mighty barriers, heedless of and veiled from the light of the Divine Dayspring.

The mention of Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has been repeatedly presented at the Most Holy Court. At each time He made mention of him in such ways that this servant is powerless to recount. This time these supreme words were revealed from the Dayspring of Names, exalted be His glory and might:

> "Verily the Wronged One grieved at his grief and mentioned what befell him in His path. Through him God perfected His proof against those who wronged him. Soon will He seize them through His power and exalt his mention throughout the world. He is verily the Mighty, the Triumphant, and the Dominant over all who are in the heavens and earths. We have sent down

> what befell him and adorned it with the ornament of My favor, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty. We send greetings and glorification unto him and We shall send him a tablet hereafter, when God willeth and desireth. He is verily the Just, the Wise. The Glory be upon him and upon those with him, and woe unto those who wronged him without any proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Praise be to God that through him the mention of God was raised in those regions, and each of the loved ones has written and sent accounts of the events that transpired. His is the pearl, his the deed, the mention and the praise, and what befell him. This lowly one was blessed to receive his letter some time ago and it was presented at the Most Holy Court. Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for the people of Mim, however due to the upheavals in this land and its surroundings they were not sent. God willing, they shall be sent in these days.

And regarding the mention of Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, and likewise the mention of Aqa Abdul-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God, which you had written at the end of your letter—these were presented before the presence of the Lord of Manifestation. This is what God revealed in response, blessed and exalted be He:

"O Javad! Give thanks unto God for having attained, visited, reached, witnessed and arisen to serve the Cause when the people were in evident fear. There hath appeared from thee in steadfastness a station which We have mentioned in the Crimson Scroll by My Most Exalted Pen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to confirm thee in this. He is verily the Powerful, the Witness, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee time and again in this Book. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. Be as thou wert before, firm and steadfast in such wise that the whispers of the heedless affect thee not. We have aided thee in My remembrance and service to My Cause. Know thou the station of this exalted station. Hold fast unto it in all conditions, detached from the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity command thee. He is verily the Ordainer, the Wise.

Section 3: "And We make mention of Abdul-Baqi who emigrated…"

> "And We make mention of Abdul-Baqi who emigrated and attained the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. Remember when thou wert in the presence and didst hear the call of the Wronged One while imprisoned in this mighty fortress. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of their Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Great."

O My Name Mihdi! We have adorned the friends of God with the ornament of remembrance, and at the time of revelation all were present before Us, and We bear witness and make mention that, by My life, this is a great station. And those loved ones who were absent from that land were also blessed with mention from the Supreme Pen, and the servant present attained visitation on your behalf and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed art thou! The glory and praise be upon thee from Us and upon those who have cast aside what is with the people in hope of that which is with God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

God, exalted be His glory, made mention of that from which the fragrance of countless favors wafted. It is hoped that this letter, unlike previous submissions, will arrive quickly. Thus far, all of your letters that

have been received have been answered. At this moment, when the utterance reached this point, the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—honored us with His presence and entrusted a sealed envelope to this evanescent one. Now I intend to open it and partake of the pearls of utterance concealed therein. Glory be to God! What a wonderful coincidence—before one feast was cleared away, another blessing descended. Blessed are we through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might!

God willing, may this heavenly feast continue to rain down from the heaven of that Beloved One's love. Your letter dated the fourteenth of Dhu'l-Hijjah, numbered eight, shone forth like the light of nearness and reunion. Praise be to God! After offering thanks and praise, reading and reviewing it, I turned toward the Court of the Lord of creation and presented all before the Holy Presence. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. His words, exalted be His glory, are these:

Praise be to God! The signs of joy and gladness are evident and manifest from the cities and villages through which they have passed. Deeds done for God have a mighty effect; if their manifestation is delayed, it is due to wisdom. In any case, their effect will surely appear from God. God willing, you will strive with the utmost effort to promote unity and concord in the land of Ta and other lands, that perchance the horizons of the world may be illumined with that which God desires. Convey My greetings to Ali-Akbar and Ibn-i-Abhar and the other friends on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, all are blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory.

God willing, may they be assisted to serve the Cause in such wise that no affair may prevent them from the straight path. Say: O friends of the Truth! Preserve your efforts and hold fast to that which promotes the Cause of God. If for a few days you forsake your desires in the path of the True Friend and cleave to that which is beloved in God's sight, there is no harm in this. Indeed, this matter appears very easy in the path of the Peerless Friend. God willing, may you be mentioned in the Book of God as helper and supporter. Verily, He is with you and commands you to that which profits you. The glory be upon you and upon them.

This evanescent servant had written replies to the letters of the friends, upon them be the glory of God, but was not able to send them. God willing, they will be sent these days, and he offers greetings to each one. To Zein in the land of B.R., after offering greetings, I submit that he has always been and continues to be in our thoughts. The servant, God willing, is adorned with the seal of faithfulness. During his presence he was not forgotten, and God willing, will not be forgotten.

Concerning the arrival of Khan and Shaykh Abul-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise the arrival of the honored lady Aziyyih Khanum, praise be to God they have reached their homeland safely. All are remembered in the Most Holy Presence and are recipients of His favor. Khan and Shaykh, upon them be the Glory of God, have truly endured hardships. Their reward rests with and is preserved with God. If you meet them, convey greetings on behalf of this servant. Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, endured much hardship in tending the garden. Whenever this servant visits the small plot, he is reminded of him. It is hoped that the Hand of pre-existing Grace and Mercy will gather all beneath the shade of the Tree. The honored lady Aziyyih Khanum is remembered. This servant beseeches and implores God to assist that honored lady in that which is pleasing to the Friend. Praise be to God, she has attained the

blessing of reunion and has drunk from the Kawthar of nearness. This station is most exalted. God willing, may she remain preserved through the Name of Truth.

Concerning Haji Muhajir, the honored Nabil the traveler, upon him be the Glory of God, and the other friends and sons of Khalil and heirs of Kalim in the land of Ha and Mim, upon them be the Glory of God—all that you mentioned was presented before His Presence, and all were blessed with the effulgent lights of the Sun of God's favor, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they act according to what He loves and is pleased with. The mention of the sons of Khalil, upon them be the Glory of God, caused the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, to smile. He said:

> "Blessed is he who was taken in the way of My Cause, and he who spoke the truth in the gathering to exalt My Cause, and those who attained the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty and aided the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

God willing, may they be illumined with the lights of steadfastness and speak in remembrance of Truth. The friends of that land, from before and after, have been and are recipients of divine favors. God willing, may they hold fast to wisdom and gaze toward the horizon of grace.

As for the mention of the honored photographer, it was most appropriate. All that his honor has accomplished in this journey has been accepted. In these days this servant is writing something to the land of Ra. Although after his honor's signature there was and is no need for this servant's receipt, nevertheless, in accordance with that beloved one's request, the receipt is being sent to the honored Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor.

At the end of your letter was the writing of the honored, cherished, and kind friend Samandar, the steed of the arena of utterance, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. Complete joy and boundless delight were attained. Praise be to God, they are steadfast in serving the Cause and speaking in remembrance of Truth. Night and day they are occupied with mention and utterance in the Cause of the Desired One of all worlds. Of this there is no doubt or uncertainty. Upon him be God's peace, His glory, His favor, and His grace.

And concerning the mention of the honored Nabil Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful—it increased the light of vision and bestowed fresh vitality to the realm of the heart. God willing, may he remain confirmed, successful, safe and preserved, dwelling and resting in peace beneath the shadow of the favor of the Desired One of the world. Letters constantly arrive from the land of Kha. They have written the latest news, namely the passing of the mentioned person and the acceptance of some. According to what was mentioned, the condition of all is good. God willing, may they increase each day in love, acceptance, humility and submissiveness.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, one of the Sadat of Khums, upon them be the Glory of God—mention of them was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and they attained the favors of God, exalted be His glory. They were mentioned before as well, and the passage they requested will be sent, God willing.

As for the mention made of my master Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad Darbaghi, upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God, they are aflame with the fire of divine love, a flame to which God, exalted be His glory, Himself bears witness. By His very truth, this suffices him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They sent a letter to this servant which spoke of overwhelming longing, rapturous love, attention, devotion and detachment. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in all conditions. Verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Concerning the mention made of Jinab-i-Aqa Ali-Askar and Aqa Shir-ʿAli, upon them be the Glory of God, who came solely to meet His Holiness—this was presented and He said their deed is accepted before God. Blessed are they both. They have attained to attention and devotion. We have mentioned them before and after with decisive verses, and We have revealed therein what they did in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to them and give them glad tidings of God's favor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech God to confirm them in that which will cause their mention and their deeds in His path to endure. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers.

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Mulla Ali and Haji Baba and Aqa Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God. After being presented in the Most Holy Presence, they were honored with these exalted words—He says, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Ali! God willing, thou shalt hold fast to the cord of the Cause, detached from the world. Today whosoever attains to the Most Great Remembrance and drinks from the Kawthar of divine knowledge is reckoned among the people of Baha. Ages and centuries will not erase his mention. Know thou this and be of those who are steadfast. Then know the station of those with thee. Look not at that which is unseemly. Behold the horizon of My love and that which We have adorned with the ornament of Our favor. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having attained the mention of the Wronged One, Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of life and the Point of Adoration of names and attributes. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous."

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Haji Baba and Aqa Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God:

> "O My Name! We make mention of him who hath turned to My horizon, heard My call and stood before My gate. We give him glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We beseech Him to confirm him in all conditions and draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. And We make mention of Qasim who hath turned towards the Countenance. We mentioned him before as a bounty from Us. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We send Our greetings from this station upon him and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords, at Whose appearance the limbs of names trembled, save whom God willed, the Supreme, the All-Compelling."

Praise be to God, all have attained to the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of favor. No name remaineth but it hath been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen, and no deed but its reward hath been written in the Book of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all

who are in the heavens and earths. Repeatedly this evanescent one hath conveyed and continues to convey greetings and salutations to the friends.

The supplication of this evanescent one in the presence of that true spiritual beloved is that should you turn towards the Land of Sad and inhale its air which is mingled with the love of the Beloved of the worlds, you should, on behalf of this mere nothingness, visit the Twin Luminous Lights, upon them be the glory of God and the ocean of His bounty and the lights of His countenance. This is the ultimate desire. Verily your reward and recompense rest with God, our Lord and your Lord. At this time, after turning to the ultimate goal and attaining the presence before the Throne, He said: Write in My name to Mihdi and convey My greetings to the people of Sad, both the immigrants and the residents.

Gladden the household with divine favors. Give glad tidings of God's grace and favor, exalted be His glory, to those related to the Twin Lights. The sister of the King of Martyrs, upon her be the glory of God, has thus far sent several petitions. Should you meet Sadiq, upon him be my glory, convey greetings to him from God. Say: Behold and then remember when God elevated the station of the Twin Lights in this world and the next. Be steadfast in this and keep your gaze fixed upon His horizon, and remain firm in service to His Cause. Verily He will be with you and will aid you in all conditions. He is indeed the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. If the sister has any rights, they should be fulfilled.

O Sadiq, upon you be My glory! Hold fast to that which today is the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Verily He ordains for you that whereby your station will be elevated among the people. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Be vigilant in all aspects regarding the family of the King of Martyrs and conduct yourself with the utmost joy and fragrance in their presence. All should be pleased with you. Verily your Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and the Compassionate, the Generous. He commands you to that which benefits you in the next world and in this. He is indeed the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

Convey greetings to Asad, upon him be My glory. God willing, may he remain firm in service to the Cause and be engaged in settling the affairs of the loved ones of God. End.

It is evident that this evanescent one also expects that you will, on his behalf, convey greetings and glory to the household, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God.

May the glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your words, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

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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 to the Sovereign of existence and the King of the seen and unseen, Who hath caused the pearls of divine knowledge to emerge from the shell of the ocean of utterance through His conquering might and penetrating Word, in such wise that every possessor of insight hath recognized Him and turned unto

Him. Even children, by virtue of their attachment to it, have surpassed the learned men and nobles of the age in the degrees of remembrance and investigation. One drop from the Euphrates of His mercy hath intoxicated the world of acceptance and guided it to the pavilion of His presence, and one melody from the birds of His most exalted Paradise hath attracted the world of hearing and honored it with attainment unto the sanctuary of His holy presence.

Should all the tongues of the world engage in mentioning but one letter of the letters that compose a name among the names of the souls that have turned unto Him, they would, throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, surely find themselves powerless to render due praise and befitting tribute. This is a station of such loftiness and sublimity as hath been ordained in the ranks of creation—how much less then can any render due praise and description of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Were it not for His leave, His grace and His bounty, who would be capable of mentioning Him, describing Him or praising Him? I seek forgiveness from God, the Almighty, for every mention and praise that beseemeth not His station and befitteth not His rank.

At all times doth this evanescent servant beseech the exalted Truth to illumine the eyes of the world with a light from the lights of His knowledge and to cause the ears of the peoples of the earth to be blessed with hearkening unto His call, that they may not be deprived of His favors nor be forbidden the outpourings of His days. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And further: thy letter dated the fourth of Dhi'l-Qa'dah did spread the carpet of joy and increased the station of love. After perusing and reading the words which truly diffused the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds, it ascended to the most exalted summit and its contents were presented before the presence of the Lord of Revelation. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted and glorified be His utterance:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! We bear witness that thou hast turned unto My horizon and hast attained unto that which most of My creatures who awaited My days, My revelation, My presence, My speech and My utterance were deprived of. Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most people remain heedless. Night and day they are occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all mankind, turning toward temples, mosques, sanctuaries and cloisters, yet remaining heedless and veiled from their Founder and Ordainer. Observe the ignorant divines who, while uttering "There is no God but God" with their lips, have in reality unsheathed the sword against the Truth. They have named delusion knowledge and taken vain desire for their god. They have lost the path yet consider themselves its guides.

They turn toward idols yet count themselves as walking toward God. By reason of the oppression of these heedless and false souls, the lamentation of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the cry of the inhabitants of the most sublime Heaven have been raised. They have demolished the very foundation of God's Law, yet consider themselves its builders, and a company of the manifestations of fancy and imagination have followed them. By Him Who converseth from the most exalted Tree upon the summit! Were they to become aware of their deeds even to the extent of a needle's eye, and cognizant of what hath been ordained for them, they would perish from fear.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends in that land. From time immemorial each one hath been blessed with divine verses. In the nights and days, mornings and evenings, the Supreme Pen is in motion. God willing, may they ever regard this supreme bounty as great and act as befitteth the Days of God. Sweet fragrances waft from that direction. God willing, may they ever attain unto this station and daily increase their degrees of love, unity and concord. He who journeyed to Mim is indeed mentioned before Our face, inscribed in the Book, and standing before the Gate. O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory, My mercy, My providence and My grace which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

For some time now until the present, as far as can be recalled, mention of you hath been made three times in the Most Holy Court and divine verses were revealed. Blessed are your ears for having heard and your tongues for having uttered the praise of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Regarding what was written about his honor the beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious—truly he hath arisen to serve and hath borne numerous afflictions in the Cause of God. God, exalted be His glory, Himself beareth witness to this. God willing, in these days sublime and wondrous Tablets specifically for the people of Mim will be sent. For some time blessed Tablets have been revealed but, due to wisdom, were not dispatched. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him to make mention of Him, to praise Him, and to promote His mighty, most great, and glorious Cause.

What ye mentioned is not the first hardship that hath befallen His loved ones in the path of God. Now consider the conduct of the government officials and the ignorant divines who consider themselves the guardians of the Faith and who, without any right, sit upon the seat of judgment. This action of the government toward this Wronged One is better than the good deeds of that ignorant scholar who hath judged contrary to that which God hath willed. We beseech God not to deprive the aforementioned governor of the ocean of His bounty and to grant him the recompense of his deed. Blessed is the just ruler, and shame upon that wretched, disobedient, tyrannical one who attributeth himself to the glorious Law without any proof from God, the Lord of all names.

And concerning what was written about the honored Afnan—upon them be the most glorious of all glory—having hosted a feast, after it was mentioned in the Most Holy Court the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word: Verily it was mentioned before Our face. We have veiled its mention lest every corrupt deceiver become aware of it. There is recorded for him from the Supreme Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Blessed is the deed that appeared in the path of God and blessed is the doer from whom this mighty good appeared. Blessed are those who attended it and blessed is he who honored their arrival. The glances of providence have been directed toward him from this station and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

All the treasures of the world cannot compare with what hath been revealed concerning you. This is from God’s grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth.

And regarding the mention you made of him who beareth the name of the Desired One, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. These verses were specifically revealed for him from the heaven of mercy. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Speaker, the All-Seeing

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto what We recount unto thee. The idolaters expelled Us from the Land of Mystery and caused Us to enter this Prison with manifest tyranny. We entered and summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The Sun of the Cause hath shone forth from this supreme horizon by the command of God, the Lord of all beings. Among the people are those who saw and denied, those who witnessed and hastened, those who hesitated, and those who disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great. We arose and called out to the servants with the most exalted call in such wise that neither the thundering of the enemies' cannons nor the clashing of the swords of the idolaters deterred Us.

They reached such heights of oppression that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise lamented, and to this testifieth He Who speaketh at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Wronged One hath witnessed in the path of God that which no eye hath seen. By the life of God! The Pen hath lamented within itself and the Tablet hath wept as weep those who are bereaved. Thus was the matter decreed when the Wronged One was in the hands of His enemies for numbered years. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informing, the True, the Faithful. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Cause and give thee the glad-tidings of God's tender mercy, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We would love to see every soul that hath turned towards My horizon, but the heedless have come between Us and them. Therefore, beseech God to decree for thee the reward of attainment unto His presence. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This year, in addition to the prevention of the preventers and the heedlessness of the heedless, there have been upheavals in the land of Egypt and its surroundings, therefore attention to outward journeying is unwise. We beseech and hope from the Exalted Truth that He may bestow its reward. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding thy mention of Master Ibrahim who is engaged in carpentry work for the House—this was presented before His face and these manifest verses were specially revealed for him from the Will of the All-Merciful. His mighty and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Remembering and the Remembered

Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to recognize the Truth, exalted be His glory, and on the Day of Resurrection thou hast turned toward the Dayspring of the Light of divine Manifestation. He made thee aware of a Cause of which most of the divines and mystics of the earth remain deprived, and likewise confirmed thee in the service of the House. It behooveth thee to thank God for this great bounty. How many souls have built mosques and edifices and the like in His name, yet remained deprived of His recognition on the day of His Manifestation, while thou hast attained unto His recognition in His days and art engaged in serving the place that beareth His name. Were the means available, We would have commanded that thou serve a sea of sherbet to the friends of God. Verily, He ordaineth as He pleaseth and forgiveth whom He willeth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Be thou engaged in the remembrance

of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and delight. Verily, He will assist thee in all the worlds of His worlds.

All thy relatives and the friends in that land are remembered before Him, exalted be His glory. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to take away from us and all the friends this enduring blessing and not to withdraw this all-encompassing mercy, and to adorn the temples of His chosen ones with the ornament of acceptance. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the Powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Some time ago a letter was received from you mentioning Ibn-i-Shahid, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. His petitions were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and this response has dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of all Return. His words, exalted be He, are: The favor of the Truth has been and continues to be with him. He has ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! We have heard the call of the son of him who was martyred in My path. Give him the glad tidings from the Wronged One that We mentioned him before and sent him a Tablet that brings joy to the eyes of those near to God.

Regarding what was written about the House, We accepted it before for the mention of God, His praise, and the recitation of His verses. He is the Commander, the All-Wise. However, in all circumstances wisdom and the glory of the Cause must be observed. If the gathering of the loved ones of God in a place becomes continuous, it may cause commotion. Therefore, wisdom and the requirements of the time must be considered. Soon, that which today has attained to the name of Truth will have its mention spread abroad and will appear in its utmost glory. Verily, He has power over all things. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earths.

Section 2: “At this time they have also sent…”

At this time they have also sent a letter to this servant. God willing, I hope to be enabled in these few days to present a reply. Convey my greetings and glorification to the friends in the land of M-Sh. Although within the limits of strength, opportunity and time there has been no delay or neglect in presenting replies, nevertheless I confess to my shortcomings and seek forgiveness. In these days letters have arrived from them. I beseech God for assistance in replying. Verily He is the Powerful, the Helper, the Wise.

Your other letter dated the 9th of Dhi’l-Hijjih al-Haram arrived. Consider what the Jewish clergy, Christian clergy, and the clergy of the idolaters did and said when its ordinance was revealed from the heaven of divine favor. With all their power, might and utmost hatred and malice they arose to extinguish the Muhammadan Light (peace be upon him and his family) and mocked his fasting, prayer, pilgrimage and deeds. But God made His Cause victorious though the ungodly detested it. How many centuries and ages have passed since the revelation in the Qur’an of “Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind.” Every year hundreds of thousands of souls, without regard for afflictions and grave diseases like cholera and the like, turn to that Most Holy Place and act upon what they were commanded. The deniers and rejecters, through what they do and say, establish for themselves a designated place in the

fire of divine wrath. If they were to become slightly aware, they would destroy themselves with their own hands. In any case, after examining its contents, it was taken and presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, His word, exalted be His majesty:

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim, upon him be My glory! Since the date of thy letter was adorned with the number of the Greatest Name (9), the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Prison. And since it occurred in Dhi'l-Hajjih, the reward of pilgrimage hath been ordained and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen for thee. Therefore rejoice and be thou of the thankful ones. How many souls who, with utmost difficulty, journeyed from distant lands, yet their deeds were not accepted; while thou, in thine abode, through God's grace, exalted be His glory, attained and achieved this station. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One.

For each of the souls mentioned in thy letter which was adorned with the number 9, the reward of pilgrimage hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of generosity is shining. Let them ponder upon the station and rank of the divine days mentioned in previous Books, that the greatness of this Revelation might become evident. Through one letter from thee bearing the date corresponding to the Greatest Name, and likewise through the mention of pilgrimage recorded aforetime in God's Book, several souls attained unto a pilgrimage which is adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance. God is Most Great! This bounty surpasseth what the tongue can mention, what the pen can record, or what the imagination can grasp. Exalted, exalted is His bounty! Exalted, exalted is His generosity! Exalted, exalted is His grace and favor! True felicity hath been and ever shall be from God, exalted be His glory.

The Afnan, upon them be all the most glorious splendor, and his honor Sh. and the others mentioned, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], have all attained unto this great bounty and mighty favor. His is the grace under all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. The details about his honor Mirza H.Y., upon him be all the most glorious splendor, have been written from various quarters and submitted to the Most Holy Court.

At this point, there was revealed from the heaven of will unto the beloved of the heart, ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of power, that which will surely be mentioned to thee. Under all conditions We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist his honor the Mirza. Verily He hath power over all things. Regarding what thou didst write about his honor the secretary, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise concerning the sending of books—this matter was presented before the Divine Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His utterance:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath spoken the truth and turned towards God's direction when the call was raised between earth and heaven, that he might rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One speaketh on this Day whereon the seal of the choice Wine hath been broken through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and the Dove of Love hath warbled upon the branches: Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise. This is a Day wherein all things have been attracted by this Name, which, when it

appeared in the world, caused the limbs of the nations to quake, the pillars of the learned to tremble, and the divines to swoon away, save those whom God did wish, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned towards My horizon and uttered My beautiful remembrance. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed on Sinai and the Manifestation of Thy Revelation, Who speaks and calls aloud in the Most Great Prison, to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, gazing upon Thy countenance, directing myself toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings in Thy days and have turned with illumined hearts to the horizon of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all created things, both seen and unseen, to forgive those who have turned toward Thee and have sought Thy grace and bounty. Aid them through Thy strength and preserve them from the ignorant among the divines who have cast Thy Book behind their backs and have violated Thy Covenant and Testament, and who have arisen to extinguish Thy light. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds Who hath given unto those who have turned unto Him the cup of immortality and bestowed upon them eternal life. That which is revealed today from the Source of the Command and the Dayspring of grace shall endure as long as His earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure. His is the praise and glory under all conditions. God willing, this servant and His loved ones shall be enabled to serve this mighty Cause and conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom, for the satans lie in wait. Whatsoever is revealed from the Source of the Command must be carefully concealed lest any harm rebound upon the Divine Lote-Tree. Wisdom is greatly beloved, and in this most great Revelation, victory is dependent upon it. For should the opposers discover that the way is open and that divine ordinances are outwardly reaching His loved ones, they would assuredly arise to prevent it and might cause the flow of grace to be cut off. Whatever is mentioned is for the sake of the loved ones. Your honor should be vigilant in these matters lest that which would sadden the hearts of those who have turned to Him should come to pass.

And concerning what was mentioned about Haji ʻAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, after the presentation of these decisive words, this was revealed concerning him—His word, exalted and mighty is He: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed, the Near One.

O Abdu'l-Husayn! Praise be to the Ancient Lord who confirmed thee in a matter whereof most of the peoples of the earth are deprived. Reflect upon those ignorant souls who are known for their learning. Vain imaginings have deceived them to such extent that they have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. In mosques and gatherings they mention and glorify the name of God, yet remain heedless of Him. God is quit of them and their like. Whenever the Sun of loving-kindness shed its radiance, such souls

became as clouds of darkness, depriving the people from the ocean of inner meanings, save those souls who burned away the veils of idle fancy with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and turned toward the horizon of their Peerless Beloved's good-pleasure. The chains of tyranny prevented them not from the Truth, nor did the fetters of oppression deprive them of His favors. They held fast to the cord of His bounty and clung to the hem of His generosity. These are they whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the past and future.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God and say: Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the veils of the world or the ignorant ones among the peoples who adorn their heads with turbans while denying Him Whom they invoke by night and day, prevent Him. However, God hath removed glory from such people. Soon shall they find themselves in evident loss. All their deeds have been exposed and they shall find no escape this Day. Blessed art thou and blessed are My loved ones in those regions who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Under all conditions, fix thy gaze upon wisdom, for in most of the Tablets this commandment hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Hold thou fast unto it and be of them that are steadfast. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have attained unto this Wise Remembrance.

In conclusion, this lowly one conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one and beseecheth confirmation from God, exalted be His Glory. Verily, He hath power over all things. Great effort must be exerted to preserve the Cause and conceal that which hath been revealed, for the evil ones lie in wait to seize that which may harm the Seat of the Cause. Although its protection and dominion have been and are in the hand of power, yet these servants must submit with the utmost joy and radiance to whatsoever shineth forth from the Dayspring of His Cause and act accordingly. Command and judgment are in the hands of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, and the Lord of the mighty throne.

The sending of books to the Most Holy Court was acceptable. Praise be to God that your honor was successful in this endeavor. However, emphasis on their preservation is necessary, nay obligatory, lest the divine Books should fall once again, or time and again, into the hands of the idolaters.

A few days ago his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, sent a letter to this lowly one mentioning a number of the friends of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, unique and glorious tablets were revealed specifically for each one, and specifically for that honored one and his honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, two most exalted tablets were revealed. God willing, may they drink from its life-giving waters and become illumined by the lights of its Sun of utterance. They have attained to that which was intended. Praise and favor be unto Him in all conditions. In those regions they must observe wisdom with great care. This is what We have been commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Convey greetings to all the friends of that land, young and old, male and female.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the grace of our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast, firm, assured and upright one. And praise be to God, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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BH09166: He is the Hearing, the Answering One! O Mihdi!…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One! O Mihdi! Upon thee be My Glory! The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon and thy orientation toward the Countenance after the passing away of all things. We heard the yearning of thy heart and the sighs of thy inner being for that which escaped thee in the days of God, the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Master of the last and the first. We have answered thee with this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, and hold fast unto wisdom and utterance and the teaching of His Cause, which is among the greatest of all deeds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, holding fast unto that which is with God, the Lord of Lords.

BH01253: After completing the response to your numerous letters, two…

He is God, exalted is He!

After completing the response to your numerous letters, two more communications dated the 29th of Sha'ban and 5th of Shawwal arrived, causing joy and gladness. Praise be to God that the fragrance of sincerity emanated from them. However, the response to the earlier letters was written five months ago, but its dispatch was delayed due to the turmoil in surrounding areas. Now that these two letters have arrived, the previous response has been connected and sent.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim of Manshad (upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory), and likewise your mention of the afflictions that befell him, all was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in response, blessed and exalted be His words:

That which befell the loved ones of Manshad is what befell the friends of God, exalted be His glory, in the first and last generations. There hath come upon them that which caused the Concourse on High to lament. Blessed are they! The Supreme Pen hath testified in their favor that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Thus hath the decree been ordained from God, the Lord of the worlds. There hath befallen Us in the Land of Ta and other lands that which is greater than what hath befallen them in this straight Path. We give thanks unto God in all conditions. Soon shall all that is in the world perish, and the sincere ones shall behold what hath been ordained for them in the highest Paradise as a recompense for what they have wrought in this Momentous Announcement.

Sufficient unto them is the testimony of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, would that they knew. They should rejoice in what hath been sent down unto them from the Supreme Pen. Happy are they, and joy be unto them, for having drunk the cup of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names,

Who hath come with a perspicuous Book and hath adorned each one of them with the ornament of forgiveness. And by virtue of what hath befallen them, God hath forgiven their fathers and mothers. This is yet another bounty from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Generous. O My loved ones! Grieve not over anything. By My life! There hath been ordained for you that which shall bring joy to every discerning one who hath knowledge. The glory be upon you, and upon those who are with you, and upon your children and your families who have attained unto the recognition of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The mention of the divine friends from among the people of Manshad hath been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will in numerous places. They have attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven shall last. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they.

Regarding your mention of the vision of Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim (upon him be the Glory of God), it was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the All-Knowing: The world of dreams has been and continues to be one of the realms of existence. Its details and mention have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in numerous Tablets. However, this dream and others like it that may cause harm and commotion in their expression and execution—acting upon them is not permitted, and indeed even their expression is not permitted. O Ibrahim! Today fix thy gaze upon the horizon of wisdom. Whatever is contrary [to divine law], acting upon it is forbidden.

This is what the All-Wise hath decreed in His perspicuous Book. Dreams do not compare or equate with God's explicit ordinances. Set aside the dream and take what the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book. We have commanded wisdom for all in the Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets, and have forbidden that which is contrary. Take what ye have been commanded and set aside what ye have been forbidden by the One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Praise the Intended One of the world that thou hast been blessed by His mention and confirmed in His knowledge. Strive that thou mayest be distinguished among humanity by spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. This is the counsel of the All-Knowing Counsellor unto thee and all the servants. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

As to thy request for forgiveness for thy departed father and others, it hath been granted. God hath forgiven them as a mercy and favor from His presence. He is verily the Forgiver, the Bountiful, the Generous. Regarding what thou didst write about blessing and abundance, be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance. The promise of blessing hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. God willing, it shall encompass all the friends. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Munificent, the Giver, the Compassionate. The names of all those mentioned in thy letter were presented at the Most Holy Court and were adorned with the ornament of Divine mention. God willing, may all speak and act as befitting and hold fast unto that which they ought.

The relatives of the departed Aqa Siyyid Ja'far, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, are remembered at the Divine Threshold. This is glad tidings from the servant unto them. I convey greetings and salutations to all. The glory that shineth and gleameth be upon thee and upon every steadfast and unwavering knight whom God hath described aforetime: "No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve." And praise be to God, the Possessor of all that was and that shall be. The servant. The first of Safar [1300].

BH08994: A Book sent down by the Creator…

…A Book sent down by the Creator of the heavens, wherein He guides His servants to His straight path. The hidden has been revealed and the treasured has appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. They cling to their own selves, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Great. They have cast guidance behind their backs and followed their desires—they are indeed among the lowly ones.

O Ibrahim! Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and hast attained unto this wondrous Book. Grieve not over the affairs of men. Hold fast unto that which will exalt this Great Announcement. We make mention of the loved ones of God who have clung to the hem of their Lord's gracious robe. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"…

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BH11695: Glorified be He Who hath revealed unto us…

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

Glorified be He Who hath revealed unto us that which was inscribed in His Book and concealed within His knowledge; Who hath honored us with His presence and made known unto us the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Dawning-Place of His verses; Who hath guided us unto His Path and given us to drink of the choice wine of His utterance; Who hath caused us to behold His horizon and to hearken unto His Call—whilst ears were even as red sulphur in their deafness, and eyes were blind, and souls were inebriated, nay, struck down in their heedlessness. And glorified be He Who hath manifested that which lay hidden in the eternity of eternities, and hath sent down that before which the mountains have trembled. Verily, He it is Whom the marshalled hosts of the world have not deterred, nor the batteries of the nations withstood. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth, and He is the Omnipotent, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

And may the Peace that shineth forth from the City of Peace, and the Light that dawneth from the horizon of the providence of our Lord, the Sovereign of all mankind, rest upon those who have heard the Call and turned their faces unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and have wrought that which was enjoined upon them in the Scriptures and the Tablets. These are the lamps of guidance amidst all created things. Upon them do the Concourse on high and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names invoke blessings at eventide and at dawn—nay, at all times.

Furthermore: this servant hath received that which was revealed from the interpreter of thy heart, and hath detected therefrom the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy submission and thy humility before God—our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. When I received and recognized this, I soared upon the wings of longing until I attained the presence of the Countenance of the Lord of the Day of Severance, and presented that which was set forth in thy letter. When the reading thereof was completed, the Countenance of the Ancient of Days turned

toward me, and He spoke that which caused the Most Mighty Ocean to surge. He said—and His Word is the sweetest of all:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Trustworthy

O servant of God! Rejoice in that the face of the Wronged One hath turned towards thee from this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the Lord of eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Hearing, the One Who answereth prayer. We have detected from thee the fragrance of My love, and We have turned unto thee from this remote spot and revealed unto thee that from which thou canst inhale the sweet-scented perfume of My luminous robe. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain desire and laid hold on righteousness. He is of the people of My crimson Ark, the mention of which was revealed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma, and which was announced by My Herald Who sacrificed His life for My sake, and proclaimed unto the people My manifestation, My advent, My dawning, My arising, and My Cause, firm and mighty. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of the Wronged One and the eye that hath beheld that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O servant of God! The servant who was present brought thy letter and presented it before My face while the Wronged One was walking in this exalted spot. We heard it and have answered thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. We send greetings from this spot unto thee and unto My loved ones who have cast away what the people possess, yearning for that which is with their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. We counsel them to fear God and to do that which exalteth His great Cause.

Say: O people of Baha, should anyone come unto you with the tablets of fire and the book of the wicked, cast them behind you and hold fast unto the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice, O My loved ones! By God, through you the clouds pour down their bounty and the earth yieldeth its blessings and favors. Thus doth the clear Book that is with Him give you glad-tidings. Beware lest the conditions of men debar you from the Lord of creation, or the might of those in the land who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every wicked transgressor cause you to fear. Hold fast unto goodly conduct in all conditions and cleave unto the hem of wisdom—a command from the One Who is All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon you be praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. These are God's hosts on earth, as attesteth every discerning and insightful one. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! Blessed be your faces and your ears. Ye have attained unto that which was the purpose in God's Books of the past and of the future. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

Praise be to God! The waves of the ocean of divine bounty have encompassed the friends. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that all the world cannot equal a single verse thereof. Today, all who dwell on earth are heedless and know not the fruits, mysteries and traces of the mention of God, exalted be His glory. For were the fruits of but one letter thereof to be cast upon those on earth, by God Himself the Truth, all would turn, detached from all else, to the most exalted horizon. O friend! The intoxication of heedlessness has seized all and deprived them of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, save whom thy Lord willeth. How blessed is the one whose mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court. The Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that all existence is for the

purpose that one might be mentioned but once in His presence. Likewise, in exalting the Divine Word, these sublime utterances have issued forth from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's expression—His word, exalted be His remembrance:

> "If one were to transcribe a single verse thereof, it would be better than transcribing the entire Bayan and all books written therein, for all shall pass away while that shall endure."

Were one to reflect upon this utterance, the condition of those who have turned away from among the people of the Bayan and others, as well as the loftiness and sublimity of this Most Great Cause, would become evident and manifest. Blessed are the fair-minded! Blessed are they who know! Blessed is every learned one who hath attained unto this most exalted station and been adorned with the ornament of this Most Great Announcement!

I convey greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land and say: Today is the day of mention and praise, and the day of deeds for God's sake. May you be assisted, God willing, in that which endureth and lasteth forever. Although through divine grace you have been enabled to make mention of God—exalted be His station and His grandeur—this is a station that description cannot encompass nor can the praise of all created things attain unto it. God willing, may this station be preserved through the name of the Lord of all mankind, for the Supreme Pen hath previously given tidings of the tablets of fire and the book of Sijjin and the croaking of the ravens and the schemes of the schemers. May God protect us and you from the schemes of every schemer and the deceit of every deceiver and the evil of every accursed satan.

I convey greetings and salutations to the honored friend, his eminence Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. May he be, God willing, the recipient of the infinite bounties of God, exalted be His glory, occupied with His remembrance and engaged in His service. From the heaven of divine Will there hath been sent down especially for him, and likewise for each of the names mentioned in his book, that which brighteneth and illumineth the eyes of those near unto God and the sincere ones. In truth, any person of insight and hearing who readeth a single verse of the divine verses and findeth its sweetness will observe himself to be detached and sanctified from all who dwell on earth and whatsoever they possess.

Praise be to God that he hath attained unto perfect bounty and hath likewise become the cause of bounties. Blessed be he and they. The ocean of grace is so tempestuous that every fair-minded one is bewildered. There is no God but Him, the Revealer, the Manifester, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. And beyond that which hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty especially for him in this page, another Tablet hath also been revealed from the heaven of grace, and from the horizon of each word thereof, the Sun of the favors of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen doth shine forth and appear. Blessed are they who have attained unto Tablets that cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth in the world.

The Glory that is manifest and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord and your Lord be upon you and upon those who have been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen of God in His perspicuous Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02313: Praise be to God Who set in motion…

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

Praise be to God Who set in motion the spheres in the heaven of mystic knowledge through the winds of the will of His Name, the All-Merciful. When they moved, the light shone forth and spread across the face of the sky, becoming brilliant stars. Exalted is the Dawning-Place of verses through which mysteries were revealed in the beginning and the return. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the Sun of Reality dawned upon creation and the Dove cooed upon the branch of Oneness—verily there is no God but Him, the One, the Chosen One—and upon His family and companions through whom lands were conquered and God's laws flowed among the servants, and upon those who cast aside the world, turning to God, the Lord of eternity.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter arrived and brought joy and gladness both before and after. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to enable all to attain to what He loves and is pleased with. No station has been or is higher than this station. All good belongs to whoever drinks from the ocean of His good-pleasure, turns toward His direction and faces His countenance after the passing of all things. Praise be to God that you have attained to true blessing and are sustained by heavenly sustenance. This evanescent servant wishes to offer thanks with a hundred thousand tongues to God, glorified be His majesty, for He guided the Afnan to the Divine Lote-Tree. This has been and is one of God's special favors. Now, due to current circumstances, its fruits are hidden from all eyes but are reflected in the mirror of knowledge in ways that none but God can enumerate. To Him be praise and grace in all conditions.

Regarding what was mentioned about Jinab-i-Harf-i-Shin (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]), and his deeds that were recorded—this news has been written and sent from various quarters. After it was presented, they stated that his deed was accepted and the service he rendered to the Afnan is like a crown among his good works. Well done to him for what he has attained. The petitions of this evanescent servant in this regard are known and need not be expressed. Verily He hears and knows and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding what you wrote about certain matters, namely buying and selling—the affairs of this land are known and clear to you. Act as you deem appropriate. The command is in God's hands—He does what He wills and ordains what He desires, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Light, remembrance and peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings.

The servant, 2 Safar 1300

BH06789: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great…

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

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

Glorified be He Who hath adorned the world with the robe of knowledge and of true understanding, and hath established the sincere in the station of His Cause amidst the concourse of all created things—such servants whose praise His Books and His Scriptures and His Tablets have voiced; through whom the horizon of certitude hath been illumined, and every mouldering bone hath been quickened. Such are the servants whom the hosts of the world have not hindered from turning unto the Most Great Name, nor hath the clamour thereof diverted them from this most holy, most manifest, most pure, most noble Cause. Upon them do the Concourse on high and the dwellers in the Cities of Names invoke blessings.

Glorified art Thou, O Mystery of existence and Desire of hearts! I beseech Thee, by the majesty of Thy Throne whereon Thou hast been established in Thy praiseworthy station, to preserve Thy servants, and Thy creatures, and Thy loved ones, and Thy chosen ones, from them that have broken Thy Covenant, disputed with Thy verses, denied Thy proof, disbelieved in Thee and in what is with Thee. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of boundless mercy and of perfect compassion. All existence, in the invisible and the visible, beareth witness to Thy bounty. I implore Thee, by the fragrances of the dawn of Thy Day—whereby the bones of Thy people were stirred within the graves—that Thou wouldst vouchsafe unto them the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bestowal, and ordain for them, by the Pen of Thy loving-kindness, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trustees and Thy chosen ones. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous; and Thou art, verily, the Hearing, the Answering; Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And after: Thy letter rejoiced my heart through that which I found therein of the fragrance of thy remembrance of Him Who is my Beloved and your Beloved, my Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. When I read it and apprehended it, the breaths of thy love and the waftings of thy affection stirred me; whereupon I arose, and turned towards the Goal of the worlds, and presented myself before the Throne, at a time when He was seated within the pavilion of His grandeur upon a mountain of the mountains. I laid before Him that which was contained in your letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur uttered that whereof the tongues of the world and of the servant are powerless to make mention. Yet the servant will recount unto you somewhat of what he hath retained, through His power, His command, and His sovereignty—His Word, exalted and glorified be He:

In My Name, the One Who standeth above the heavens.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses, made manifest the signs, and raised the most exalted Call in the earliest of days. He, verily, is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Ever-Bestowing. He hath appeared and hath revealed unto the servants that which profiteth them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen. Among mankind are they that have recognized and drawn nigh, and among them are they that have turned away and denied, following thereby every heedless doubter. Say: By God! This is the Day whereon the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused throughout the world, and the Most Great Name calleth aloud between earth and heaven, summoning East and West unto the most exalted horizon—unto that station wherein the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing crieth out: He is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

How many a sinner hath turned and attained, and how many a learned man hath waxed proud against God, the Revealer of verses! How many an ignorant one hath been seized by the attraction of the verses in such wise that he cast behind his back all that the people possessed, and hastened unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. How many a poor man hath hearkened unto the melodies of the Bird of Eternity, and how many an emir hath turned away from God, the Lord of necks. Say: O concourse of the earth! Open your eyes, that I may show you that which hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation. By God! The All-Merciful hath manifested Himself through His most comely Names. Turn ye towards Him, and follow not your idle fancies. Thus hath spoken the Most Exalted Pen, as a command from the Lord of the heavens. Blessed is he that hath an ear and hath heard; and woe betide every heedless, deceitful one!

This servant hath come with thy letter and laid it before the Countenance, and hath sent down for thee this Book which We have made the decisive word. If thou attain unto it, read it amid the heights of the sincere, and say: Praise be to Thee, O Dayspring of lights! We make mention of Our loved ones therein, and magnify upon their faces from this station. Glory, shining forth from the horizon of My providence, be upon thee and upon them, and upon every patient one who hath turned, and every discerning one who professeth the oneness of God. Ended.

Praise be to God! Through the effulgence of the lights of the Sun of meanings, those honoured souls, and likewise the company and the persons mentioned, have been illumined. Every remembrance that hath been, and is, vouchsafed by the Most Exalted Pen unto each soul is He, in truth, the Giver of life and the Sustainer thereof in the world; yet most men are heedless of this most great grace and this most noble bounty. The Primal Point—may the life of all else besides Him be offered up for His sake—hath declared:

> "All is for this, that once His most holy Court may remember a soul."

By night and by day, from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful, the Euphrates of loving-kindness floweth; yet all are heedless, save whom God willeth. From God, exalted be His glory, we entreat and we hope that He will not deprive His servants of this most great mercy and this most mighty gift.

In one of the Tablets He saith:

> "This day all things, whatsoever is seen, utter speech with two tongues."

This is the Day whereon the earth shall tell out her tidings. Blessed the soul that hath attained unto the hearing of His sweetest Call; and blessed the face that hath turned unto the most exalted horizon; and blessed the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance and in praise.

And as to thy mention of the souls that have turned unto God: it was laid before the most holy, the most august, the most exalted Threshold; for each one a most precious, most glorious Tablet hath been revealed. God willing, they shall attain unto the perusal thereof, and shall inhale therefrom the sweet breaths of the All-Merciful. By the life of Him Who is the Desire of the world, what is seen can in no wise be matched with a Tablet of the Tablets—nay, with a single word of His words, yea, with one letter of His letters. Yet the River of mercy floweth in such wise, and the verses of God descend with such profusion, that until this day the eye of creation hath not beheld the like thereof. Though this grace hath reached such a station, its true worth may nevertheless remain, in the eyes of some, concealed as it is. Would that

this servant might be strengthened to recount the traces and fruits thereof! Should all atoms become scribes, they would assuredly fail to describe the station of the Word of God. In such a case this lowly one would be accounted among the lost. I ask forgiveness of God the Great for that which my tongue hath uttered and my heart conceived.

And as to what thou didst write concerning the person mentioned—that some of the loved ones have not expressed satisfaction: in this day one must look to receptivity. Whosoever hath attained thereunto and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, he is remembered before the Countenance; for these are the days whereof glad-tidings have been given aforetime and thereafter. The Days of God are the time of mercy, of compassion, and of loving-kindness; for therein the heaven of bounty is uplifted and the sun of generosity shineth forth. Hence are some negligences forgiven. Yet, notwithstanding this, the friends must take heed and look with wisdom; for thus far, whatsoever name hath been mentioned in the most exalted, the most impregnable, the most holy Court, tokens of favor have been manifested in his behalf. Still, the friends must observe—this is a truth whereof there is no doubt—that it may well happen a denier claimeth friendship, while his intent is hypocrisy and espionage. The Blessed Tablets should be entrusted unto souls assured; and the person mentioned, God willing, is of the assured. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth the people unto His most holy, most mighty, most impregnable station.

And as to thy letter being adorned with mention of him who hath ascended unto God: what a station is this, a station unattainable by the remembrance of those who remember, nor by the praise of the knowing! In it the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken such words as shall never cease to shed their fragrance through the endurance of sovereignty and dominion, nor through the abiding of glory and might, nor through the perpetuity of His most beauteous Names.

And another letter from thee hath arrived, and from it the fragrance of the love of God hath shone forth. Praise be to God, in the Day of God ye have attained unto that whereof all men—whether divines, mystics, or others—are heedless, save whom God willeth. And as to their wish that, through thy agency, this lowly one should act in that which is the desire of all the worlds: on the night of the tenth day of the month of Safar this servant, with the letter, set out toward the most exalted Goal. After attaining presence and permission, that which was in the epistle was submitted. Thereupon the Tongue of God uttered words whereat bodies soared and spirits were transported. He—glorified be His majesty and exalted His most great glory—said:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! We have remembered thee aforetime through that whereby the Sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord shone forth. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Rejoice thou in that which hath been sent down for thee from the Most Exalted Pen; it beareth witness unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The King of religions hath come unto thee—once upon the mountain, and again in this lofty mansion which was built for the establishment of the Throne, at a time when its builder was heedless—despite them that imprisoned the Wronged One in this stronghold. The Throne of thy Lord hath been established in the highest station, and We have cast down the oppressor to the lowest of the low.

O Husayn! Consider the Will of God and that which the oppressors have willed in this wondrous Day. We desired their life and deliverance, and they desired My harm and My death; yet verily they are of the most grievous losers. This servant hath come with thy latter letter and laid it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this clear Tablet; and as to him who came from thee, We have accepted his service as a bounty from Our presence. We are, in truth, powerful to do what We will, and We judge what We desire.

Section 2: "Render thanks unto God for this most great…"

Render thanks unto God for this most great bounty; verily, He uplifteth whom He willeth by a command from His presence, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Remember My loved ones in My name, and bear them glad tidings of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Hold fast, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, to that whereby the Cause shall be exalted among the servants. Thus have We revealed aforetime and in this hour. Say: Beware lest the clamour of the divines withhold you from the Lord of Names; leave them behind your backs, turning unto the One, the All-Informed. Confine your affairs to that whereby your remembrance shall endure in the everlasting Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

From this station We magnify them, and likewise My handmaidens who have turned unto God at a time when every far-removed knower turned away. O My handmaidens that are there! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One; verily, He remembereth you in this station which God hath made the place of circumambulation for them that draw nigh. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the luminary of knowledge. Blessed is he that hath witnessed and seen, and woe betide the heedless. Glory from Our presence be upon thee, and upon whosoever hath drunk the choice wine of revelation in My mighty, My wondrous Name. Ended.

Praise be to God, time and again, that through the bounties of the Truth—exalted be His glory—ye have attained. One letter from thee had arrived previously; and on the day when the pavilion of Grandeur was raised upon a mountain of the mountains of this land, that there might be made manifest that which Isaiah the Prophet hath spoken in his Book, this servant stood before the Countenance and, in that most exalted station, presented the letter. There was revealed, for thee and for the persons mentioned therein, that which is an abiding treasure in His keeping. Likewise, a most holy, most impregnable Tablet was revealed for the people of Zirak—upon them be the glory of God. Praise be to God, the glance of loving-kindness is directed toward that region.

Some time ago, at an hour of hours, this servant set his face towards the most exalted Horizon; after attaining presence, the mention of the friends of the Land of Ba, and of the Leaf of Paradise—upon her be the glory of God and His loving-kindness and His bounty—and of the revered and spiritual lady—upon her be the glory of God—and of the other friends, was made. Likewise, the mention of the village of Zirak and the friends of that land flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and was revealed; and in particular the mention of Haji Muhammad-ʿAli—upon him be the glory of God—was heard from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful. And this exalted Word appeared from the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Ocean of bounty—His blessed and exalted Word:

> "We have made them known, and We have taught them, and We have strengthened them unto My knowledge and My love. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly end. Blessed the unlearned one that hath attained; and woe betide the learned man whom his desires have beguiled, until he hath disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Great."

O Muhammad qabl-i-ʿAli! We have heard thy call, and beheld thy turning unto Us, and found the fragrance of thy sincerity. We have made mention of thee in the Crimson Tablet through My Most Exalted Pen. Render thanks unto thy Lord for this clear bounty. Be assured that nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth the moaning of the longing ones, and beholdeth the lowliness of them that cleave fast. Magnify, in My name, My loved ones who are there, and remind them of My beauteous remembrance. Say: Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, in that ye have cast behind you the idle fancies of the divines, and have taken hold of that which hath come unto you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Rejoice ye in this most great favor, and then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. We have remembered you once upon the mountain and again in this lofty station. Ye have attained unto the grace of God and unto the hidden, treasured Table—even this Tablet, from whose horizon the Sun of the providence of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath shone forth. We exhort you to pure godliness, and command you to that whereby the Cause of God, the King of the kingdoms of the heavens and of the earths, shall be exalted. We have also admonished you in My Leaf which We have named the Leaf of Paradise in My Wise Book; and We make mention of My Leaves and My handmaidens who remember God by night and by day, at morn and eventide. End

Such is the manifestation of loving-kindness, the like whereof a hundred thousand such as this servant would be powerless to recount. And whatsoever hath been sent from that land and from the Land of Ba hath attained unto the ornament of acceptance, and the names of each and every soul are remembered in the presence of God. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. And on a certain day this exalted Word shone forth from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful—His Word, mighty is His majesty:

> "The payment of the divine rights is conditioned upon ability; if any soul be not able thereto, verily He pardoneth him, and He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous."

Ended.

Whatsoever cometh to pass must come to pass with spirit and fragrance. Thus hath decreed the Desire of the worlds, before Whom every knowing commander hath bowed. Convey ye these clear and firmly established verses unto him, that all may rejoice in the bounty of God and His immeasurable mercy—such rejoicing as the sorrows of the world are powerless to withstand, nor can they rise up against it. In truth, should a man possessed of insight behold the revealed verses of this Most Great Revelation, and likewise the shining utterances, the resplendent lights, the mighty appearances and manifestations, and ponder thereon, he will find himself overwhelmed with wonder—yet with a wonder that bestoweth complete detachment, and maketh him behold himself free and enriched beyond all that is beneath it. Blessed be ye, and blessed whoso hath attained unto this mighty grace.

The mention of certain assured and steadfast souls of that land—who have ascended and now abide—was heard from the Ancient Tongue, exalted be His mercy and magnified His bounty. By the life of Him

Who is the Desire of the world! It was of such a measure that this servant found himself unable to number it. The Cause is in His hand: He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth; and He is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This servant, a fading attendant, offereth unto all the friends of that land salutations and a mighty greeting, and saith: I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm each one of you in that wherefrom the fragrance of immortality may be inhaled—namely, such deeds as shall be made everlasting in the Book of God. Blessed are the doers; blessed are the victors!

On this blessed night, an unending bounty was beheld from the Beauty of the Ancient One—glorified be His station and exalted His most great glory—may my soul, and the souls of all who are in the Kingdom, in the Dominion, and in the Realm of the Absolute, be sacrificed for His sake. The mention of that exalted, forgiven, accepted one—upon him be the glory of God and His mercy—was repeatedly made: "Would that I had attained unto that which he attained after his ascension!" And likewise the mention of others. God willing, all shall be made ready for that which no decline can seize, and which the accidents of time can never alter. The glory shining from the horizon of the providence of our Lord be upon you, and upon them that are with you, and upon those who, when they heard the Call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, cried out: "Here am I, O God of the worlds and Desire of the Messengers!"

And as to what ye wrote—if they desire to write aught, to whom should they send it? This servant is himself ready; yet on one condition: that they be not grieved should the reply be delayed. For it may happen that in a single day forty, or fifty, or more, or fewer petitions and letters must be laid before the most exalted, the most impregnable Court; answers must be written and dispatched from the Source of the Cause; and moreover I myself must submit replies. In such a case it becometh clear and manifest that opportunity is as the phoenix, and patience as a lover's treasure, and gold as a pauper's dream. God is witness and testifieth; the Inaccessible One is witness and testifieth, that by nights and days this servant is engaged. Were it not for the loving-kindness of the Desire of the worlds, this servant would be unable to accomplish any of these things. From all the friends of God and the wayfarers to the Ka'bah of the Everlasting it is hoped and earnestly entreated that they will beseech, from God—exalted be His glory—success and confirmation for this servant, that perchance he may acquit himself of this weighty charge. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

To all the friends of that land, one and all, I offer a mighty greeting and salutations, and I hope that nothing whatsoever may withhold them, or the friends of those regions, from the Lord of Names and the Fashioner of the heaven. Say: Take ye, in the Name of God, exalted be His glory, and drink ye with His remembrance, and say: "In His memory!" This is your beginning, and this is your end, your return, your exalted homeland, and your most lofty, most glorious refuge. Strive ye, that in truth ye may attain unto this high and most exalted station. Verily, He guideth you unto the most exalted horizon. There is none other God but Him, the Expounder, the Generous. The glory that shineth forth from the providence of our Lord be upon you, and upon thy brother, and upon those with thee, and upon them that have heard and answered their Lord, the Hearing, the Answering.

This lowly one further submittteth: that the honoured beloved, Haji Mirza Husayn—upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness—set forth from the Land of Shin unto the Land of Kaf-Ra and its

environs for the purpose of teaching; and he likewise proceeded to Nayriz and sent an epistle to the most holy Court, and asked, for certain souls, for wondrous and impregnable Tablets. Wherefore, from the heaven of loving-kindness, verses were revealed and sent unto him, that he might deliver them unto those for whom they were intended in the city of Babak and in the township of Ravaz. Verily, He is the Guardian of the Messengers and the Confirmer of them that act.

The servant, On the 10th of the month of Safar, in the year 1300.

BH00427: Praise be to God Who hath spoken that whereby…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath spoken…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath spoken that whereby the people were drawn unto Him, and through which the sincere ones hastened to the station of nearness, of holiness and of glory, and the unified ones to the place of might, grandeur and majesty. The wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful hath seized all who are in the realm of possibility, save those who violated the Covenant and broke God's pledge on the Day of Meeting. Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through the name of Beauty to all regions; the first to attain unto this radiance were the lovers, whom every person of insight beholdeth in a state of attraction and burning. These are servants whom neither the conditions of the divines have withheld from God, the Lord of all names, nor the might of princes from the straight path. They arose and proclaimed:

> "God is our Lord, our Creator and our Provider. We have believed in Him and held fast to the cord of His favors and clung to the hem of His mercy."

Thus were they seized with such tyranny the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, and there befell them in the path of God that which causeth bodies to quake at its mere mention. They arose and spoke until they sacrificed their lives in the path of God, their Goal and their Beloved. And among them was one who dwelt in His presence and abided under His shadow. The heat of love had seized him to such degree that he was set ablaze and soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. When he ascended, God purified him from all the odors of this world and the hand of grace admitted him to a station that cannot be described in words. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Thereafter, O My beloved, the Servant received your letter which spoke of your recognition, your mention and your turning to the Supreme Horizon. When I read and understood its contents, I repaired to a station which meanings cannot reach, nor utterance, nor can the bird of knowledge approach it. I was present and presented that wherewith you praised God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, the Master of the hereafter and of the former times. When the letter was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby spirits took flight. He said, exalted be His grandeur and His greatness:

In His Name, the Hearing, the All-Seeing

O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the luminous Spot, the Station which hath been mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds. That which was hidden from time immemorial hath been revealed, and He hath summoned all unto Him on a Day wherein the gentle breeze hath wafted and the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him and recognized Him when the servants turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of this resplendent Day, did choose. Blessed is he who hath arisen in My Name, and blessed is the silent one who hath spoken forth this mighty News. Thou didst attain unto My mention before, and now once again, as a token of grace from God. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the choice wine of revelation, and woe unto the heedless. We recount what hath befallen Us in this Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

The Bird of Faithfulness hath soared from the prison to the most exalted Summit, whereupon My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken that which nothing in the kingdom of creation can equal, as every fair-minded and perspicacious one doth testify. He hath attained unto that which cannot be mentioned in words. Give thanks unto God for this bounty, before which, when it was manifested, every possessor of distinction bowed down in humble submission. On the Day of Ascension, the Concourse on High and a company of angels and the Spirit welcomed him. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur make mention unto thee from this glorious station. We make mention of thy brother, thy mother, and thy sister, then those who are with you and have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

We send greetings from this Station to the loved ones of God in that land and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things and My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We make mention of My leaves who have attained unto the supreme steadfastness in the days of their Lord, the Sovereign of all beings, in such wise that their feet have not slipped from the Path of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of My mercy and the peace that hath appeared from the direction of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them, both men and women, and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from this mighty and wondrous Cause. End.

What more can this evanescent servant submit? The suns of divine bounty in relation to His late Holiness—exalted be he—upon whom be the glory of God, the Most Glorious, and that revered personage and his kindred, shone forth resplendent and manifest from every direction. On the day of his ascension, they were made the recipients of such bounties as this servant findeth himself, in very truth, powerless to recount.

In the letters of certain among the sincere and the near ones, particulars have been set forth. On that very day there descended from the heaven of divine favour, specially vouchsafed unto him, that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven, God willing. Should opportunity present itself, an account thereof shall be transmitted to that spiritual beloved.

This evanescent servant giveth glad tidings unto the friends and companions of that land, inasmuch as they are remembered in the Most Holy and Inaccessible Sanctuary, as are likewise the people of that village.

Some time past, the tablet of the Leaf of the Most Exalted Paradise—upon her be the glory of God—was received, as was likewise the petition of the Greatest Holy Leaf—upon her be the glory of God. Both were submitted to the Most Holy and Inaccessible Sanctuary, and the utmost bounty was manifested.

There is hope that, through the grace and favour of the True One—exalted be His glory—the friends of God will hereafter be spared the burden of occupying this servant with matters whereof none save the Impregnable True One is aware. As to that which ye had written concerning His Honour the Cousin—upon him be the glory of God—it was submitted to the Most Holy and Inaccessible Sanctuary.

This is what hath been revealed for him from the heaven of the Will of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. His utterance—magnified be His sovereignty:

O friends of the All-Merciful! He says that this day is most beloved and blessed, for the Speaker of Sinai calls out with the most exalted call and the Dawning-Place of Revelation appears in the most glorious array. Whosoever attains unto it, the Concourse on High takes pride in mentioning him and the dwellers of the highest Paradise seek his presence. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Day of God and hast testified to that which God Himself hath testified. This hath been and is among the greatest bounties of God. By My life! He hath no peer or likeness. All who are on earth sought this Day, yet after its appearance all remained veiled save whom God wished.

They occupy themselves with two fleeting days and are deprived and forbidden from the eternal bounty and everlasting feast. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having aided me in a Cause from which the divines of Thy earth and the learned of Thy lands were hindered. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Manifestation and the rushing winds of Thy grace to grant me steadfastness in Thy Cause. Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Creator of the heavens! How can I praise and thank Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison and for having turned toward me while I was in the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the outpourings of Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Section 2: “This is what was sent down…”

This is what was sent down from the heaven of grace to Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful

We heard thy mention and mentioned thee, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. We saw thee turning toward Us and We turned toward thee, and I am the One with power over what I will. We found the fragrance of thy love and sent thee the musk of inner meanings in the vessels of words, and I am the Bountiful Giver. Thou wert mentioned before by My Most Exalted Pen and this is yet another time, and I am the All-Wise Expositor. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and glorify Him with praise, and I am the All-Informed Educator.

This is what was sent down to Mulla Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous

O Muhammad-Hasan! Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days and heard My call and answered thy Lord, when those in all lands turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, wished. Some time ago thou didst attain unto the mention of God. By the life of God! Nothing can equal it. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted and most high station. The bounty is great, the seeker rare. They who are on earth have gathered around the putrid carcasses of passion and desire, and are deprived of the descended feast from the heaven of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the people of the village.

The mention of all, whether male or female, and likewise the service of each one, is clear and evident in the Most Holy Court. No deed remains hidden. He is the All-Seeing and He is the All-Hearing. He testifies and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We send Our greetings from this spot upon them and We have accepted what they have done in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds and actions in this Most Great, this ordained Cause. Hold fast unto the cord of unity that its effects may be manifest in all regions. Thus doth the Lord of the Covenant counsel you as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Loving.

Let not the affairs of men grieve you. The world shall pass away, and that which hath been sent down unto you from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, shall endure. Glory be upon you and upon those who hold fast unto the Book of God and act according to what hath been sent down therein from the presence of an ancient Revealer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In the days when His Holiness the departed and exalted one, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, was outwardly circumambulating, missives were sent to him from that land and from the people of the village. He gave all of them to this servant, and they were presented before the Throne. The purpose is that the gentlemen of that land and the people of the village should know that no deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it be, and each soul has been and shall be rewarded according to their righteous deeds. The service of each one has been accepted at the Most Holy Court—His is the praise, the thanksgiving, and the glory, and His is the kindness, the bounty and the grandeur. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the All-Glorious Truth may make all aware and sustain them with the fruits of the Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Let this blessed verse be ever before your eyes—the Most Merciful One says in the Qur'an, exalted be His 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."

All matters are manifest and evident, to this my Lord, the All-Seeing, the Kind, bears witness. How blessed is the state of one who in this Divine Day has recognized Him and has arisen to serve His Cause.

The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones to do what He loves and is pleased with, and whereby His Cause may be exalted in the Kingdom of Creation. Verily, He does what He wills. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who have clung to the hem of their Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

It is submitted that His honor Karbala'i Aqa Husayn, son of the exalted departed one—may God elevate his station and upon him be the glory of God, his Lord—sent a letter to this servant, and its reply was presented, and there descended from the heaven of Divine Will, specifically for him, that which the world cannot equal. And he had mentioned the people of the village; the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in this servant's handwriting specifically for him, and in the letter which this servant sent to the aforementioned person, mention of the people of the village and the honored Leaf and His honor Haji Muhammad-ʿAli—upon them be the glory of God—was again revealed from the heaven of Divine Will and sent.

The purpose is that mention of the friends and loved ones has been and continues to be made in various places—some have outwardly received it and continue to receive it, and mention of others remains preserved in the Treasury of Infallibility until such time as grace may assist and deliver it. And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the mother and sister—upon them be the glory of God. God willing, they will be blessed by it and be gladdened by what was revealed for them. And praise be upon you from God, the Lord of the Manifestation.

The servant 20 Safar 1300

BH00158: Praise be befitting and worthy of that Desired One…

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 befitting and worthy of that Desired One Who, with a single word, rent asunder the thick veils and guided the peoples of the world to the highest horizon. Although this Most Exalted Word is one, yet diverse effects are manifested from it. At times the effect of the sword is witnessed from it, inasmuch as the conquest of sanctified hearts and the capturing of the cities of pure hearts and souls in this Most Great Revelation have been and continue to be through it. And at times the water of life flows from it and its effects become manifest, as was observed—how many thirsting ones in the deserts of separation and remoteness were given the Kawthar of reunion, and how many dead ones were brought to eternal life through its fragrance.

Glory be to God! The heedless souls who dwell in the wilderness of the abyss have taken darkness for light and the owl for the station of the nightingale. The very atoms testify to the heedlessness, ignorance, error and unawareness of that people. They are unaware yet bear witness; in the midst of non-existence they claim existence. Whatever they say is, in the estimation of those endowed with utterance, baser than the croak of a raven and less than the caw of a crow. They prostrate themselves before the bat while imagining themselves turned toward the Truth. He is indeed innocent of them and of those who followed them without any clear proof or command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Base nature and lack of understanding have reached such a point that they bow down in submission and prostration before the greatest calamity. After sixty years of life have passed, he has newly begun to play the lover, inviting the rabble of the earth to his abyss. Glory be to God! What strange seekers and wondrous objects of desire have appeared in the world! Has justice fled from among men, or has the sun

of insight set? What has happened that those possessed of outward vision are deprived of seeing, and those endowed with ears are forbidden from hearing? We had heard before that some prostrate themselves before cows and others worship calves, but we did not properly verify these words and attributed them to the realms of conjecture and fancy. Now it is openly witnessed that they have forsaken the Lord of the Worlds and clung to worms. They have abandoned the river of divine mercy and turned toward the pus of hell.

This servant is bewildered as to what to say and what to write. That honored lady and other leaves and handmaidens of God and fair-minded servants bear witness that none of those stubborn deniers had any knowledge. This servant, by the command of the True One, exalted be His glory, was with him for years, and despite everyone's knowledge of this fact, they never inquired a word about it from this servant. A path of conjecture and souls of fancy—that extended and this wayfarer. How weak are both the seeker and the sought, the wayfarer and that which is traversed! Now we have moved beyond the men—what does the greatest calamity say? In the beginning of the manifestation of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him—he and his two brothers were in the utmost enmity and hatred. Most of the people of that land are aware of this fact. In homes, gatherings and assemblies they said that which the pen is ashamed to mention. In this Revelation, considering a brief connection, they showed acceptance for a few days and then became occupied with satanic intrigues and corrupt deeds.

Now after sixty years new lovers have appeared—perdition unto the lovers and perdition unto the beloved! If you would reflect even briefly upon their conduct and behavior, you would behold the reality of the world which has appeared in varied garments. Glory be to God! Every person of insight is bewildered and every person of thought is deep in contemplation. When a person becomes devoid of religion, they say whatever they wish and do whatever their soul desires.

Gather together the handmaidens of God. Convey greetings from this evanescent one and say: Today is the day of vision, for the Truth is manifest and His signs are evident. Today is the day of hearing, for His call is raised. Hear and hold fast unto Him with such firmness that it becomes as fire for the hearts of the Greatest Denier and the deniers, male and female, and as light for the friends of God, exalted be His glory.

The fire of self and passion is ignited within him to such a degree that none but God can reckon its extent, and all shortcomings return to the souls who accepted him, for the servitude of those souls became the cause of overwhelming calamity. Until now, this evanescent servant had concealed some aspects of his conduct, but in this year which is 1299, there appeared from him that which had not appeared from the satans of the past or future—He Who possesses the Mother Book bears witness to this. For twenty years God, exalted be His glory, concealed his lewdness, and likewise did this evanescent servant, but this time it became necessary that some of his conduct be mentioned so that the servants of God and His handmaidens might become aware and recognize him.

In brief, every person of insight has perceived and continues to perceive, and the wicked are distinguished from the good. The Greatest Evil One whose affairs are all clear and known—blessed are those who discern and joy be to those who see. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. After the arrival

of that honored one's letter and becoming aware of its contents, turning toward the highest horizon and most exalted summit, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted and glorified be His Word:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Informed

O My handmaiden! Today the divine call is raised from all directions, and every atom in creation is engaged in praise of the Revealer of verses. Yet all remain heedless and veiled. The peoples of the world, through nights and days, awaited the manifestation of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and were gladdened by His remembrance and occupied with thoughts of Him. But when the Dawning Place of Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai appeared from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, manifest and visible, some turned away, others denied Him, some objected, and yet others issued decrees for His death. The peoples of the earth have ever been and shall ever be occupied with such reprehensible and rejected deeds, save those souls who have transcended the world and set their faces toward the Lord of eternity. These souls were not and are not deterred by the thunder of the cannons of the oppressors, the clashing of the swords of the deniers, the ranks of armies, the might of multitudes, the rejection of the learned, or the clamor of the renowned. They gaze upon the Truth and cling to His robe. These souls drink from the Most Great Ocean and are detached and free from all else.

God willing, may the greatest clamor not prevent the handmaidens of that land from the most pure wine. Say: O divine handmaidens! You are related to the Truth and are mentioned by His Name. Strive that the firm cord of this relationship be not severed but rather be strengthened at every moment. This is the day of remembrance and utterance, the day of the manifestation of stations and certitude, for the Desired One of all worlds is established upon His throne. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the lights of the morn of revelation and hath attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory.

By the Point of Unity that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book, were the peoples of the world to observe fairness for but a single hour and reflect, they would be illumined by the lights of the revelation of Truth. For some, veils of glory have become barriers, and for others, turbans and staffs. Beseech ye God to rend asunder the greatest veil with the finger of power, that all may turn toward the supreme horizon and attain unto the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation.

Say: O handmaidens of Truth! Drink ye from the most exalted cup and partake of the highest chalice. A hundred thousand seas circle round this chalice, and thousands upon thousands of oceans bow before this cup. Be ye occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and drink from the stream of His love. The people who today count themselves among the followers of truth are lower than all others. Say: O ye sightless ones! Read ye the pages of the heedless and ponder upon them, that perchance ye may be freed from the depths of hell and make for the highest paradise.

Give praise to the Beloved of the world, Who hath remembered thee before and after. God willing, mayest thou become a cause of unity and turn to that which beseemeth His divine Day.

Praise be unto God that the Sun of divine benevolence is radiant and the heaven of His grace is exalted! There has not been, nor is there now, any need for the unworthy mentions of this servant. The utterances of the Concourse on High are as nothingness before the fragrance of His utterance, to say nothing of the

moist and dry words of this servant and the like of this servant. I beseech and hope from God that He may assist the handmaidens of that land to achieve supreme steadfastness. God willing, may that honored woman remain occupied at all times with the mention of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. If at times there is delay in sending replies from this servant, this has not been and is not due to any negligence.

God is witness and testifier that due to the abundance of correspondence, a year has passed since some of the friends of God have written, and still I have not been enabled to reply. I seek His help, that He may grant strength and power, and extend His invisible assistance, that perchance I may fulfill this important and momentous service. May that honored woman be intimately associated with the mention of God at all times and be gladdened with the greatest joy, for she has attained unto His remembrance and is mentioned in His presence. Know thou this mighty favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

The petitions of the handmaidens of God were, in detail, laid before the most holy, the most impregnable Court. He said:

O handmaidens of God! The friends of the Beloved, both men and women, are accounted as leaves and fruits of the Blessed Tree, and all stand equally respected in one rank before the Most Sublime Vision. Distinction appears only through degrees of steadfastness, love, longing and devotion. “Verily, the most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous.” Through deeds are the stations of women and men made manifest; otherwise all are observed on the same plane, save those souls who have been specifically distinguished by the Most Exalted Pen.

We have enjoined upon all spiritual attributes, goodly words and praiseworthy deeds. O friends! Your station calls for kindness, compassion and mercy. Wrong not the handmaidens of God; conduct yourselves with the utmost gentleness and consideration. Have ye not heard what We have revealed in the tongue of the people? Ye are all fruits of one tree and leaves of one branch. The fragrance of this utterance can also be inhaled from the Most Holy Book.

By the Sun of Revelation! This station is evident throughout all utterances. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath commanded all from the Kingdom of grace in the Most Great Prison to love, fellowship, affection and unity. O friends! The lights of justice must be witnessed from you in such wise as to overcome the darkness of oppression. Were ye to hearken to what the Most Exalted Pen hath ordained, there would appear in the world that which would ensure the salvation and tranquility of all.

O Khadijih! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who is the Dawning-place of the Light of Divine Unity. We have counseled the men among the friends with that which is befitting, and likewise We counsel the handmaidens of God to quietude, dignity, love and fellowship. Males and females were created for harmony and union, not for discord and separation. At this hour, which is the beginning of noon, We counsel all to such deeds as will bring joy and gladness when heard. The end belongs to those who hold fast to righteousness, turning away from base desires. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End.

God willing, may the rays of the Sun of the Most Exalted Pen’s counsels illuminate the hearts of all on earth and lead them to true tranquility. O Leaf! When one contemplates the wondrous evidences of

God's grace and the manifestations of His favors, one is so overwhelmed with wonder as to be rendered speechless. Observe now and consider the revealed verses—each word hath been revealed with such loving kindness that every fair-minded soul can perceive its fragrance. All things are in motion and attracted today. Glory be to God! How is it that some are seen to be lethargic? It is hoped that through the manifestations of His infinite grace, hearts and minds will turn to the realm of love and fellowship.

God is witness that this ephemeral one beseeches Him night and day to illumine all with the light of unity and enable them to achieve spiritual attributes. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. God willing, may that honored woman give glad tidings to the steadfast women of that land, that all may arise to that which befitteth this divine Day. This servant also mentions the friends of God—that is, the men—with the utmost humility and supplication, beseeching God to enable them to manifest affection, love and kindness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. May the Glory, manifest, resplendent, radiant, dawning and shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, be upon thee and upon the steadfast women who have drunk the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of their Lord's bounty on this glorious and wondrous Day.

Section 2: "The servant 8th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1299…"

The servant 8th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1299

Another letter: That leaf which previously wrote two letters from the leaves Narjis Khatun and Sakinih Khatun, upon them be the Glory of God, was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may that honored lady be ever engaged in the remembrance and service of God. All that thou didst mention was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Divine verses were specifically revealed for each of the aforementioned leaves. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of grace.

This is what was revealed for the leaf Narjis, upon her be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My handmaiden! O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have been revealed for thee. Reflect upon the grace and favors of God. How many were the divines, scholars and jurisprudents who were occupied with the remembrance of God throughout the nights and days, who spoke His Name in the mosques and at all times beseeched and hoped to attain His presence. Yet when the Dawn of Revelation appeared and the lights of His countenance shone forth, all arose in opposition save whom God willed. Know thou the value of thy station and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me that which was hidden from the learned of Thy earth and the jurisprudents of Thy lands, and for having enabled me in such wise that Thy Most Exalted Pen was moved to remember me from Thy station and prison. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Tree to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which befitteth Thy

glory, Thy generosity and Thy favors. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Protector over what was and what shall be.

Blessed art thou, O Narjis, for having turned unto the Wronged One and having desired that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath adorned thy father with the ornament of forgiveness as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. As for what thou desired regarding the meeting, He recordeth its reward for thee and counseleth thee to pure fear of God and that which beseemeth the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur mentioned thee with that which nothing on earth can equal. Praise thou Him for this. He is verily the Hearer, the Answerer.

And this is what was revealed for her sister Sakinih, upon her be the Glory of God. His word, exalted and mighty be He:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Powerful over all names

O Sakinih! The Ancient Beauty remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison and counseleth thee with that which is the cause and source of elevation and exaltation. This is the day of pure deeds and the day of supreme steadfastness. God willing, mayest thou be so firm in the Cause that the clamor of the misbelieving men and women shall not deprive thee from the abode of verses. The satans appear in every name, form and temple, and lie in wait. God willing, mayest thou ever remain preserved beneath the shadow of God and illumined by the lights of His grace. Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother. We give her the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Praise be to God! The two handmaidens whom you mentioned have attained the supreme honor, and their remembrance hath been inscribed in the Book of God from the heaven of His will in these decisive verses. Blessed are they both, for they have attained unto that which hath no likeness or comparison. They have been granted that which they sought from the ocean of bounty, inasmuch as the word of forgiveness hath been sent down from the tongue of the All-Merciful concerning their father. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Benevolent, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

And concerning that handmaiden's mention of the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, and likewise her mention of marriage—this matter was presented before the Countenance of the Beloved of the worlds and was honored with His permission. He said:

> "God willing, it is blessed. Today, whosoever showeth sincerity, love and affection in any way to Mirza [Haydar-Ali], upon him be My glory, is mentioned before God, exalted be His glory, and inscribed in the Book."

Indeed, from these blessed words can be inhaled the fragrance of infinite favors. Blessed is he who perceiveth and attaineth.

Another glad-tiding is that the mention of that handmaiden's sons, sisters and daughter, upon them be the glory of God, which was in the letter, was presented before the Countenance of the Lord of

Revelation, and from the heaven of grace special verses of manifest signs and goodly words were revealed for each one. God willing, they shall attain unto their perusal and reading, and act according to what is befitting.

This is what was revealed for Nasru'llah. His word, exalted be His majesty:

"In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

O Nasru'llah! Hold fast to the cord of the fear of God and cling to the hem of sanctity. The dark dust of passion hath prevented the world from the outpourings of the Lord of all beings. Beseech God to assist thee with the greatest steadfastness. Whosoever attaineth unto it is accounted among the people of Baha in the Book of Names. Strive that thou mayest attain unto it and be freed and detached from the world and all who dwell therein. Thus have We remembered thee with this remembrance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Wise."

And this is what was revealed for Mirza Aqa. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

"In My Name, Which dawned from the horizon of the world!

O servant! Hearken unto the call of Him Who created the world for His knowledge, and sent down the Books for the manifestation of His Cause, and the Messengers for the proclamation of His laws and His days. He speaketh in every condition: Verily, there is no God but Me, the Wronged One, the Stranger.' I have chosen abasement for the glory of the world, and tribulation for the exaltation of the people of Baha, and exile that the servants might attain unto the supreme homeland—the station which God hath made sanctified beyond every wondrous mention. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me with Thy tongue! I testify that Thou hast come for the salvation of the nations. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.' Thus have We remembered thee and revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth."

And this is what was revealed for him who is named Habibu'llah. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

"In My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful!

O Habib! Adorn thy tongue with My remembrance, and thy heart with the ornament of My love, and thy head with the crown of steadfastness in this Great Announcement. Leave what the people possess and hold fast to My firm cord. Verily it will deliver thee and protect thee and give thee to drink of the choice wine of His love by the hand of His bounty. Verily He is the Giver, the Bountiful. When thou attainest unto My verses, give thanks unto God Who hath aided thee to recognize Him when the people were in manifest doubt. Thus surged the ocean when the breezes of revelation wafted in this time."

This is what was revealed for the leaf who was named Malikah, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Loving

O Malikah! Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which most men have been deprived of. God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast in thy love and acceptance, for the winds of trials and

tests are passing. The most exalted station, which hath no equal, is not freely obtained except through His grace and bounty. Especially in these days when dark smoke hath appeared in a certain place and hath deprived, and continueth to deprive, the eyes of some from beholding the light of the Countenance. In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and cling to His hem. Verily, He is with every servant who is steadfast and every maidservant who remaineth firm. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy brothers, from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

This is what was revealed for the sister, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His favors:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful

O handmaiden of God! The Lord of all names hath turned toward thee from the Prison of Akka and inviteth thee to the supreme horizon. Blessed are those handmaidens who have been illumined by the lights of recognition and have partaken of the choice sealed wine of God. They are in truth men, nay rather the knights of the field. How many are the servants who are seen to be deprived of the lights of certitude through their vain imaginings, and how many are the handmaidens who have rent asunder all veils through the name of the Lord of Names and are gazing toward and turning to the One True God. Blessed is the servant who hath attained and the handmaiden who hath achieved.

This is what was revealed for another sister, exalted and mighty is He:

In My Name, the Counselor, the All-Knowing

O handmaid of God! Be truly observant and hold fast to the cord of His grace. The best raiment in all the world is the raiment of righteous deeds. Blessed are they who are adorned with this most holy and exalted ornament and who act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Precious indeed is this Day; know ye its value and turn unto that which is the cause and source of everlasting remembrance. He verily counseleth His servants and handmaidens. Blessed is every hearing and responding soul, and every steadfast doer of good deeds.

Verily, infinite grace hath been manifested, for several months ago a reply to that handmaid's letter was written, but due to the upheavals in surrounding areas, wisdom dictated a delay in its dispatch. At this time, which is the end of the day on Monday, the thirteenth of the month of Safar, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court and forwarded that handmaid's letter. After its perusal and review, it was presented at the Most Exalted Holy Court. It was not expected that at this time the ocean of grace would outwardly manifest with such supreme bounty, as it was the time for dispatching correspondence, and on one hand, the revelation of verses. However, after review and presentation, the Sun of utterance immediately shone forth from the horizon of the grace of the Goal of all the worlds, in such wise that this servant had not the opportunity to write it all down. The atoms themselves bear witness to His grace, His loving-kindness, and His mercy. Upon the mere mention of each of the names, manifest verses descended from the heaven of God's Will, as hath been and is being witnessed.

Let that handmaid give the glad-tidings of God's grace to all. That which is most important of all matters today is the unity of God's loved ones. How excellent is the state of one who becomes the cause of unity

and recognizes the station of those who have preceded and those who stand firm. He verily guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Indeed, God's grace towards that handmaid hath been manifested in such measure that were you to offer thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, you would not be able to render thanks for even a single letter of that which hath been revealed. This servant, that handmaid, and all who dwell on earth are powerless and wanting, and we beseech His aid that perchance we might render some service in His Day, or that a soul might appear, detached in His love.

This servant conveys greetings and salutations to the mentioned souls and likewise to the handmaids of God in that land, and supplicates success for all. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

As for what was written concerning the Huququ'llah and likewise the pilgrimage journey, according to the command, two-thirds of the Huquq should be spent on good works, meaning the new life, and one-third should be sent to the Most Holy Court. And if possible, from what is to be forwarded to the Most Holy Court, nine tumans—the number of the Greatest Name—should be sent to Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, for him to deliver to Jinab-i-Javad-i-Dhakir. These matters are beloved and acceptable when their means are available and they are accomplished with joy and fragrance.

Salutations and praise be upon the leaves who have turned unto God, who are steadfast and devoted, who sing upon the tree of divine knowledge. Verily, there is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The servant 13th of the month of Safar, 1300

BH00010: Praise be to God, Who is peerless in His…

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

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

Praise be to God, Who is peerless in His love and unrivalled in His affection. He, verily, is the Lord of His servants and the Creator of all things. He is the One Who uttereth whatsoever He willeth, both in the beginning and in the end. He is the fragrance that hath been wafted from the garment of God, and the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of His bounty. May His peace, which hath appeared and shone forth from the kingdom of His grace, rest upon those who have arisen to exalt His Word and to manifest His Cause, and who have acted in accordance with that which hath been enjoined upon them in His Book. These are servants through whom His commandments and ordinances have been carried out amongst the peoples, and through whom the law of sanctification hath been established among the various sects. Through them were the standards raised and the signs made manifest. The Concourse on High pray for them, and behind them standeth the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens.

And now, there hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of your love that which hath stirred the breezes of affection. Verily, it is a letter wherein the vessel of pure nature hath overflowed. When I perceived its fragrance and recognized your station in the Cause of God—my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth—I repaired to that praiseworthy station wherein was established the throne of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. I attained His presence and laid before Him that which the nightingale of your sincerity had warbled upon the branch of faithfulness. Thereupon did the countenance of the Lord of Names turn toward me. By God! He spoke that which caused the mountains to soar, yet the mirror of my heart reflected only in proportion to my weakness, my poverty, my need and my want. O Beloved of my heart! How can the drop reckon the ocean of utterance? By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved, I speak naught but the truth. In truth do I make this assertion, and that Best-Beloved of the heart beareth witness, for by the grace of God they were and are well-aware.

He saith, exalted be His glory and His grandeur:

In the name of the Wronged One of the world

O Ali! Praise be to God that the eye of the world is illumined by the kohl of wisdom and the utterance of God's loved ones. Though this light hath been obscured from appearing and shining forth by the dark clouds of people's vain imaginings, yet assuredly the winds of divine will shall disperse these clouds. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. His power is now hidden, yet He is secretly engaged in conquering the citadels of hearts. The utterance of the All-Merciful is a mighty key that openeth, a sun that shineth forth and beameth, and an all-encompassing ocean. It openeth, bestoweth light, and granteth life. Blessed is he whose vision neither doubt nor uncertainty, vain imaginings nor conjectures, nor the might and wrath of the peoples of the world, could debar from the Most Exalted Summit.

By one word the world is agitated, and by another word it is calmed and assured. By one deed it is set ablaze, and by another deed it findeth peace and tranquility. Thus hath the Supreme Pen recorded in the sacred scriptures and tablets that spiritual virtues, praiseworthy deeds, and goodly words are among the mighty hosts of God. Beyond all stations, if people would hold fast to fairness, they would both attain unto the lights of certitude and behold the signs, proofs and evidences of God, exalted be His glory, as clear as the sun, and witness the throne of God's power manifestly established in the world.

O Akbar! Convey My greetings to the friends and on behalf of this Wronged One declare: Ye must be distinguished from all others in the world and ever fix your gaze upon the horizon of distinction. Know your own worth and recognize the station of God's chosen ones who have arisen to serve from the beginning of the Cause. The Supreme Pen hath mentioned them all and adorned them with the robe of divine favor, yet from the tablets of those souls who are steadfast and firm wafteth the fragrance of distinction. Blessed is he who hath found it and is among the doers.

O thou who gazeth toward God! I testify that thou didst drink the wine of My love in My earliest days, didst acknowledge what God hath acknowledged, didst hold fast unto it, didst spread its signs, and didst stand firm in His service on a Day whereon feet did slip. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in Ta and its surroundings, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

We counsel them to pure fear of God and to that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may be exalted. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves, upon the Tree of the Cause, and upon the blood that was shed to exalt God's mighty Word. Fear God, O people, and be among the fair-minded. Waste not your deeds and what hath come upon you in this Great Event. Ye may glory over all who are on earth, for ye have attained unto that which none among creation hath attained. To this beareth witness He Who hath spoken in the Mother Book with His wondrous and glorious mention. Make not yourselves the playthings of the ignorant of the earth. Every deed attributed to you must shine like the sun among the world.

Thus doth God counsel you with true counsel, as a mercy from His presence. He verily loveth you and desireth for you what beseemeth your stations before God, the Most High, the Most Great. Beware lest ye commit that whereby mercy would be withheld in the heaven of divine Will. Thus doth He counsel you Who is more compassionate to you than your own selves. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness and the light that hath beamed from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Owner of this blessed and perspicuous Day.

God willing, may all the friends of God be adorned with the garment of sanctity. They must appear in such wise that if they should arise to counsel and exhort the people in any gathering, speaking with utmost eloquence, neither they themselves should feel any inner shame, nor should anyone on earth be able to raise objections. Now they must spend their days and nights devising means whereby they may guide a soul and give it to taste of the choice wine of divine knowledge. These are not days for conflicting thoughts, wavering purpose, contaminated intentions, contradictory deeds and harsh conduct. All deeds, actions and character must be seen as a single point—that is, their source must be well-known, that they may indicate and reflect the True One who is known. All have been and are under the glance of His favor. There is none who has not been crowned with the diadem of mention by God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Now the friends of God must hold fast to that which is necessary. They will surely witness days of comfort, joy and glory. They have ever said that if they recognize the Herald and find the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, they would consider the world as non-existent and would observe and cleave to that which causes the Cause to be uplifted.

In brief, this servant conveys to each one greetings, glorification, and complete self-effacement, and with utmost lowliness and supplication begs those mines of the gems of God's love to keep their exalted stations in view and to act as befits them. The supplication and lowliness are from the servant, and the acceptance from the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

It was submitted, in the most exalted, the most holy, the most impregnable Court, that mention had been made of the two devoted souls, Aqa Siyyid Muhammad and Ustad Muhammad-Quli—upon them be the glory of God—and likewise of their labours in the path of God. In relation to each of them there shone forth the Sun of loving-kindness, the Moon of tender mercy, the Star of compassion, and the Most Exalted Word, luminous and radiant. His Word—glorified and exalted be He—said:

In the Name of the Herald of the World

O Muhammad! Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One time and again, and in each instance have We made mention of thee in such wise as to cause the sincere ones to perceive the fragrance of My bounty. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. And in this moment do We make mention of thee yet again, as a favour from Our presence. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Give thou praise unto God for that thy work hath been mentioned in the Tablets, and there hath been sent down unto thee that which doth adorn thee with the vesture of sincerity. He, in truth, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. That which thou hast wrought in My path hath found acceptance in My sight and hath been invested with the garment of My good-pleasure. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy work, and blessed is whosoever hath acted according to that which hath been ordained in My perspicuous Book. Through your steadfastness in My service and your labours in My love hath the Concourse on High given utterance. Blessed is he who hath remained faithful to the Covenant of God in this Day—blessed, wondrous, resplendent in glory, luminous, manifest, gleaming, brilliant—upon thee and upon every upright servant.

And this is that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of bounty unto His Honour Ustad Muhammad-Quli, upon him be Baha'u'llah—exalted be His utterance:

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over the seen and the unseen

O Muhammad-Quli! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His spot and remembereth thee by His Covenant, and revealeth unto thee that which thou hast done, holding fast to His Book. Blessed art thou for having been faithful and for having acted in accordance with that which was enjoined upon thee in His love. How many a servant hath clung to the ways of idle fancy, turning away from His path, and how many a servant hath cast the world behind him, turning his face toward the lights of His countenance. Rejoice thou in that He hath aided thee to act in such wise as will draw thee nearer unto Him in all conditions. Happy art thou for having turned unto God and found the fragrance of His garment. We have made mention of thee before and after. Verily thy Lord recompenseth him who holdeth fast to the cord of His loving-kindness. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon them that follow His Cause.

Blessed are they both and happy are they both, inasmuch as—by God's testimony—the fragrance of their sincerity is diffused and they have acted with joy and radiance in accordance with that which they were bidden. God willing, may they preserve this most exalted station through the name of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant begs and hopes from the Invincible Truth that He may cause them to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glorification and peace unto them rest with the will and grace of that Best-Beloved.

As regards what you wrote concerning the honored leaf H, upon her be the Glory of God, when it was submitted He said: "Yes, what righteous deeds were done in her regard." May they be assisted to perform good deeds and that which bespeaks pure wisdom. May those who are related be blessed

through God's grace and adorned with supreme steadfastness, that the ringing bells of calamity may not prevent them from the pathway of divine unity.

O Ali-Qabl-Akbar, upon thee be My Glory, My Mercy and My Grace! Behold and then make mention of a maidservant who returned to her abode. She exchanged light for fire and sold the kingdom of men for a piece of diamond. Despite utmost love, devotion and claims of knowledge, calamity deceived her for a single diamond. She turned away from truth and faced that which was other than Him. Such is the nature of this world and its people. From the beginning they were turned away and never had nor have any awareness, for they were not with Us. The meaningless humility and submissiveness of certain ones led those souls to declare their faith. Verily He knows what lies within breasts and hearts, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

If a single leaf were to reflect upon her deeds, actions and conduct, it would speak saying:

> "I am innocent of her and all that pertains to her, and I shield my face from her face."

That soul knows the Supreme Pen had refrained from mentioning such souls, but due to oppression, transgression and the flames of self and passion, these words have flowed from the Supreme Pen, that they might recognize her and become aware of her deeds and actions. May God protect Us and you from her and her like.

As for this ephemeral one, I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to guide the friends of that land to the straight path of trustworthiness, religious devotion, truthfulness and sincerity, that all may find rest beneath His shadow and grace.

Once this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. He said:

> "O servant present! For everything there has been and is a beginning. The saying of common folk that 'without leaven the bread is unleavened' is a complete statement and the word of a wise and knowing one. Today the companions of God are the leaven of the world's peoples. All must acquire from their trustworthiness, truthfulness, steadfastness, deeds and character. Ask of God that they may find the fragrance of awareness and hold fast to that which will elevate their conditions and stations."

Section 2: "Some of the opposers have objected, claiming…"

Some of the opposers have objected, claiming that while their own companions act with righteousness, and the companions of the Primal Point were adorned with piety, trustworthiness and religious devotion, this statement deviates from the path of truth and righteousness. For from the time of the arrival of the Ancient Beauty in Iraq, of which this servant is aware, verses and words were continuously revealed and sent forth from the innermost mystery, and all were commanded to that which God desired and forbidden from that which He prohibited in the Book.

Some time ago the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this exalted word:

> "From Iraq and the Land of Mystery and the Land of Prison, We continually counseled the people of the Bayan and commanded them to that which befitteth the Cause of God. Yet sedition and corruption have not ceased; most are defiled and have not attained unto sanctity and detachment."

They themselves are aware of what abominable deeds appeared among this group. In truth, one is unable to describe it. None had control over their own wives, children, and possessions. Most were rebellious, wayward and tyrannical, yet considered themselves among God's pure chosen ones. A few were seen to be sanctified from worldly attachments and doubts, and this was only in the beginning of the Cause. Later, you yourself witnessed what they did and what transpired, to such an extent that the Exalted One—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—expressed amazement, though outwardly remained silent as there was no helper or supporter. In His final days He wrote a Tablet expressing utmost complaint about those souls and showing displeasure with most of them. However this was concealed as its disclosure was not deemed wise.

The people are weak, as was observed when, despite the shining of the Sun of Truth at high noon and the appearance of the Ultimate Tree from the right side of the hallowed spot, each soul would present their own vain imaginings as certainty. In any case, were we to discuss these matters, books and volumes would not suffice.

However, in this Most Great Revelation, even the enemies have testified and continue to testify to its sanctity, detachment, loftiness and sublimity. One of the divines of Yazd had said that at first the deeds of this community were beyond description, but now they are seen gathering in meetings, reciting verses, chanting prayers, and manifesting complete trustworthiness and religious devotion. It is evident this is due to the command of the new Leader. Observe how many souls in this Revelation freely drank the cup of martyrdom and sacrificed themselves by their own hands, even though this was not pleasing to the Truth. Even now there are souls who are sanctified, holy and pure from all faults. Verily our All-Knowing Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

This servant mentions one word about trustworthiness and faithfulness to covenant, that perhaps some may become aware and know with certainty that God has beneath His canopies servants possessed of great trustworthiness, goodly deeds, and spiritual qualities. In Alexandria, several of the loved ones of God were engaged in their trades as commanded, for in this Most Great Revelation work is accounted as worship. We beseech Him to assist all to achieve what He desires.

That word is that Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Ali, son of Jinab-i-Haji Abdu'r-Rahim—upon them both be the Glory of God—went to Khartoum to associate with the beloved of heart and soul, Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, and that spiritual friend Ha and Sin, upon them be the Glory of God, as those two prisoners had written requesting one of the friends to come and associate with them and learn of events occurring in the Holy Land and surrounding regions, as well as Iran. The aforementioned Shaykh determined to undertake this journey for the sake of God.

For a time, they were gathered like leaves of the tree of love, fresh and light from the gentle breezes and luminous waters, when suddenly the autumn wind began to blow and caused their separation. Those two

mentioned ones, upon them be God's praise, turned toward this direction and attained their purpose, while the honored Shaykh remained engaged in business in that land.

After several consecutive years, by firm command Haji Abdullah, upon him be [the Glory of God], travelled to that region to associate with the honored Shaykh and assist him in outward affairs and support his return journey. However due to unsettled conditions this was prolonged until the honored Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God, ascended. After his ascension the aforementioned Haji Abdullah attended to settling affairs.

The Iranian consul in that city wrote details of the deceased's affairs as well as his goods and possessions to the chief agent of the sublime Iranian state residing in Cairo. He in turn, according to established legal procedure, made claim upon the assets and estate. The two most exalted names Muhammad and ʿAli, upon them be the Glory of God, wrote from Alexandria that whatever was rightfully theirs would be received. Some of the believing merchants of Cairo told the aforementioned agent that this sum would reach him, as the words of these honored ones were true and free from any doubt.

Afterwards Alexandria was overturned and Cairo thrown into turmoil, with the thunder of cannons rising and the clamor of ranks and thousands and rifles manifest, such that all people were agitated and fearful, and the turmoil spread until it reached these lands. Were it not for God's grace and mercy, the earth would have swallowed all upon it, for due to the heedlessness and rebellion of the people they deserved what befell them.

In brief, Alexandria in a matter of hours was turned upside down, as previously mentioned in some petitions of this evanescent one and also revealed from the Supreme Pen. The friends in Alexandria and Cairo sent petitions to the Most Holy Court seeking guidance for their situation, and likewise sent petitions to His Holiness the Name of God M.H., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, who was present in this land at that time. He instructed that the friends of A. and S. should move according to circumstances and turn toward the Most Holy Court, while the friends in Egypt should remain settled and at rest in their places.

Afterwards when these ones arrived in the Holy Land, the heedless ones and traitors set fire to Alexandria and either burned or plundered people's possessions of every kind, and all the properties of the friends were plundered and their storehouse was demolished and destroyed, and in the direction of Khartoum the fire of strife was ablaze and a person raised the banner of rebellion. Due to the turmoil in Egypt, all those regions were in upheaval and disturbance, and Haji ʿAbdu'llah was confined there until the order for departure arrived. Placing his trust in God, he departed, and the Lord, exalted be His glory, protected him from a hundred thousand calamities. Praise be to God, he arrived and was honored in the desired land.

As for the friends in Alexandria, despite their utter destitution, and although the Consul in Cairo had been dismissed and news had reached Istanbul of the arrival of a new Consul, nevertheless, in view of the promise that had been made, Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, endeavored to fulfill that promise. Through God's grace and favor, funds became available which he took and journeyed to Egypt, delivering fifty English pounds.

The believing merchants and the Consul himself were greatly amazed and astonished. At first the Consul refused to accept it, swearing that "I have no complaint. These qualities of yours suffice me, and in your praise this much is enough: that even those who oppose you speak in your praise." In any case, this incident became a cause of exaltation in those regions. Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, has written describing the love of the friends in Egypt in such a way that the birds of love take wing in the hearts of the near ones. Love for God's sake truly bestows true life and quickens the dead.

This their faithfulness to the covenant is, in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Exalted, recorded among the sovereign deeds and set down in His Book. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm the loved ones of that land and of other lands in trustworthiness and truth.

The land of the prison occupied so lofty a station that all regions looked towards it; and whensoever any of its inhabitants desired aught—whether for buying or selling, from near or distant cities—they would hear the answer, "He is present." Yet, through the treachery of certain souls and the darkness of what was within their hearts, it sank from the first station to the second—nay, even to the third. Nevertheless, since the seat of the Throne remaineth, in very truth, the place wherein the loftiness and exaltation of the stations of the friends are established in a measure known and enduring among the servants, another blemish hath appeared: that every soul who becometh exceedingly vile doth, in the end, even claim for himself the truth. May the Hand of power, God willing, preserve His servants, and cause them to attain unto that which He loveth and is well pleased with.

In all conditions, every limb and member must utter the words: "There is no power and no might save in God." In that same hour, this servant stood before the Throne, and the Beloved of the seen and the unseen spake this word. Write thou unto Ali-Akbar—upon him be My glory, My mercy, and My loving-kindness: O Ali! Convey unto My loved ones that whereby their stations shall be exalted through My command. Say: O friends of the All-Merciful in the lands! Subdue the cities of hearts with the hosts of deeds and of virtues. This is the decree of the Lord of the worlds, at the time of His establishment upon the Most Great Throne. Blessed is the servant who hath been drawn by My call and hath acted according to that which I commanded in My clear Book. Ended.

Of such kind are the firm and unnumbered utterances that were heard from the Tongue of Him Who is the Lord of all. Blessed are the doers.

As to what you wrote concerning your heart's beloved, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, and mentioned his services in the path of God—after being presented before the Most Holy Court, these words were repeatedly uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur:

> "Upon him be the Glory of God, upon him be the Glory of God."

The news from Mazandaran was written in detail by that beloved one, and in these days petitions have arrived from every direction containing mention of his services in Q. However, after being presented, outwardly for several days no command was issued in this matter from the Dawning-Place. Then one day this supreme word emerged from the Dayspring of utterance of the Lord of Names—His words, exalted be His grandeur and His majesty:

> “O servant in attendance! If We say it occurred with wisdom, the barking of swine and clamor of the ignorant is observed to have risen. And if We were to consider only the clamor, We have not and do not wish to conceal this manifest service. Therefore from the Source of Divine Command this decree is issued: We say he had recourse to speech and utterance, and God, exalted be His glory, in view of His grace and favor made him the place and supreme source of the Word. And though this exaltation caused clamor, yet considering the recourse there was and is no harm, rather it is accepted before the Throne. We have adorned his deed with the ornament of acceptance and have mentioned him in various Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Generous.”

This lowly one submits that if a copy of this petition were to be written, confirmed and sent to various regions, it would not be without benefit, as it is adorned with verses and words of God, exalted be His glory, which are in truth the cause of the enkindling of the world and its peoples. Perhaps they may find its sweetness and arise to do what God loves, and perhaps the fragrance of goodly deeds and virtuous character may waft to all regions and awaken the heedless. The Command is in His hand and I am but a penitent servant.

As for the Tablets specifically requested for the loved ones of the land of M, they were revealed in those same days but their sending was delayed due to upheavals and wisdom. In these days the command to send them has been given and God willing they will be sent. What that heart’s beloved wrote concerning them truly caused joy to the heart and the realm of love became manifest. God willing may that beloved one and they ever speak what God has willed and stand firm in service to the Cause.

And the second letter from that presence dated the first of the blessed month of Ramadan gave fresh hearing and caused new melodies in love of the Lord of Oneness to be sung, and after hearing and understanding, the Holy Station was intended beyond mention and utterance, and details were presented after permission. Then flowed the river of mercy and favors and surged the sea of grace in such wise as cannot be described in words. He spoke and His word is the truth:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique

O thou who gazest toward the prison and uttereth praise of the Desired One, who drinketh from My choice sealed wine! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The servant in attendance hath come with what thou didst send unto him, and presented before the Wronged One that which the dove of thy heart sang in praise and remembrance of God. Blessed be thy tongue and thy utterance and he who heareth thy words concerning God’s Cause, the Mighty, the Loving. We have sent down to those near unto Us that which, were it to be cast upon the earth, would cause the sun of knowledge and utterance to rise therefrom. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful spoken, yet most people understand not.

Thou art he who was present and beheld the sea and its waves, the sun and its lights, and heard what the Speaker of Sinai uttered when seated upon the throne of manifestation. Verily thy Lord remembereth him who hath turned unto Him, spoken His praise, and arisen to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Forbidden. Grieve not for what they do. By My life! Were the receptive ones to be fair and to know, they

would act according to what they were commanded in various tablets from God, the Lord of all beings. Thus did the Mother Book speak aforetime, and the Preserved Tablet in this praiseworthy station.

Section 3: "Convey My greetings to My loved ones…"

Convey My greetings to My loved ones and remind them of that which profiteth them, preserveth them, and elevateth them to My Kingdom, which God hath made the circling-point of all in the invisible and visible realms. Say: O My friends! We counsel you to deeds from which the Concourse on High will perceive the fragrance of sanctity. By My life! Through them My Cause and your stations shall be exalted beneath the canopies of My loving-kindness, the pavilion of My glory, and the tabernacle of My mercy, which hath preceded existence. Say: We are with you under all conditions. We hear and see, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We see and conceal; We hear and keep silent. Were We to detail for thee what hath appeared and shall appear, grief would seize thee. Therefore ask God to transform it through His authority. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and light be upon thee and upon My loved ones and upon those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament on this mighty, wondrous Day.

This servant submitteth to that beloved one that although responses to letters may be delayed, yet afterward all matters descend one after another from the heaven of divine will and are dispatched. Fortunately, the cause of delay in serving your honor is evident, clear and proven. In any case, we hope for forgiveness, and moreover this evanescent servant is assured of your honor, for you are aware and informed. That you wrote news of receiving divine tablets, and likewise of the gathering of friends and sharing these with them, and mentioned the degrees of eagerness, joy, attraction and enchantment of His exalted party—this truly bestowed boundless joy. God willing, may they partake in all conditions of the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance and arise as befitteth them.

How beloved from those attracted, enkindled souls is the manifestation of deeds and good, pleasing character! The horizons of the human world are illumined by these lights. The deed of an upright seeker is like a tree: its root in the earth of steadfastness, its branch reaching wheresoever God willeth, its fruits enduring throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. In truth, none but the mirror of divine knowledge hath or shall enumerate these stations. Blessed be your honor and them. We beseech God to grant all the people of the world a portion of this good bounty and heavenly feast, and leave none deprived. Verily He hath power over all things.

And as to their expression of gratitude, joy and delight concerning the Second Feast, the newly risen Sun, and the recurring bounty—this bestowed upon all pillars a most delicate joy, nay, a joy more subtle than can be reckoned. Regarding the dawning of divine Tablets from the horizon of favor yet again, you wrote these words—your statement: "This nothingness has, this time, so drunk deep and become so enraptured by this supreme gift that it finds itself master over all who dwell on earth." After this statement was presented at the Most Holy Court, the Divine Tongue spoke these blessed words—His words, exalted and mighty be He: "This utterance of Ali-Qabli-Akbar is like a branch of love that has been grafted onto divine love."

A hundred thousand souls and oceans be sacrificed for this blessed word that has risen like the sun from the horizon of favor. Glorify thy Lord with praise and be of the thankful ones.

And concerning your mention of God's loved ones, you wrote that they too were attracted by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, to such extent that they spoke in ecstasy the praise of God, and likewise denied consciousness, understanding and humanity to the souls who turned away among the people of the Bayan. After this passage was presented, these perfect and binding words dawned from the Dayspring of divine utterance. He said:

> "O thou who art present! God willing, may the friends of God ever be gathered together, engaged in the remembrance and praise of the Truth. Whosoever has drunk from the Most Great Ocean beholds the world beneath his shadow. These birds have been taught the flight of Truth, and they soar above the birds of understanding and reason. Blessed are they! Blessed are they!"

May my very being be a sacrifice for one who findeth the sweetness of utterance and beholdeth from the horizons of the heaven of the words of God's Book the suns of tender mercy and bounties!

As to that which ye have written concerning movement and consultation, in truth the presence of that Beloved in those days in that land was necessary. It is hoped, through the bounty of the Truth—exalted be His glory—that He will sanctify that blessed land from the rejected attributes of the opponents among the people of the Bayan.

Glory be to God! How heedless are the people! Every person of understanding and discernment is perplexed by those fabricated souls who have established ignorance upon the throne of hearts and have excluded knowledge and justice from their portals. Woe unto them and unto those who have gone astray and led them astray, and unto the calamity that walketh and knoweth not whither it goeth, and unto the abyss from which the very abyss seeketh refuge!

As to that which ye have written concerning His Honour Aqa Mirza Lutfu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah, it was presented before the presence of the Lord of being. This is what hath been uttered by the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of utterance—exalted be His most glorious mention:

In the Name of the Sincere, the Compassionate, the All-Informed

O thou who hast turned thy face unto the Countenance! These are the Days of God; a single moment thereof cannot be compared with centuries and ages. A particle in this Day is beheld as the sun, and a drop as an ocean. Should anyone draw but a single breath for the love of God and His service, it hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as the most meritorious of deeds. Were the excellences of this Day to be mentioned, all would fall unconscious save whom thy Lord willeth. Therefore it is well-pleasing that in this Day thou shouldst strive to attain the lights of the Sun of divine good-pleasure. One word is better, loftier and more enduring than a hundred thousand children.

God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most exalted station, that thy mention may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou never despondent. Hold fast to the hem of God's robe and place thy trust in Him. Say: O my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee with my spirit, my being, my soul and all that I possess, and have laid my hopes, my supplications, my will and my desire before the throne of Thy grandeur. Aid me in that which Thou desirest, through Thy grace and bounty. Thou knowest that I

know not what profiteth or harmeth me. Ordain for me that which is best for me. Verily Thou art the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Merciful, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst write concerning Haji Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was submitted to the Most Holy Presence, this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be illumined by the lights of His knowledge. His word, exalted be His glory:

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

Verily the Light calleth aloud and the Fire proclaimeth. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and attained unto that which God hath desired in His glorious and wondrous Day. He hath come for the life of the world, yet the people desired to slay Him. Woe unto them! Verily thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Say: By God! The Sinai circleth round Me and the lights have prostrated before this resplendent Light. Among the people are those who speak according to their desires, those who have risen in calumny, and those who have clung to them that have violated God's Covenant and His Testament. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and I am of those who bear witness.

O peoples of the earth! Abandon what ye possess in hope of that which is with God. Thus doth command you He Who speaketh the truth. Verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee from His presence that which shall suffice thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, if thou be of them that are steadfast. Hold fast unto the Book of God and that which hath been sent down from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Supporter, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Books have testified to My Book, and it is this Temple which hath been established upon the Throne, to the detriment of every remote denier.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of My grace. Rejoice thou at this great bounty. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon those who have cast away all else save Me, who have held fast unto My grace and clung to My luminous hem.

The lights of grace have encompassed all and the morn of bounty hath dawned. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have in this Day attained unto their goal, whom the conditions and appearances of these numbered days have not withheld from the everlasting station. The greetings and salutations of this servant be upon the honored Mirza and upon them and upon each of the friends of God. If possible, in every morn and eve, nay rather in every hour, nay in every moment, they are dependent upon the favor of that Beloved One.

Regarding what was mentioned about Rida-Quli Khan (upon him be the Glory of God), it was presented before Him from Whom nothing is hidden. This is what the Tongue of Grace, Generosity and Bounty has spoken, exalted be His glory and magnificent be His grace: "O ʿAli the Most Great, upon you be My mercy which has preceded all humanity." The Truth, exalted be His majesty, has created all the world for His recognition and has desired comfort for all, and has manifested means according to the requirements of His wisdom. By My life! If the people of earth were to be illumined by the lights of the heaven of knowledge—that is, if they were to hold fast to and act upon that which has been sent down from the

Supreme Horizon and the Most Exalted Summit—they would all find themselves in the utmost joy, security and tranquility.

What you have done regarding them is beloved at the Divine Throne. Convey greetings from the Wronged One and say: Be not grieved by what has befallen you, for greater than this befell the Truth. I swear by the lights of the Divine Countenance, this world, with all the grandeur that you observe, was not and is not worthy of even one of God's friends. Be steadfast in the Cause—verily He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon Him at all times and cling to His robe. Verily He ordains for him what He desires and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon him, and patience be with him, and forbearance be yours, and the Command be Mine, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-i-Tabib (upon him be the Glory of God), and likewise concerning his intelligence, wisdom, receptivity, perfection and capacity—all these matters were presented before the Divine Throne at noon on Sunday in the month of Safar. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

> "God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors, illumined by the lights of His knowledge, given to drink of His choice wine, and sustained by His heavenly food. How wonderful is this blessed and mighty Day! Its fragrance has encompassed the world and its breeze has wafted over all. Blessed is he who has been awakened by this breeze and recognized it, and has arisen saying, while turning towards the Supreme Horizon: I was asleep, O my God! The breezes of Thy grace awakened me and caused me to stand before the horizon of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in remaining steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things, both hidden and manifest.' O Ali, the glances of favor are directed towards him. Give him the glad tidings of what the Wronged One has uttered in His mighty prison. Progress has been and will be for existence in all worlds. This is a truth in which there is no doubt. The Glory be upon you and upon him and upon whoever holds fast to that which is good and through which the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, is exalted."

Regarding the brief answer to his question that was sent down from the Supreme Kingdom—that beloved one knows that concerning these ranks and stations, that which would suffice all who are on earth has been revealed, and in these days the Supreme Pen loves to speak on every matter. Verily there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the Truth, exalted be His glory, will assist them in all conditions to do that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God.

Section 4: "And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Khudadad…"

And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Shah-Virdi (upon them be the Glory of God), truly they are blessed with divine favors. After presentation before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Khudadad! The Supreme Pen testifieth that whenever mention was made of thee, thou wast honored with the Divine Word and His remembrance. Beseech thou God to assist thee to recognize this noble and great station. From the beginning of thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, every time thou wert mentioned, a special Tablet was revealed, and apart from this, the gaze of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards thee. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, Who took thy hand and delivered thee from the darkness of the earth and brought thee beneath the shade of the Tree of His providence and exalted thy mention amongst His near servants. His grace and mercy have ever preceded all else. Verily He saved thee and guided thee to the straight path and gave thee to drink of the pure wine by the hand of His bounty and made thee one of the people of that station. Be thou steadfast in My service, speaking My praise, and holding fast unto My grace which hath encompassed the horizons.

Likewise these resplendent verses have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, concerning Haji Shah-Virdi, upon him be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Shah-Virdi! Thou hast attained unto that whereof the peoples of the world are heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Thou didst journey and turn and direct thyself until thou didst reach the Dayspring of guidance and didst hear that which the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, did speak. How many a friend died in his yearning to meet Me, how many a beloved one sought My presence, how many a ruler lamented in his separation from Me, and how many an intimate one gave up his spirit for union with Me. And thou didst purpose and resolve, placing thy trust in God, until thou didst attain the court round which circle the Spirit Faithful, and didst hear from the Wronged One what the ears of them that are nigh have heard. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and drawn thee nigh unto the Water of Life and revealed for thee that which nothing in all creation can equal, and caused thee to hear what Moses did hear. Reflect upon the bounty of God, that He may free you from all earthly sorrows of these fleeting days. Such grace is worthy of attention, and such attention worthy of freedom from sorrow. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee.

This evanescent servant hath ever sought and continueth to seek blessing, bounty, grace, steadfastness, favor and everlasting mention for those whom the Supreme Pen hath named the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses. This will surely be answered in due time, for by the testimony of the Supreme Pen and that beloved one's witness, they have devoted and continue to devote most of their time to serving the Cause. Such souls have been and will be remembered by the whole world. These scattered things and diverse colors will soon perish, but that which is with God shall endure. Well is it with them! They are in truth confirmed, among their confirmations being that that beloved one hath expressed satisfaction with them. God willing, may they remain ever confirmed and blessed.

As regards the matter whereof His Honor Aqa Khudadad—upon him be the Glory of God—hath spoken, that nigh upon a year hath elapsed since whatsoever he dispatched, no response from this servant hath been received—the matter is even as he hath stated. Yet this servant, having regard unto his confidence

in them, and likewise considering that in most of the Tablets their mention floweth from the Supreme Pen, hath been occupied in answering the correspondence of certain souls who have but recently turned their faces unto the divine Law. And they themselves, in view of the service and steadfastness they manifest in the Cause, are assuredly well-pleased with whatsoever hath transpired. God—exalted be His glory—is witness and testament that their mention, their arising, and their service have ever been, and remain, before the eye of Our regard, and it is hoped that, through divine bounty, a response shall likewise be dispatched.

And as touching that which they inscribed concerning His Honor Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Ali-Asghar—upon them both be the Glory of God—praise be to God, they have been made to partake of the divine remembrance both aforetime and now. Their mention hath been sent down from the heaven of the providence of our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and recorded by the Supreme Pen. This is of the bounty of our Object and your Object. These most exalted words have, in this station, flowed forth and been revealed from the tongue of the Sovereign of being. He saith—glorified and exalted is He:

> "O Muhammad! Blessed art thou in that thou hast been faithful to thy covenant, and blessed is he who hath wrought therein that which was acceptable before the Throne. Thy deed hath been adorned with the embroidery of acceptance in this mighty, praiseworthy station. Give thanks unto God for this bounty and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O King of the unseen and the seen!' And We make mention of Ali—he who was aforetime the younger—and We magnify him and give him glad-tidings of My mercy which anticipated him. Blessed is he in that he hath been favored with My remembrance both aforetime and now, and hath drunk of My sealed choice wine."

The deeds of that personage were most acceptable, and the deeds of His Honor Aga Muhammad have likewise been favored with the embroidery of acceptance. The verses of God, our Lord and the Lord of all the worlds, have borne witness thereunto.

As concerning that which ye inscribed regarding His Honor Aga Mirza Muhammad-Ali and his household—upon them both be the Glory of God—after presentation in the Most Sacred Court, the billows of the ocean of divine utterance appeared and became manifest in the form of these resplendent words. He saith—glorified be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

O Muhammad Ali! We have heard thy mention in a Book from one who loved Us, and him did God love. And We have revealed unto thee verses which naught in the treasuries of kings can equal. Blessed is he who hath today attained unto the knowledge of God—He Who, when He appeareth, causeth all things to speak. The Promise hath come to pass, and this is He Who was promised. We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses and summoned all unto God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Among mankind are those who have cast away guidance and seized hold of passion, following every heedless, veiled one. There hath befallen the Wronged One in the path of God that whereat the Concourse on high and the dwellers of the cities of the divine names have wailed.

Yet the people, most of them, understand not. In all circumstances have We arisen for the Cause in such wise that neither the assaults of the world nor the ranks of armies could prevent Us. And the first who opposed Us were the divines of the earth. They have violated the covenant and testament of God and risen up against Us even as they rose aforetime against Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and before Him against the Spirit. The Balance crieth out unto them, yet they hear not; the Bridge warneth them, yet they perceive not. They have clung to vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning away from the lights of certitude. Thus doth My Supreme Pen recount unto thee in this forbidden prison.

Preserve My verses, then read them unto the people of Baha. This is what He commandeth thee in Whose grasp is a preserved Book. The glory be upon thee and upon thy consort who hath been favored with the choice wine of love for her Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O beloved of my heart! According to His command, convey these mighty and sublime verses unto them and extend greetings from the True One, that perchance they may attain unto true joy through the breathings of the utterance of the Sovereign of all creation and be preserved from the great terror. This servant also extendeth greetings and salutations unto them.

Mention was made of Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of Kha, and likewise mention of his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love. After attendance, permission and presentation, the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth in these exalted words. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name which speaketh from the horizon of the Kingdom

This is a Book revealed by the Wronged One for him who hath turned unto God on a Day whereof God's Messengers had given glad-tidings aforetime—yea, every revealed Book. O ʿAli, call thou to mind what caused thee to arise to serve this Cause, what awakened thee on this Day, who made thee hear the call of the Wronged One—He Who hath endured in God's path that which caused the near ones to weep—who informed thee of this Prisoner, and who told thee of this Cause whereby the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing was raised up, the Supreme Horizon was illumined, and all things spoke forth in the kingdom of creation. He Who was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of Command in His sealed Book hath come.

Blessed art thou for having heard, recognized and turned unto Him Who came from the heaven of Command with manifest sovereignty. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which gladdeneth the heart of the Wronged One and exalteth the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily, should He perceive the fragrance of His qualities and what He hath enjoined upon His servants in His Book, He would rejoice. Thus hath the Tongue of utterance spoken in the kingdom of understanding, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath been set ablaze with the fire of God's love in His days, and upon everyone who hath arisen, having cast away idleness, on this Promised Day. Moreover, glory and remembrance be upon him who hath been awakened by the breezes of revelation wafting from the direction of My prison, the Mighty, the Beloved.

At this moment, such verses are being revealed and such evidences are shining forth that in truth a hundred thousand souls like this servant would be powerless and incapable of mentioning, describing, recording or relating them. Glory be to God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who dwell in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. I know not what intoxication hath seized these people. The followers of previous dispensations would argue that because certain matters foretold in their Book had come to pass, this constituted proof and evidence of its truth. Yet now thou and all the friends bear witness that matters which no rational being could have conceived have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen with perfect clarity, and all have been fulfilled one after another, emerging from the hidden to the manifest realm.

Indeed, whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear in the future hath been recorded one by one in the Book and witnessed in manifest reality. This matter is not limited, for it hath been manifested in one, two, three instances and beyond that, and even beyond that. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and asleep, as though dead, except those preserved by the hand of grace. Can anyone claim that in any previous Revelation the verses were more perfect, or the evidences more manifest, or the tree of proof more fruitful than this blessed and lofty Tree? Nay, by my Lord, unless they be utterly bereft of fairness. Whatever this servant hath submitted or may submit remaineth veiled, for he hath not had and hath not permission to present certain matters. God hath sealed his lips. The Command is in His hands; He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Mention has been made of His honor Zayn, upon whom be glory, who migrated unto God and attained His presence in the Land of Mystery. God willing, may he ever be the recipient of the special favors and bounties of the Truth. He has always been and continues to be before Our eyes. Never has he been forgotten, nor shall he ever be forgotten. God willing, throughout all ages and centuries may he be remembered for the name of the Truth and service to the Truth. At times special mention of him has issued from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity: “O thou beloved of My heart!” He has transcended all stations. The tree of faithfulness is a blessed tree. Its fruits are beloved and its traces and mysteries are enduring and everlasting. If one observes carefully, it is the leader of the hosts of love and the vanguard of the people of affection and truthfulness. From the depths of My heart I convey to him greetings and salutations.

His petition reached the presence of the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—and God willing He will bestow a response. That certain matters have been delayed is due to wisdom. These are days when should distinction become manifest, it may well cause harm—that is, to the distinguished one—since the enemies now know with clear certainty that the Truth, exalted be His glory, has forbidden sedition, corruption, persecution and murder. Therefore there is some delay in certain matters, but they are secretly vigilant. If they truly know someone to be a source of major influence in those parts, they will through various machinations prove some offense outwardly, like the offense that tyrannical bird proved against the helpless partridge before tearing it apart. This servant’s meaning is that for these reasons some divine commands have been delayed.

Section 5: “Regarding the handmaiden of God, Hudhud, upon her…”

Regarding the handmaiden of God, Hudhud, upon her be the Glory of God—what you wrote—at one time this servant made special mention of her again and she was honored with the ornament of the favor of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this supreme word—exalted be His utterance:

“O thou who gazest upon My face and standeth in service to My Cause! Give her glad tidings from Me and glorify her by command of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Verily We made mention of her before, and of the daughter of My Most Truthful Name who turned and directed himself toward the court of God by His command, until he entered the prison and stood before the gate and heard the call of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily We glorify her and her mother and My handmaidens who have turned to God, the Lord of all beings, and We counsel them to perform pure deeds and whatsoever is befitting for the days of God, the Lord of lords. Thus did the ocean of utterance surge when the All-Merciful walked in the most exalted station.” End.

Praise be to God! She hath attained unto that which she desired. She was remembered, and for her and for her daughter there hath been revealed that wherefrom the fragrance of the providence of our gracious Lord is wafted abroad. The last letter of that Beloved of souls concluded with supplication unto God. At the moment when it was being presented, as soon as it reached those words wherein she had prayed: “My God and my Beloved! Exalt that soul who exalteth Thy Cause, and becometh the means for the exaltation and uplifting of Thy Cause”—at that station the Sun of this utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of all creation. He—glorified be His majesty—said:

O thou who hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance! We have exalted thee, aided thee, raised thee up, and made mention of thee, that thou mayest make mention of the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

This glory shall not be altered, nor shall the hosts of the world be able to veil it; for God hath bestowed it, and it is from God. Ere long its traces shall appear upon the earth. Hold fast to My remembrance, and arise to serve My Cause with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and with utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee from this mighty, impregnable station. Take counsel with him, and with certain friends who are true and trusted and who are, in reality, adorned with the ornament of love; and arise to do that which leadeth to unity and concord. By My life! God will assuredly raise up whomsoever He loveth, and will make manifest his station among His creatures. Verily, He is the Friend of him that befriendeth Him, and the Helper of him that helpeth Him, in His mighty, His wondrous Day. Ended.

At this station the ocean of utterance surged in such wise that memory, thought, and strength departed from this servant. “Verily we are God’s, and to Him shall we return.” The Cause is in the hand of God. I know not what to say—how near was the body to soar, and how the spirit! After the submission of the supplication, and the revelation of verses, and the manifestation of favors, and the appearance of the signs of mercy, and the outpourings of bounty, the mention of the devoted and steadfast souls—upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness—whose names were in the letter of that Beloved, was laid before the most exalted, the most holy Court. This is that wherewith the Sun of Truth hath shone

forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. He—glorified be His majesty, magnified His bounty, and exalted His most great glory—said:

In My Name, He Who is mentioned in the Scriptures, the Sacred Books and Tablets.

This is a Book sent down from God, the Lord of eternity, unto all parties and peoples. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and woe betide every doubting denier. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who have clung to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's loving-kindness, with a mention that shall draw unto it hearts and spirits. Make mention of My servant, the Great, who hath acknowledged this Most Great Announcement and drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who uttereth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We made mention of thee aforetime from the direction of the Snow-White Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree, with a mention through which the fragrance of eternity was wafted among the peoples. Give thanks unto God for this most great remembrance in My Most Great Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Source of Revelation and Revealer of verses! By My life! A single letter of My verses is worth more than all the treasures of the earth—to this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

Say: O concourse of the peoples! By God, the Book crieth out in the midmost heart of the world and summoneth the peoples unto the Lord of eternity, yet the people are in a strange sleep. Say: He hath come, before Whom all the books of the earth have bowed down. Take heed, O ye who are endued with discernment! Fear the All-Merciful, O people of all existence! Judge fairly in this Cause at whose appearance the Trumpet was sounded and the mountains passed away. Say: Bring forth what ye possess, O peoples of the earth, that We may weigh what We have and what ye have in this Balance which hath been set up with justice by God's command, the Lord of Lords. This is a Day wherein the Balance proclaimeth with its loudest voice: I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing, from the presence of the Lord of all religions.

We make mention of him who was named Haydar from this Most Great Scene, to give him glad tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness, and draw him nigh unto the station which God hath made the object of circumambulation for the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names at morn and eventide. By My life! Wert thou to become aware of that which is with thy Lord, such joy and gladness would seize thee that all pens would be powerless to describe it. Be thou steadfast in serving My Cause, and vocal in My praise, and directed towards My horizon, and clinging to the hem of the robe of My loving-kindness. Thus did We command thee before, and in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of wisdom and utterance.

O Haydar! Counsel My servants concerning My qualities and that which hath been revealed in My Book. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the affairs of men debar thee from the Truth. Cast aside all else but Me, then turn thy face towards My direction and say: I bear witness that Thou wert recorded by the Most Exalted Pen and concealed within God's knowledge, the Lord of all men. Praise God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that which hath illumined the horizons.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. Rejoice that the Most Great Ocean hath turned towards thee from this Most Luminous, Most Ancient Station, and hath desired to make mention of thy uncle and his son, that they may rejoice in God's remembrance on a Day whereon faces were darkened and feet did slip. Blessed is he who heard and turned towards God; woe unto him who turned away from Him Who made mention of him by night and day. We give them glad tidings and proclaim from this Station Our glorification unto them, that they may arise to serve My Cause before which necks have bowed. And We make mention of God's loved ones and His friends in the land of Sin and Nun, and give them glad tidings of the Sun and its radiance, and the Sea and its waves, and the Heaven and its elevation, and the Stars and their lights, and that which hath been inscribed for them by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Scroll. Thus doth God recompense His servants as a token of His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Yahya! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of ʿAkka, from the right hand of the Luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is no God but Me, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Dost thou know Who speaketh unto thee, and dost thou recognize Who hath turned towards thee? Say: Yea, by Thy Self! The One Who conversed on Sinai speaketh unto me, and the Lord of the Manifestation hath turned towards my face as a token of His grace, for He is in truth the Self-Sufficient, and I am the poor and needy one. O Yahya! Counsel My servants to trustworthiness and truthfulness, and to that whereby God's remembrance may be exalted in the cities and lands. Open ye the hearts through the hosts of goodly character. Thus have We commanded Our servants before, and in this Book, and thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of Existence with mention of the Intended One, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind.

And We make mention of him who was named Mawla in this Most Exalted Station with My sweetest call, and I am verily powerful over whatsoever I desire. Arise to make mention and offer praise, and glorify thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End. We have remembered you with such remembrance as hath caused the valley of Batha to overflow, and the Euphrates of My mercy to stream forth from every direction. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Water of Life. Fear ye the All-Merciful Who hath come with the hosts of divine revelation and the standards of His verses. Say: Will there remain with you what ye behold this day? Nay, by My true Self! All that is on earth shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with Him alone. To this beareth witness every tree, stone, clod and pebble.

We make mention of the Guide whom We guided to the straight path. O Hadi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and bids thee and them that have believed to observe that which ye have been commanded by Him Who causes the dawn to break. By God! The Day of God speaketh the truth in this Castle which God hath made the Most Great Horizon. Know this, O ye men of understanding! Say: Cast aside that which the people possess. The Monarch of existence hath come with the standards of revelation and inspiration. O people of the earth! Fear God, and deprive not yourselves of Him through Whom was manifested that which lay hidden in the Books and Tablets. Take hold of the Book of God with might, and follow not every doubting ignorant one. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the light of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless imposter.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath heard thy shrill voice and turned toward thee, who hath been named Yusuf, that he may rejoice in this remembrance before which, when it appeared, all remembrances bowed down in adoration. We have appeared and manifested the Cause in such wise that hearts were stirred and eyes were fixed in wonder, except for those who cast behind them idle fancies, turning unto God, the Dawning-Place of lights. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the hearing of My call and found the fragrance of My garment and was awakened by the breezes of My loving-kindness as they wafted forth at dawn. This is a Day wherein all things have been attracted by the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in heedlessness and slumber. Well is it with him who hath found the fragrance of the utterance and hath arisen to serve the Cause in the morning and in the evening. We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned toward thee from the Dayspring of remembrance.

We make mention of Ali-Qabl-Muhammad and give him and those who have believed the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness and My bounty, to which all atoms bear witness. Put thy trust in all things in Him Who conversed with the Tree, and hold fast unto that which hath been sent down in the Book from Him Who sendeth the winds. Beware lest the imaginings of the divines hold thee back from Him Who created the heavens, or the might of rulers deter thee from the Dawning-Place of certitude. Pay no heed to numbered days; they shall pass away, and the believers shall find themselves in the highest paradise. We bid you in all circumstances to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of them that have denied the ultimate end be raised. Thus hath the fragrance of utterance been wafted throughout the contingent world. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe unto every denying impostor.

We make mention of My loved ones in Shin and Ha, and give them glad-tidings of My turning toward them, and We pronounce greetings upon their faces from this Station which hath been adorned with the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. O My loved ones! Rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the Command, then thank your Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times. He hath forgiven you and guided you and preferred you above most of His servants. We have made mention of everyone whose name was mentioned before the Face, and then those whose names were not mentioned. Verily, He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Section 6: “We make mention of him who hath been…”

We make mention of him who hath been named Khanlar and give him glad-tidings of My inexhaustible favors. Rejoice in Our having made mention of thee and of those who have believed in verses for which souls would be sacrificed. Confine thy affairs to the remembrance and praise of God. When one of His loved ones visits thee, arise to serve him with spirit and fragrance. Let not the affairs of the world and what transpireth therein sadden thee. Leave them behind thee and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of creation. Glory be upon thee and upon thy children and thy family and upon every patient believer.

After the waves of the ocean of inner meanings and the dawning of the lights of divine utterance, what can this servant mention and what can he submit? At one time this most exalted Word issued from the

tongue of the Lord of Names—indeed it caused the heart to burn, sighs to ascend and tears to fall—His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O servant in attendance! Thou dost witness and hear that at all times the shrill voice of the Pen of Grace is raised and the call of the Wronged One is loud, and all hath been for the guidance of the servants and salvation of all on earth. Would that, in return for this supreme gift and this mighty favor, they would unite on the Cause of God and hold fast to that which is the cause of its loftiness and elevation, that perchance a sweet fragrance might waft from pure deeds and spiritual qualities and inform the world of that which hath appeared. This fragrance, should it be diffused, is a truthful messenger and perfect herald and expositor. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My utterance and recognized what the Kingdom of My Will desired."

This poor one hath ever been astounded and bewildered at what hath appeared. They turn towards the buzzing of a gnat and away from the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen. They count a foul odor as beloved while depriving themselves of the fragrance of the supreme Paradise. All matters are evident and manifest—soon thy holiness shall see them. Thus hath informed Me He with Whom is the Mother Book.

At this time thy third letter arrived like the breeze of true spring upon this withered, prostrate form. It bestowed bounties and showed favors. Praise be to God, the herald of love is appearing and passing by, and God willing this herald shall not be prevented and shall not cease from movement.

After reading and becoming informed, it was presented at the peerless station, and after attaining presence and permission, thy beloved prayer was offered before the throne of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance. This is what the Tongue of Eternity and Lord of the worlds uttered, blessed and exalted be His words:

> "O thou who hast turned to My face and art attracted by My verses! We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord. We heard thy sighs and saw thy tears in thy love for God, thy Beloved and thy Goal. We witnessed the fire of thy love and the burning of thy heart and thy humility and submissiveness and the trembling of thy limbs in thy passion and devotion to God. We were with thee in the gatherings and assemblies when thou didst speak of this Most Great Name and this News wherewith We had given glad tidings to the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom the circumstances of vain imaginings prevented not, who arose and said: 'God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.' Convey My greetings to My loved ones. Say: By God, My heart lamenteth and Mine eye weepeth for what hath befallen My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Hold fast to the cord of unity and what hath passed you by in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We lit the lamp of counsel with the oil of grace and the fire of love. If ye preserve it not from the winds, be not the cause of its extinction. Fear the All-Merciful and reflect on the favor of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Arise to serve the Cause—it is better for you than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths."

With a hundred thousand tongues this evanescent servant beseeches the friends of God to arise with all their hearts and strive together, that perchance the peoples of the world may become aware and

cognizant of that which God, exalted be His glory, hath willed. Were they to enumerate the differences and perceive the unseemly deeds, by the life of your Beloved and my Beloved, they would flee and mock. In one of the Tablets He saith: The friends must be even as the arteries in the body of the world. Therefore must all manifest such deeds and character that the whole world may, by reason thereof, be drawn to them and set in motion. A hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for them that act for the sake of God! Where are they who prefer God before themselves and who act in His path that which conduceth to the progress and love of the peoples of the world? Through God's grace it is hoped that the seeds of bounty deposited in hearts will sprout forth and be adorned with delicate fruits. His is the Command, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The mention of Aqa Shaykh ʿAbbas, upon him be the Glory of God, was recorded by His pen. This matter was presented before the throne whence shineth forth the light of oneness, and this most exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace. God willing, may he drink from the flowing waters in the divine Tablet and attain the honor of meeting and the bounty of our Lord, the Lord of Names. His word, exalted be His utterance, sublime be His grace, and glorified be His majesty:

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

O Abbas! The Wronged One remembers thee with a remembrance whereby those who are nigh unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, are attracted. The Hour has come, the Call has been raised, the Cry has appeared, the mountains have passed away, yet the people remain unaware. The world has been revolutionized, the Throne has been established, and upon it is seated the Lord of Manifestation, He Who conversed on Sinai, yet most people comprehend not. The Mother Book has appeared and calls out between earth and heaven with the most exalted call, summoning all to the praiseworthy station. Among the people are those who deny, those who turn away, those who dispute the signs of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and those who violated God's Covenant and His Pact with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the cities of names and the inhabitants of the Kingdom to lament. When We observed closely, We found most of Our enemies to be among the divines. Thus does the Most Glorious Tongue recount unto thee from the Supreme Horizon. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We revealed knowledge for the recognition of Him Who is known. Yet when the horizon of Revelation shone forth and the Known One appeared, the divines denied Him at the outset, save those whom God, the Lord of existence, willed. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess. By God! The Most Exalted Pen has raised its shrill voice and gives glad tidings to all of the appearance of Him Whom ye sought at eventide and at morn. Say: What aileth you, O heedless ones, that ye seek the House yet turn away from Him Who raised it by His command? Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a manifest Book, before Whom, when He appeared, all the books of the world bowed down in submission, if ye be fair-minded. Be not of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day promised unto you in God's scriptures and Books, and this is the Cause whose pledge was taken by Him Who knoweth what was and what shall be.

Say: O company of oppressors! Ye have committed that which caused the Concourse on High to cry out, the denizens of Paradise to lament, and caused the sighs of the Most Exalted Paradise and the tears of the angels and the Spirit to descend. Say: If ye possess something greater than what hath come from the

heaven of divine Will, then produce it, and follow not every rejected ignorant one. Say: Come, that I may show you that of which ye were heedless on this Day which hath been attributed to God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is the Day whereon the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused, the breezes of Revelation wafted, and the Nightingale of the Cause sang upon the branches: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all sovereignty."

O Abbas! Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, and remind the people of this Most Great News, at whose appearance the limbs of vain imaginings and idle fancies trembled. Beware lest the might of princes and the doubts of divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names. Be as an immovable mountain in this irrevocable Cause. Say: He hath come with the truth and payeth no heed to your acceptance or rejection. He hath appeared and revealed what He desired despite your wishes, did ye but know. He it is Who speaketh in every condition:

> "There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved."

Thus have We opened before thy face the gate of grace with the key of justice. When thou hast attained unto it, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! I testify that Thou hast forsaken comfort for the elevation of the nations, accepted abasement for the glory of the world, and chosen exile that Thy servants might reach the Supreme Homeland, the station which God hath made sanctified beyond the comprehension of minds."

O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Take the sealed wine in the name of the Wronged One, then drink thereof with this remembrance whereby souls have been attracted. We have written for thee the reward of attainment unto Our presence with My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Rejoice, then give thanks to the Lord of the Frequented Fane. We have accepted thy turning, thy devotion and thy deeds in the path of God. Blessed art thou for having adorned thy deeds with the ornament of acceptance.

O beloved of my heart! It seems that upon every word of the divine utterances there is a herald who calls out at the top of his voice to all who dwell on earth. Glory be to God! What has befallen the world that they have deprived themselves of this most great favor and occupied themselves with that which neither nourishes nor enriches. In any case, praise be to God that the aforementioned person has attained the supreme honor and has been distinguished by mention from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may they recognize the worth of this most exalted station and partake and share with others from the Salsabil, Kawthar and Tasnim of divine utterance, that both that beloved one and this servant may speak the word "Welcome" and say "Well done!" How excellent is this fragrance—I know not whence it comes! Praise be to its Manifestation, its Sender, its Source, its Creator, its Originator and its Author. This ephemeral one also conveys greetings and salutations to them and begs for prayers for divine confirmation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over all things.

And concerning what your honor mentioned about Muhammad Karim who emigrated in the previous year, he has attained unto the hearing of our Lord, the All-Merciful, and there was revealed for him that which gladdeneth the hearts of the knowing ones. His Word is complete and His proof perfected.

In My Name through which every perspicuous Book hath been sent down

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear tokens and dispatched the Messengers to bring glad tidings to the servants of this Revelation, whereby hath appeared that which was mentioned by the tongue of the Prophets and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. When the Cause was revealed and the verses were sent down and the Temple of the Revelation was established upon the throne, the people arose in opposition, save those whom the hand of Divine power preserved from a Mighty, Ancient Source. O Karim! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth out to thee from the precincts of the Prison, and remembereth thee with that from which thou dost find the fragrance of eternity. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and the one who hath walked the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have heard thy call when thou didst catch the fragrance of My raiment from the direction of Hijaz, the place which We illumined with the lights of the countenance of Muhammad, the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets. We heard mention of thee before, and remembered thee in a Book which none hath known save the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and followed that which he was bidden by God, the Lord of all men. He is among the most exalted of creation in His perspicuous Book. Well is it with thee for having cast behind thee idle fancies, turning unto the Dayspring of thy Lord's revelation, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence, and guideth those who turn unto His straight path. This is a Day wherein hath appeared that which had not appeared from all eternity. To this testifieth He Who speaketh the truth in every circumstance—there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. When thou dost attain unto My Book and find the fragrance of My utterance, glorify thy Lord with praise, then thank Him for this bounty the like of which the eye of creation hath never beheld. To this testifieth every fair-minded scholar and every discerning mystic. Grieve not over anything; what thou hast done in His path hath been accepted. He, verily, doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined with the light of the mention of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Section 7: "This is yet another bounty, another mercy…"

This is yet another bounty, another mercy, and another favor for those who have turned unto Him, drawn nigh unto His holy court, and inhaled the air that was adjacent to the air of this exalted Prison. God willing, may they be set ablaze by the fire of divine love which is manifest and resplendent from each of its letters, and may they speak His praise with complete steadfastness through wisdom and utterance. His is the favor and the bounty in all conditions, and He is the All-Bountiful throughout all eternity.

And regarding the mention which that beloved one made of the souls who have turned unto God—upon them be the Glory of God—these were presented one by one in the Most Holy Court—God was, and there was nothing else beside Him—and there was sent down from the heaven of Will for each one specially that which would guide the stranger to his homeland, lead the thirsty to the Salsabil, unite the

lover with the Beloved, and draw the seeker to the direction of the Sought One. Great is His beneficence, exalted is His grandeur, all-encompassing is His grace, and supreme is His dominion.

O thou who hast dawned from the horizon of the heaven of My mighty Kingdom

O Salim! The All-Bountiful remembers thee from the prison, purely for His sake, that thou mayest hear the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen and the cooing of the Bird of Eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the heart that is drawn to the verses of God, the face that hath turned toward Him, and the tongue that hath spoken His wondrous remembrance. Look not to the divines and their pride, but look to Him Who remembereth thee from this mighty prison. Say: He hath appeared with the truth and hath arisen to fulfill His Cause with a sovereignty that the affairs of vain imaginings have not hindered, nor have the veils of the wayward obscured it.

How many a learned one hath been deprived of God's grace and mercy, and how many an unlettered one hath attained unto this radiant wine! Give thanks unto God for having made thee recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, and for having protected thee from the doubts of those who have denied His mighty proof. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause in such wise that the unified may inhale from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this Great Announcement, whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have rejoiced in a noble station.

This is what hath been revealed for him who was named Mirza Abu'l-Hasan

In My name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Abu'l-Hasan! Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the heaven of the All-Merciful's utterance hath turned toward thee. This is a heaven whose planets have not been and never shall be numbered, and whose suns and moons perpetually shine and rise at the point of decline. Every sage is bewildered in enumerating them, and every mighty one powerless to comprehend and define them. He counseleth thee to be truthful and fair, for had all the peoples of the world been adorned with the ornament of fairness, they would not have been deprived of the recognition of the Most Great Name and the Lord of Eternity. This Wronged One hath, according to the fancy of the suspicious, judged contrary to God's judgment.

What fault had the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets—may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake—that for successive years they rose up to persecute Him? Some called Him a liar, others a madman, some a sorcerer, and yet others an impostor. All that hath been mentioned, this servant and other servants have heard and known. Consider, beyond His blessed person, Jesus Christ—what was the cause that made those on earth rise up to deny Him? That which befell the Manifestations of God's Cause hath caused every fair-minded person to weep and lament. The cause and source of denial in every age and century were the divines of that time, whose love of leadership prevented them from turning towards God. Lo! They are in manifest error. We hope that thou wilt reflect upon what hath passed and discover the straight path of God.

There is and hath been no doubt that this Wronged One speaketh for God's sake and summoneth unto God. Neither doth denial harm Him, nor doth acceptance profit Him. Leave the suppositions and idle fancies of the people to the people, and turn with an illumined heart to God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the gate of recognition may be opened before thy face and thou mayest not be deprived of the lights of His countenance after the passing away of all things. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth mankind to His luminous horizon.

This is what hath been revealed for his honor Mashhadi Nasru'llah

In My name, the One Who ruleth over all names

O Nasru'llah! The Lord of mankind makes mention of thee while imprisoned in this remote spot, and gives thee the glad tidings of God's bounty and mercy. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Bear thou witness as God hath borne witness that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou wert remembered before the Wronged One, and there have been revealed for thee these verses which nothing created on earth can equal, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou for having cast aside the doubts of the people and drunk from the ocean of certitude. Know thou the station of Him Who hath guided thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Helper, the Generous. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the kings and rulers frighten thee. It behooveth everyone who hath turned to My horizon to forsake the earth and all that is therein, and to turn toward the conquest of hearts through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. Riches belong to the people of glory, but hearts belong to God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention in this place of him who was named Abu'l-Qasim, who migrated until he attained the presence of his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause and We invoke for him that which befitteth the grace of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Glory be upon the people of glory who have won the mention of My Beautiful Name.

This evanescent servant hopes that through the mercy and loving-kindness of the Purpose of the worlds, His hand of bounty will take hold of all and lead them from the nethermost fire to the most exalted paradise. Nothing can frustrate Him and no affair can escape His knowledge. He giveth through grace and withholdeth through wisdom. He is the Powerful, the Commander, the Ordainer.

Concerning what thou didst write about Mulla Muhammad (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) from the people of Ya, and likewise his ascent upon the steps of utterance to the heaven of knowledge of our Lord, the All-Merciful—this was presented, and these sublime words were revealed from the Manifestation of divine knowledge and the Source of the Lord's command, and verily a station that cannot be known or described was made manifest and revealed concerning him. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker

O Muhammad! We beseech God to aid thee to attain knowledge and certitude and to serve His Cause in such wise that should all the peoples of the world arise to prevent thee, they would be powerless to do so. Today the Spirit of God calleth in the wilderness of the Holy Land, and the Light of God dawneth from the horizon of His Will, and the fragrance of His Robe is diffused, and the breezes of revelation are

passing by; yet the servants remain fixed in their own heedlessness. Strive thou to drink from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful and partake of the descended feast, that thou mayest guide the people of the world to the Most Exalted Horizon through wisdom and utterance.

The people are heedless; an expounder is needed. Arise to serve the Cause of God that thou mayest become the servant of the world, and be enkindled with the fire of His love that thou mayest become the beloved of all horizons. Though some mysteries have been unveiled, most remain hidden and concealed in Divine knowledge, for were the mysteries of the Day of God and the stations of the assured and tranquil souls to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, thou wouldst behold all people circling round the dawning-places of what was and what shall be. Stand firm in the Name of Truth and arise to make good what hath been lost. Time is most precious, nay more precious than the red sulphur. Counsel the people to spiritual attributes and goodly deeds. Blessed are they who act for God's sake and are turned toward Him.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: By God! That which the people possess will profit you not. Fear the All-Merciful, then turn unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts.

Thus doth He command you in Whose grasp is the control of all knowledge. Say: O concourse of divines! Purify your hearts from that which ye possess that ye may hear the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing from this glorious station. This is a Day wherein the treasures of the world and the ranks of nations will not suffice you. Cast them behind you, seeking that which is with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We counsel thee and them who have believed to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the pillars of names have been shaken, save whom God willeth, the Lord of existence. Thus surgeth the ocean of My utterance and wafteth the fragrance of My loving-kindness. When thou seest and findest, arise and say:

> "I testify that Thou hast accepted the world's tribulations for the exaltation of God's Cause and hast borne afflictions in the love of God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names, until Thou wast imprisoned in the Most Great Prison for the salvation of the peoples. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of names, that Thou disappoint me not of what is with Thee and withhold me not from what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee to confirm me in steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of most of Thy creatures have slipped. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

God willing, may they be confirmed in that which hath been commanded from the Tongue of Grandeur and drink from the cups of bounty in such wise that the prevention of the oppressors shall not hold them back. In truth, if in these days one fails to gain his portion and remains deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, what else can bring him contentment and joy? It would be most regrettable should these precious times pass while one remains heedless. God willing, all the friends should arise with utmost endeavor to serve with full detachment, purity, fairness and consultation. First they must seek to remedy

whatever they observe that causes division, and then engage in service with joy, fragrance and wisdom. The affairs of the people and the world will all be set aright. Such utterances have been heard repeatedly from the Ancient Tongue. A hundred thousand blessings and joy to those souls who arise to do that which causes the exaltation of the Cause and comfort of the peoples of the world. In truth, exaltation itself is comfort, but people in their ignorance are heedless of this. God willing, that loved one and this servant pray that they may be led from the left hand of ignorance to the right hand of knowledge.

As for what you wrote concerning the sister of the King of Martyrs, may our spirits be sacrificed for him—it was presented before the Throne. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak:

> "O Ali, the glance of favor has been and will continue to be directed toward her and those related to the Two Luminous Ones. We have instructed Ismu'llah Mihdi to give complete instructions to Sadiq, glory upon him, regarding her rights. Likewise from the Supreme Pen it was written that if the sister has any rights they must be fulfilled—justice and fairness must prevail. We, from this station, glorify her and give her the glad tidings of My grace and mercy."

And regarding her orientation toward the Point and the arising of a leaf among leaves in a way that God loves and is pleased with—this matter attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. He said:

> "O servant present, blessed is she, again blessed is she. It behooveth that there descend upon her from the heaven of My bounty that which shall immortalize her remembrance as a reward for her deed. My Most Exalted Pen shall write for her and give her glad tidings of the acceptance of what appeared from her. We command the Branch to write for My handmaiden and My leaf that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of her Creator and hath appeared from the horizon of the loving-kindness of her Fashioner, that it may be a treasure and honor for her in all the worlds of her Lord."

Section 8: "The light of the Sun of grace illumined…"

The light of the Sun of grace illumined the worlds of the seen and unseen. O beloved of my heart, observe how a pleasing deed is beloved in the sight of God. Should one spend seas of elixir and the treasures of the world, they would surely not attain to such mention. A deed appeared and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance in such wise that from the Dayspring of the utterance of the All-Merciful there appeared that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Convey on behalf of this servant glorification and greetings to that leaf. Upon her be the glory of her Lord, upon her be the glory of her Lord. And this is what was sent down for her from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

In My Name, the Manifest, the Evident

O my leaf! Upon thee be my glory! Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee from the Supreme Pen. Verily He hath made mention of thee and given thee glad tidings of that which hath appeared from thee in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou thankful and hold fast to the hem of grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to perform a deed which hath won the ornament of Thy acceptance and

been adorned with Thy good-pleasure. By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! That which Thou hast bestowed upon me cannot be equalled by whatsoever hath been created in Thy heaven and earth. Verily Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous.

The Truth, exalted be His glory, shall assist all to that which causeth the sweet savors of His good-pleasure to be wafted. One accepted deed today is equivalent to a hundred thousand deeds—nay, I seek God's forgiveness for this limitation. Likewise concerning deeds that are not good, the Tongue of Grandeur once uttered this most exalted word—His word, exalted and glorified be He:

> "O thou who art present! The favors of the Truth have made the people presumptuous in such wise that mention thereof is not befitting. The souls who have accepted must be made aware. Today, as the Sun of Manifestation is shining and the light of His countenance hath encompassed the world, many unseemly deeds are concealed and continue to be concealed. Verily He is the Concealer, the All-Wise."

Today is the day of gladness and the day of supreme joy. The ocean of bounty is surging, the breeze of generosity is wafting, and the sun of grace is shining. However, it is now observed that unseemly deeds have reached such a point that they are nigh to touch the hem of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and rend the veil of reverence. All that hath transpired from the beginning of the Cause until now and which We have accepted was for the exaltation of God's Word and the elevation of souls that are serene, steadfast, content and well-pleasing. Now the deeds of some have been and are being scattered to the winds, unless God, exalted be His glory, protecteth through His complete power, as indeed He hath done.

O thou who art present! Write to ʿAli—upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness—that he should remind all the friends in that land and make them aware of that which profiteth them, that perchance they may return from that which hath escaped them and hold fast unto the Truth, and that which hath become the cause of harm and the source of the abasement of souls may be purified by the water of return. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

These utterances have repeatedly streamed forth from the Tongue of Him Who revealeth the verses, and sometimes when this servant was present, he would observe the Ancient Beauty in such a state of grief and sorrow that trembling would seize this evanescent one's frame. The cause of the Ancient Beauty's sorrow is clear and evident and needeth no mention. Today the goodly deeds of the friends of God are heralds of His Cause amongst His servants. Such matters have repeatedly been revealed in the divine tablets that perchance they may prove beneficial and cause awakening. Otherwise, verily He is independent of all worlds.

Some time ago certain souls outwardly began to complain, yet no answer was revealed from the Most Holy Court. "My concealment hath preceded disclosure, and My patience hath preceded haste." However, there is fear that our transgressions may lift the veil and rend the covering. I take hold of the hem of His bounty and beseech Him to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to protect them from that which harmeth them, and to guide them to that which profiteth them. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Kind, the All-Forgiving.

According to His command, convey greetings from the True One to the emigrants in the land of Sad, may the Glory of God be upon them. God willing, may they be illumined by the light of unity and arise to serve the Cause, so that the effects of light may shine forth and become manifest in all regions. All have to some degree understood God's good-pleasure; let them hold fast unto it and act accordingly. This is the cause of salvation in this world and the next. Your migration and tribulations have ever been beneath His gaze; God willing, they shall remain preserved.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Aqa Baba, may the Glory of God be upon him, mention was made of him in the Most Holy Court, and he has been blessed with the lights of favor from the Sun of Truth. Blessed is he! In these days, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ahmad, may the Glory of God be upon him, from or resident in Shah, sent a letter to this servant regarding Jinab-i-Mirza H-Y, may the Glory of God and His favors be upon him. Several names were mentioned therein, including that of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Aqa Baba. Most holy Tablets were revealed and sent specially for each one; God willing, they shall attain unto them. In truth, the matter is as that beloved one wrote, for the journey of Jinab-i-Mirza to those regions caused the Word to be uplifted. This suffices him, by the Lord of all worlds. When these words were heard from the beloved's tongue, mention was made; otherwise this servant was not and is not worthy to make mention of his services.

Regarding what was written about the leaf, the wife of Jinab-i-Mirza H and Sin, may the Glory of God and His favors be upon them, it caused grief, and all the inmates of the pavilion of chastity were visibly overcome with utmost sorrow, and mention was also made in the Most Holy Court. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey condolences to Jinab-i-Mirza, and God willing, this servant himself shall also express what bespeaks his weakness and lowliness.

And concerning the mention of the ascension of Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Harati, may the Glory of God be upon him, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. These exalted words were revealed especially for him, purely out of grace and favor. His words, exalted be His glory and mention and praise:

He is the Rememberer, the Helper

O Hasan! The Wronged One visits thee from His Most Exalted Station, which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the people of the highest paradise, and remembers thee with a remembrance through which the fragrance of divine favor hath wafted among all created things. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy ascension, thy turning unto God, and thy arrival in the Supreme Companion and Most Glorious Station. I testify that thou didst turn toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon when the rustling of the Sidrat al-Muntaha was raised between earth and heaven. Thou didst bear witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did testify, and didst accept that which was sent down from His presence and appeared from His side. Blessed art thou for having attained forgiveness from the All-Merciful, and for the Supreme Concourse having detected from thee the fragrance of My love. Blessed is he who remembers thee as the Wronged One hath remembered thee in this forbidden station. Thou wert God's and hast returned to the ocean of His mercy. This is naught but of His grace, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Praise be to God that they have been honored with such supreme bounty. Blessed are those souls who attain unto this most great favor and recognize its station. Pure, steadfast, and assured souls have had and continue to have their portion from the heaven of the grace of the All-Bountiful, which descends and flows upon them without cessation, whether in life or in death.

As to what you wrote concerning the ascension of the exalted and blessed Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, some time ago mention of him was sent to the Most Holy Court through Hadba and His name Zein, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, along with certain matters from the tongue of his family members, upon them be the Glory of God [9 66]. A detailed response was revealed and sent, and mention was also made of them in that blessed Tablet. His is the praise and favor in all conditions. May the Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those with you, both men and women.

It is submitted that for some time two Most Holy and Most Mighty Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the sons of the exalted and blessed Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God and the sea of His mercy. These were not sent during this period and were delayed until these days when they were dispatched. Perchance through divine favors they may become mindful and arise to that which is befitting and loved by God. The service of every soul is mentioned and considered in the Most Holy Court, even if it be to the extent of a needle's eye.

The exalted Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the honor of acceptance and faith in the early days. He has ever been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. After hearing the Call, he tarried not for less than that moment—He Who possesses the Clear Book bears witness to this. Therefore consideration has been shown to them in all conditions and, God willing, will continue to be shown. This ephemeral one beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, their confirmation. Their loved ones should protect them with kindness. It is the prime of life, and the winds of youth blow from a different direction.

Another matter: the honored Khadijih Bigam, upon her be the Glory of God, has sent several letters to this servant, and this servant, due to the upheavals and conflicts in various regions, had not sent a reply until now when she forwarded a letter written several months ago to be delivered to that beloved one.

Similarly, this evanescent one wrote and sent a reply to the letter which his honor Aqa Muhammad Karim (upon him be the Glory of God) had sent to Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God). God willing, may they drink from the chalices of success at all times and act in accordance with what befits the Days of God. News has arrived from various quarters that his honor has acted according to what God has revealed in the Book and has specifically appointed a deputy for teaching. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Whosoever acts according to what God has willed will surely bear fruit in this world and the next, will manifest influence, and will prove beneficial in both worlds.

Convey repeated greetings and salutations to the other friends in that land. Give glad tidings to his honor Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, for his carpet arrived and was spread out one day, and the Ancient Beauty proceeded to the garden, and it was honored and blessed by the footsteps of His Holiness

the Desired One (may my spirit be a sacrifice for His advent). They summoned his honor Haji Ghulam-Ali Musafir (upon him be the Glory of God) and said:

> "If thou shouldst see his honor Pasha, upon him be my Glory, give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of what he has sent. Joy be unto him and congratulations be unto him!"

God willing, may they be so enkindled that their radiance may be manifest and evident. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His Glory, to assist His chosen ones and loved ones to recognize what has been ordained for them, for if they become aware, the floods of the world would not be able to extinguish the fire of their love, and darkness would not overcome its light.

Among the new bounties is that special Tablets, wondrous and exalted, have been revealed for the mentioned names, both in this evanescent one's handwriting as recorded in the letter, and in the blessed handwriting of His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps). In truth, the recipients of the Tablets have become possessors of two stations, two Tablets, and two mentions. We must say with all our limbs and members:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Ancient Bestower, and glory be unto Thee, O Desired One of the worlds!"

Light and glory from the horizon of our Lord's grace, the King of Names, be upon you all and upon those with you and upon God's chosen ones and loved ones.

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

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Ancient, the Comforter, the Consoler, the Compassionate, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

Verily the Pen lamenteth and the Tablet weepeth by reason of the sighs of the faithful that have ascended and the tears of the Most Exalted Paradise that have descended. It is as though joy hath barred its door, and gladness hath been shaken to its foundations, and the heaven hath withheld its rain, and the sun of delight its radiance, and the stars their light, and the breezes have grown still, and Paradise hath been cut off from its gentle winds, and the houses of love have had their lamps extinguished, and the blessed earth hath ceased in its growth, and the seas have become motionless in their movements and waves, and the birds in their cooing and warbling, and the rivers in their murmuring and flowing, and the heaven of exposition from its manifestation and utterance.

While I was in this mighty state, recording mention of the calamity that had appeared in the Kingdom of Creation, it was as though I heard a call from all directions: O servant in attendance! What hath grieved

thee and taken the reins of choice from thy hands? Hath the world been swallowed with its people? Have the trees been uprooted? Have the foundations been shaken and the buildings quaked? Have the mountains been scattered and the banners lowered? Have the standards been broken and the leaves fallen? Have the branches grieved and the armies been defeated? Have the ships been sunk and hath the mirror of knowledge been prevented from reflecting? Hath the Hand of Grace forsaken those in creation?

Hath the Pen been prevented from flowing and the tongue been stripped of the ornament of utterance? Hath the outpouring been cut off? Hath the Builder regretted? Hath the Table retreated? Why do I see thee in the ocean of sorrows? At times thy sighs ascend and at others thy tears descend. Where is the pavilion of glory and the canopy of joy? Where is the tabernacle of gladness and the tents of delight? Where is thy smiling countenance and the ornament of thy name ʻthe servant'? Where is thy resolve and determination and thy strength in setting down that which the All-Merciful hath revealed to all who are in the realm of possibility?

Methinks I behold thy countenance grown pallid, thy frame grown weak, and thy strength and power melted away. I adjure thee by Him Who hath aided thee and made thee known, Who hath adorned thee with the vesture of acceptance and brought thee before His Face, Who hath enabled thee to hear His melodies and songs at all times, and hath manifested through thee that whereupon the breezes of life have passed among mankind—that thou shouldest unveil the countenance of the Cause.

Thou hast said: Hast thou not heard what hath befallen the servant here present through the decree of God, the Lord of lords? I had been adorned with the vesture of joy at the songs of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Methought I walked upon the carpet of gladness and soared in the atmosphere of rapture. In such a state did I seek the station of God, the Sovereign of Oneness. When I turned and entered and attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon and the Loftiest Summit, I beheld the traces of grief upon the countenance of our Lord, the Most Glorious. Then did the Face of the Creator of heaven turn towards me, and He said, exalted be His glory: Hast thou not heard, O servant of God, what hath appeared through the irreversible decree? The Most Exalted Fruit hath fallen from the Divine Lote-Tree, and she was the remnant of the Beloved of the world in the Kingdom of Creation. By the life of My Purpose and the purpose of whosoever is in the world!

When I beheld the sorrow of the Possessor of Eternity, my spirit wellnigh departed from me, and were it not for His protection and providence, I would have returned to nothingness. Then did the Face of God turn towards me and said: O servant of God! The affliction of the people of Baha hath been renewed by what hath befallen them through the decree established by the Supreme Pen upon the Most Exalted Leaf. By My life! She was indeed a fruit from whom, whenever her name was mentioned before the Face, there was wafted the fragrance of the robe of her Beloved, by Whose name the heavens were raised and adorned with the sun and its splendors and lights and manifestations.

Verily, her name, in its reality and its outward and inward aspects, doth remind the people of the days of her Beloved and the Beloved of all else besides her. She was indeed a leaf who clung fast to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and attained the presence of the Lord of all humanity, and in this she surpassed all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, save whom God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath, hath willed. When I saw and heard, grief so seized Me that My heart melted, My skin quivered, My limbs

trembled, and My sighing and lamenting were raised up. I returned to My station and My dwelling place and found it to be the house of sorrows, and I occupied Myself and My spirit with writing what the All-Merciful had revealed.

When a few minutes had passed, she appeared before the Face by His irrevocable command over all created things. Then did the Qiblih of all who are in existence, both seen and unseen, turn toward Me and spoke, exalted be His majesty and His words:

> "Bring forth pen and ink that I may make mention of that remnant of the Point who sacrificed herself with love and devotion, that My loved ones and My handmaidens in the cities and lands may visit her through that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen."

His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Consoler of the Sorrowful

O Pen! Upon thee hath descended a grievous calamity and a mighty affliction, whereat have lamented the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven. Through it sorrows have mounted until they reached the hem of the robe of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who sought to serve her in her lifetime and visited her after her ascension and passing, and blessed the handmaiden who sought her resting-place and drew nigh unto God through her.

The splendor shining from the horizon of My glorious brow and the light manifest and gleaming from the heaven of My Most Glorious Name be upon thee, O fruit of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, O blessed and luminous leaf, O companion of Him through Whose manifestation the Kingdom of immortality and the realm of creation have beamed in joy. We testify that thou wert the first leaf to attain the cup of reunion in captivity and the last fruit to surrender its spirit in separation. Thou art she whose heart melted and burned away and whose very being was set aflame in thy remoteness from His presence in the spot which God made the dawning-place of His verses, the dayspring of His evidences, the manifestation of His names, the source of His laws, and the seat of His throne.

O My leaf and fragrance of My paradise of good-pleasure! Thou art in the Supreme Companion while the Wronged One remembereth thee in the prison of ʿAkka. Thou art she who discovered the fragrance of the shirt of the All-Merciful ere the creation of contingent beings, who wast honored by His presence and didst attain His reunion and drink the choice wine of nearness from the hand of His bounty. We testify that in thee were joined two signs—the sign of union gave thee life at first, and the sign of separation caused thy death at last. How many a night in which thy sighs ascended in thy love for God and thy tears flowed at the mention of His Most Glorious Name. Verily He was with thee and beheld thy burning ardor, thy attraction, thy longing and thy yearning, and heard the moaning of thy heart and the lamenting of thy soul.

O fruit of My Lote-Tree! Through thy calamity the ocean of sorrows surged and the winds of forgiveness blew. I testify that on the night wherein thou didst ascend to the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion, and on its day, God forgave every male and female servant who had ascended, as a token of His grace and favor toward thee, save those who denied the right of God and that which was manifested

from His presence openly. Thus did God distinguish thee, O My leaf, with this most great bounty and this most ancient and foremost station.

Blessed art thou, and blessed are they who visit thee, who dwell near thee, who circle round thee, and who have sought and seek intercession through thee with God. Thou art she at whose calamity wailed the Maids of Heaven and were saddened the leaves of the Tree of Revelation. Thou art she who, when hearing the call raised from the tongue of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names, didst turn to Him and wert so attracted that authority well-nigh departed from thy hand.

O My leaf! O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love, who turnest toward My face, and who speaketh in My praise! We have sent down for thee a remembrance which the vicissitudes of centuries and the events of ages shall not efface. We have immortalized thy mention by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Scroll which none but God, the Creator of all things, hath beheld, and We have remembered thee in this Tablet with that which shall cause those near unto God to remember thee and cause the sincere ones to turn toward thy resting-place.

Blessed art thou, and felicity be unto thee and unto him who presenteth himself before thy grave and reciteth that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed concerning the final end. End.

Section 2: "From the heaven of the will…"

From the heaven of the will of the Goal of all the worlds hath been sent down that from which can be inhaled the fragrance of loving-kindness and compassion unto the endless end. Were it not for His grace, how could these wounds be healed? His loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be the balm for these afflictions. Without His protection, how could man be capable of bearing tribulations and sorrows that have had and shall have no likeness or parallel? His is the praise in all conditions.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! We have heard thy call and thy yearning for God, thy Creator and Protector, and have answered thee with a Tablet wherefrom hath shone forth the luminary of My tender mercy. By My life! I behold thee and hear what thy tongue doth utter. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou hast turned unto God, heard His call, responded to it, and acknowledged that which His tongue hath spoken. This, verily, is the Purpose in the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto such lofty stations. In view of the precedence of mercy and the manifestation of grace and the advent of the Day which hath been especially designated in former Books and attributed unto it, His grace and favors are even as the rains, flowing and descending.

Ere long shall My tender mercies, My loving-kindness and My mercy be made manifest unto My Afnan. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. Under all conditions thou art beneath the glance of His favor. God willing, the sorrows that have come to pass will be stilled through steadfast patience, and God willing the loved ones will hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning this great calamity. O Afnan! By My life! She hath seen and heard what was revealed from My Pen for her, and she now seeth and heareth what is being revealed from My manifest Pen. There hath been revealed for her that which proclaimeth My grace and loving-kindness toward her in every world of the worlds of her Lord.

A Tablet hath also been specifically revealed for thy mother—upon her be My glory, My mercy and My grace. After the waves of the ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the effulgences of the sun of grace, whatever this servant may say would not be befitting or worthy. God is my witness that in hardship and ease, in affliction and sorrow, this servant hath been and is a partner—nay, the greater portion and the most exalted cup is his. Though at one time the Tongue of Grace of the Lord of Verses uttered this most exalted word—glorified be His majesty:

> "O thou who art present! When the Supreme Pen expresseth grief in calamities, the purpose is to manifest mercy and loving-kindness. Otherwise, whosoever hath attained unto the love of God and ascended unto Him hath attained unto the most great joy. I swear by the Divine Lote-Tree which in all times speaketh and beareth witness: were the people of the earth to become aware of the joy of one steadfast and exalted soul, they would turn toward God—how much more for those who are related and those concerning whom the Supreme Pen hath revealed mention and testified to His being well-pleased with them."

Exalted be His generosity and sublime be His grace! This is the day of patience and resignation. These hosts will dispel the hosts of sorrows and raise the banners of contentment and submission upon the hills of existence. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, hath power over all things.

And as to the request submitted that something be graciously revealed to be inscribed upon the blessed gravestone, this matter has been accepted and, God willing, will be sent later. That exalted fruit and most high leaf are the recipients of complete favor from God. Nevertheless, this is a great calamity and profound sorrow, for outwardly in that land they were a sign from the Exalted Truth and the Sovereign of existence, exalted be His remembrance and mighty His glory. And in her transfer from one place to another is a grief for which blood should flow from my eyes and the eyes of those who have clung to the Blessed, Lofty, Manifest and Speaking Tree. With both outer and inner tongue, this servant beseeches and implores the Exalted Truth to grant patience to that blessed being and other relatives—upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory—and adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness. The Afnan's place of sorrows—their Consoler and Comforter is God, their Merciful Lord. This blessed word was heard from the tongue of the King of Oneness:

> "In truth it is fitting that this word be the seal of remembrances, for it is a mirror that fully reflects the Temple of Grace. My spirit be a sacrifice for His grace, for His favor, for His mercy and His kindness."

Another bounty regarding the blessed leaf—God, our Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth, has said:

> "O servant in attendance! The exalted fruit has truly melted from the fire of separation, therefore she is mentioned among the martyrs in God's presence. The recompense for this deed is the mention revealed by the Supreme Pen in her visitation prayer. On that night and day, every soul that ascended attained the robes of forgiveness, except those souls who openly denied God's right and His Manifestation and verses. And this grace is specific to her."

End quote.

As for the questions that were asked, one matter has been referenced by the Supreme Pen and all are clear and evident in that passage.

Another submission of this servant is that greetings should be conveyed on behalf of this evanescent servant to the honored Jinab-i-Khalil and the teacher—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory and all supreme grace. His blessed letter was received and this servant was honored by it. God willing, it is hoped that a reply will be submitted later. Likewise, greetings and salutations are offered to the honored Afnan Aqa Aqa Siyyid M.—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth, exalted be His glory, to assist him in all hours and moments to serve Him and to enable him to remember and praise Him. Praise be to God that he stands firm in this station, has attained this supreme honor, and is mentioned and recorded in God's Book. Similarly, I beseech and implore the Goal of the world to grant patience to his honor and those afflicted with this calamity, as well as His friends and handmaidens. Verily, He heareth and answereth, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

And another submission: His Holiness Afnan, the honored Aqa Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, may the most glorious of all glory rest upon him, wrote a letter to the honored Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, expressing grief. In truth, this is a time for grief—were it not for God's grace, His bounty, His Manifestation and His days, this servant and every faithful and trustworthy lover would have perished. May they be blessed through God's infinite bounties and remain steadfast in patience. I convey my greetings to him, and likewise to the honored Afnans, upon them be the most glorious of all glory, whose presence graces that land. May all abide under the shade of the Tree of Purpose, He Who is in the heavens and earth.

Regarding what was mentioned about the related items, His exalted Word states:

> "These ordinances refer to the Most Holy Book, and this matter is entrusted to him. Let him act as he deems appropriate and send such items that bear testimony to it to the Most Holy Court, that it may serve as a remembrance before God, its Creator."

End quote.

Another submission: When His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—was present, they were blessed with His presence and wrote a leaf which was sent. God willing, they will be blessed with it. His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His most mighty footsteps—was in the city, which resulted in the absence of His blessed effect. It is hoped that henceforth He will bestow His grace and it will be sent.

Furthermore, the sorrows, griefs and sadness of the people of the pavilion of greatness and infallibility are manifest to such a degree that this servant is incapable and inadequate to mention them. They said we share with the Afnan in this great calamity, and they send greetings to Her Holiness the Greatest Holy Leaf, the Mother of His Holiness, upon her be the most glorious of all glory. Indeed, this grief is like an artery that has moved all bodies, creating movement in every vein. May the Ancient Lord grant patience.

Were it not for His grace, bodies would melt, minds would vanish, and the hearts of the knowing ones would be thunderstruck. The command belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds. And the glory shining, manifest, and evident from the horizon of our Lord's grace be upon you all and upon those with you and upon every steadfast soul who has turned towards Him.

The servant 14th of Safar 1300

Another submission: Three Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were sent, two for Nayriz which Your Honor should deliver, and one for Shiraz in response to the petition of the honored Yusuf Khan. His petition reached the Most Holy Court several times and this time was blessed with a response. Blessed is he. The Blessed Tablet should reach the honored Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, in the land of Sh[iraz] and they should deliver it.

BH02050: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

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

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the One concealed in His Books, mentioned by His tongue, and recorded by His Most Exalted Pen, through Whose movement the Kingdom of Names was manifested. Blessed is he who hath hearkened and turned unto Him, and woe betide him who hath denied His supreme bounty. They who have turned to God in His days are among those who are nigh unto Him in a perspicuous Book. All things give them glad tidings and the Concourse on High pray for them, and behind them is He Who speaketh the truth from this noble station.

O Abdu'llah! The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One, Who is imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God and We answer thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of eternity through the duration of My most excellent Names. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!" We have found from thy words the fragrance of My love. We have turned toward thee from this station and revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet. We give thee the glad tidings of God's favor and His mercy, and counsel thee with that whereby the Cause of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, may be exalted.

Arise with wisdom and utterance and say: "O people of the world! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and on His right hand is the river of life, and on His left the stream of knowledge and understanding. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. He hath come through Whose name the standard of guidance hath been raised amidst all creation and through Whose remembrance the banner of There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed' hath been hoisted. Do ye deny Him through Whom the eye of faith hath been solaced? Fear ye God and follow not every heedless doubter."

O ʿAbdu'llah! Counsel those around thee with what God hath sent down and convey to them the Cause of thy Lord, the Kind, the Generous. Say: Beware lest the allusions of the people prevent you from Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. O people of the earth! There is no escape today for anyone except for him who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned toward the Countenance with an illumined

heart. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and for having sent down for thee that which bringeth tranquility to the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and stand firm with supreme steadfastness in service to His wondrous Cause. He will verily exalt thee through the truth and ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He is in truth the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him whom thou didst mention in thy letter, who is named Abu'l-Qasim, and give him the glad tidings of this mighty remembrance. We beseech God to strengthen him in all conditions to make mention of Him and praise Him. He is the Protector of them that turn unto Him. And We make mention of his brother Muhammad-Quli with a remembrance through which they that are nigh unto God shall perceive the fragrance of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And We make mention of those with him who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and have drunk the choice wine of the Most Glorious through His name, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of My loving-kindness surged and the fragrance of My mercy, which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, been wafted. Hold fast in all conditions unto the cord of wisdom, lest the clamor of the ignorant be raised. The glory that hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that have cast away vain imaginings and turned toward the Dayspring of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05398: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the names…

He is the One Manifest from the Horizon of Eternity

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the names and ordained for them whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and by His word "Be" and it is, hath He manifested the favor and sent down the table as a grace from His presence. He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. We have arrived at the Most Great Prison and summoned kings and subjects alike unto God, the Sovereign Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Among them are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who pronounced judgment against the Wronged One. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Nothing can frustrate Him, nor can the might of those on earth weaken Him.

To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and hastened to drink from the ocean of certitude in the days of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which the mountains were scattered, the earth discoursed, the dove cooed upon the branches, the breeze of divine knowledge wafted, and the ocean of certitude surged, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH05994: O Muhammad! The Lord of the Worlds remembers thee…

In the Name of God, the One, the Single

O Muhammad! The Lord of the Worlds remembers thee from the Most Great Prison and counsels thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Cast away what is with the people and take what thou hast been given from God, the Lord of existence. Vain imaginings have seized all the servants except those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, has willed. Blessed is he whose tongue hath spoken that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of creation, and blessed is he whose eyes have beheld My Most Great Signs, and blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause through My Name, the Help in Peril over what was and what shall be. When thou findest the fragrance of My garment from My verses, give thanks unto God and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the Path was made manifest and the Balance was established and every heedless one [rejected] lamented."

Beware lest what is with the divines veil thee. By the life of God! They have been heedless of that which [We have mentioned] at all times. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Thus have the waters of mercy flowed from the words—drink thou therefrom in My Name through which the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined and every seeker hastened unto the Desired One.

BH06387: He dawneth upon the most exalted horizon

He dawneth upon the most exalted horizon

O Mihdi! Verily We have manifested Our Self when the promise came to pass which was foretold in the Books of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. We called all to the Path—among the people were those who clung to vain imaginings, turning away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and among them were those who broke the chains of blind imitation and hastened unto Him with clear certitude.

Blessed is he who was not weakened by the doubts of men and remained steadfast despite the uncertainties of the heedless ones. This is a Day in which the breezes of Revelation have wafted and the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised, has been diffused. Cast aside that which keeps thee from the Truth and take hold, in His Name, of that which draws thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, this noble station. We counsel the loved ones of God with that which will elevate their station, and I am verily the All-Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There remained no king except We summoned him to the straight path of God, and no subject except We acquainted him with what hath been revealed from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Strive thou that there may appear from thee that from which the sincere ones may inhale the fragrance of the love of God, the Goal of all who have recognized Him.

BH06874: I am the Witness and the Witnessed One

I am the Witness and the Witnessed One.

O peoples of the earth! By God, God hath come with His glory, and the banners of guidance have been raised upon every lofty and exalted mountain. The pavilion of grandeur hath been erected, and within it the Temple of the Ancient of Days hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. He hath turned towards the world until He beheld thee and mentioned thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Cast aside what the people possess and take what will profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Soon shall every soul return to its resting-place, and the people of Baha shall be with their Lord, riding upon the Crimson Ark. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Qayyumu'l-Asma by Him Who hath appeared and given the world the glad-tidings of this Most Great and Most Wondrous Revelation. Verily, those who have turned away from the Cause are in a thick veil. Soon shall ye behold them in the fire. He Who came with the truth beareth witness to this with a manifest sovereignty. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have laid hold on the Most Great Handle and have testified to that which I have testified:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed."

BH06728: He overshadoweth the horizons!

He overshadoweth the horizons!

This is a Book sent down in truth when the Ancient Beauty was seated in the pavilion of grandeur upon one of the mountain peaks. This is a land where the Call of God has been raised over its land and sea, its mountains and hills. Thus have the breezes of grace wafted, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Be thou steadfast in service to the Cause and speaking forth its mighty and praiseworthy praise. This is a Day wherein the lamps of idle fancies have been extinguished and the Supreme Horizon hath been illumined with the light of certitude. Blessed is he whom the might of the world hath not caused to slip, and blessed is he whom the turning away of the deniers hath not deterred. When thou receivest My letter, place it upon thy head and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, for having remembered me with that which neither the treasures of the earth nor all that the kings and rulers possess can equal. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee, that there may appear from me that which will endure as long as Thy most beautiful names endure. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful."

BH07026: The entire world had awaited these days, for mention…

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing!

The entire world had awaited these days, for mention thereof was made in the divine Books of both former and latter times. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the Promised Day, all arose in opposition save whom God willed. The primary cause preventing the servants in the beginning

were and are the divines, although this most exalted Word hath been manifested through the Manifestations of His Most Beautiful Names, and most have heard it yet remain veiled therefrom. He saith: The divines of that time shall be the most wicked divines beneath the shadow of heaven.

Blessed is the soul that hath broken the chains of vain imaginings and imitation through the Most Powerful, the Ancient Name, and hath turned toward the supreme horizon. Rejoice thou in what hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and in what hath been sent down for thee in this perspicuous Tablet. We counsel thee to observe wisdom and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle.

BH07354: O thou who rememberest! Verily, He Who is remembered…

In the Name of the One Who is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O thou who rememberest! Verily, He Who is remembered remembereth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of the river of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Remember thou the Wronged One and what befell Him in the path of God through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the Lord of Names hath come, He Who was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers. Cast away vain imaginings—the horizon of certitude hath appeared through the Luminary of the Name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Ja'far! These are they who would curse those who oppressed the friends and chosen ones of God, yet when He appeared in truth they arose to perpetrate such oppression as caused those who had oppressed in every age and epoch to seek refuge from them. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. Leave them and what they possess behind thee, then turn with thy heart to the Supreme Horizon and say:

Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and for having given me to drink of the cup of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07398: O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Pure Horizon, and summons thee unto God, the Lord of Destiny, Who hath manifested through His sovereignty what He hath willed—the sovereignty that prevails over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take hold of the Book of God with might and leave behind what the people possess. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book. Say: O people! By God, the appointed time hath passed, the Promise hath been fulfilled, and the Promised One calleth aloud and summoneth you unto the Truth. Respond ye, and be not of them that remain silent. This is He Who was mentioned in former ages and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of Names.

Turn ye with radiant faces and be not of them that turn aside. Take ye the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and follow not every ignorant remote one.

They who have held themselves back from this Cause are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Glorified be the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and Testament and who have followed that which they were bidden in His Wise Book.

BH08984: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

In His Name Who shineth forth upon all who are in the heavens and on earth!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto him who hath believed in Him on His wondrous and glorious Day. Say: O people! By God, this is the Day of God, were ye of them that know, and this is the Book of God which had been inscribed from all eternity, were ye of them that are assured. And this is the Mystery of God which had been treasured up in His knowledge, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Fear ye God, O people! Answer Him Who speaketh the truth, and follow not every learned one that doubteth, at Whose advent the limbs of all names have quaked, and through whose tyranny the Concourse on High hath lamented. Cast him behind your backs, turning unto the One, the All-Informed. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with perspicuous verses. Blessed is he who taketh hold of it in His name, and woe betide every sinful forsaker thereof.

BH01462: O Haji Husayn, upon him be the Glory…

O Haji Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, from Him Who is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

The essence of praise and its very heart belong exclusively to the court of the One, the Single, the Unique, Who through the goodly deeds and pleasing conduct of His loved ones has caused the banners of guidance to be raised in His realm. He is the Powerful, the Almighty, Who with a single word can conquer the citadels of the hearts of all the peoples of the world. The unseen hosts, in the first degree and station, have been and are the commanding Word of God, and in the second station, the deeds and character of His chosen ones. Hanzalah was but one of His servants, adorned and illumined by the lights of the Manifestation of Christ. Through one goodly deed that appeared from him, an entire kingdom—from its king and ministers and princes and others—became illumined with the lights of faith. Now consider what power, might and influence a single deed hath wrought and manifested. This is reckoned among the hosts of Truth, not the wielders of swords and spears. Exalted be His power and sublime be His grandeur!

Blessings and peace be upon the King of the Messengers, through Whom the sun of unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge, and the nightingale sang upon the branches of the tree of oneness—verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise—and upon His family and companions, through whom God aided His Faith and manifested His Cause, despite every distant misbeliever and every stubborn infidel. O what servants were they, whom neither the circumstances of tyrants nor the might of pharaohs deterred! They arose to serve the Cause and strove with utmost striving until they conquered lands in the name of their Creator, the Lord of creation. Through them God's commandments were spread among His servants and His laws among His creation, and through them the Faith appeared, though the ungodly were averse.

Furthermore: the second letter of that spiritual friend arrived, bestowing that which spring bestows upon the world, for the pen of love and the ink of certitude were speaking and discoursing in praise of the Beloved of the worlds. That which was mentioned therein was of truthfulness and reality. After presentation, they stated:

> "With God are treasures for thee which none save He hath known. O Husayn, upon thee be My peace and My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which causeth the exaltation of the Word. Ere long thy mention shall be raised throughout the regions of the world. Verily, He wasteth not the reward of the doers of good."

God willing, thou shalt be confirmed and assisted in all conditions. Know thou with certainty that the hand of God's grace hath been and is with thee. He shall confirm thee outwardly and inwardly. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the reward of what thou hast wrought in His path. Verily, He is the Guardian of His sincere servants.

Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of grace and art known among the friends for thy goodliness. Thou shouldst render thanks for this station with a hundred thousand tongues, for they singled thee out for this bounty in the first days of imprisonment. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is unto thee! Thy trustworthiness, religiosity, deeds and actions have been and are remembered. Each of these attributes is counted among the highest ornaments. Praise and gratitude be unto God that He granted such success to that spiritual friend that he attained unto the word of contentment. God willing, may he ever dwell and find rest beneath the canopies of divine grace, and be engaged in His remembrance.

If thou shouldst meet any of the friends and honored ones who have quaffed from the wine of love and are gazing toward the horizon of grace, convey greetings and glorification from this lowly poor one. I beseech God to make each one of these honored ones appear as a banner upon the highest heights. This is a garment most great, most mighty, holy and sanctified above the fabrics of the world. A hundred thousand ornaments and garments of silk and brocade cannot equal a single one of the goodly attributes of man, for through one divine attribute and one heavenly characteristic he becometh manifest and renowned throughout all the world. The warp of this garment is trustworthiness and its weft is religiosity. How excellent is this ornament, sanctified, blessed, beloved! This evanescent servant beseecheth the eternal Truth to adorn all His loved ones with this wondrous, exalted, blessed garment. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH00086: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

Section 1: "God beareth witness that there is none other…"

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

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath manifested the Cause amidst all peoples is verily our Lord and the Lord of all worlds, the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name—He at Whose appearance every edifice hath been shaken and every person

thrown into confusion, save whom God hath willed, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The fragrance wafting from the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven be upon the chosen ones of God and His loved ones, through whom the light of divine unity hath shone forth from the horizon of every city and every land, and through whom the Day-Star of utterance hath dawned among the people of understanding, and that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an hath been made manifest. They strive in God's path and fear not the blame of any blamer. The servant testifieth that they are such souls as have been mentioned and praised in God's Books, and their sovereignty, grandeur, steadfastness and constancy have been acknowledged, and none among the chosen ones hath suffered in God's path the tribulations they have endured.

Indeed, ʿAli-i-Murtada in the Kingdom of Names hath declared: "Blessed are we and blessed are they, and their blessedness exceedeth our blessedness," unto the end of his words. Through them the veils have been rent asunder, the signs have appeared, and the standards have been raised aloft—they whom the conditions of creation have not withheld from the Truth and whom the veils of the learned have not kept back from the Lord of Names. When they heard the Call between earth and heaven, they turned to the Supreme Horizon and said: "Here am I, O Creator of the heavens, Who hath appeared through Thy Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Name!" Then with radiant faces they turned to the cities and villages and spoke to them of that which had been manifested from God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. Upon them be the prayers of God, His mercy, His glory, His light, His might, His grace, His generosity and His bounty.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them in all conditions and to protect them from those who have disbelieved and turned away from Him through Whom their stations were exalted and their ranks elevated. By God's life! The servant's heart hath melted, or nearly melted, at seeing how the people have turned away from Him Whom they claim to follow every morn and eve, night and day, rushing to His house to perform what they were commanded, their sighs ascending during their devotions and their lamentations rising up in humility and supplication. Yet when the Day-Star of Trial shone forth and the decree was revealed from the All-Merciful, they fled like frightened asses. Would that they had been content with flight and denial! Nay, they arose in opposition and protest and committed that which caused the dwellers of the realms above and the inmates of the pavilions of the Kingdom to lament, and beyond them arose the dust of sorrows until it darkened the garment of the All-Merciful.

The servant doth beseech his Lord in this hour—he who hath clung fast to the cord of His bounty and hath taken firm hold of the hem of His mercy—that He may adorn His servants with the ornament of equity and guide them, through His grace and providence, unto the straight path. The spirit of this servant is a sacrifice for your love, a ransom for your service, and an offering for your exile and tribulations.

I had been pondering the affairs and events of the world, gazing upon all things as one bewildered, distracted, and confounded, when suddenly the shrill voice of your pen reached mine ears. This drew me unto you and inclined me toward your court. When I heard the murmuring of utterance and the cooing of

the dove of yearning and longing, I directed my steps toward the Dawning-Place of Illumination and presented that which was contained in your epistle before God, the Sovereign of all horizons.

When this was accomplished and completed, lo! there arose the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree from the Most Exalted Station. Thus speaketh He—exalted be His majesty and magnified His grandeur:

In My name, the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

O My Name! Through My power, utterance hath been revealed and made manifest from the Kingdom of knowledge, whereupon the essence of remembrance, utterance, proof, evidence, faith and certitude were struck with bewilderment and amazement, save whom God willeth. O My Name! What hath come to pass that the people remain deprived of the breezes of the springtime of mercy and the fragrances of the divine days? Knowledge, understanding, yearning, longing, attraction and enchantment—all were created for this Day. Nevertheless, the mirrors of existence remain bereft of the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation. If any soul heareth not this call, verily he hath no ears to hear, and if he faileth to behold the lights of Revelation, he possesseth not, nor shall he ever possess, the power of sight. To what do they turn, and from what do they turn away? Glory be unto Him Who hath unveiled unto you what He hath concealed from them, through that which their hands have wrought.

There can be no doubt that the primary cause for the veiling and turning away of heedless souls hath been the leaders in outward affairs—those who count themselves among the learned and consider themselves the heads of religion. All things bear witness and lament the tyranny of those heedless and wayward souls. They say "We believe in God," then they invent lies about Him and perceive it not. They rise up and pray, yet they understand not. They have been and are honored by the name of Truth, yet for Him they have desired and continue to desire the most great abasement. Were they to become sincere for but a moment, they would surely hearken unto the cooing of the Dove of the Cause and turn from the north to the right hand.

Blessed is the learned one whom vain desire hath not hindered from the Lord of all beings. When he heareth, he turneth unto God and respondeth to His call, and ariseth to serve the Cause in such wise that he seeth the Truth before his eyes and all creation behind him. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken before the creation of earth and heaven, and in this hour every hearing ear hath heard from it what the ear of Moses heard on the Sinai of utterance and what the Beloved heard when He turned toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! The proof of God hath been perfected, and in its completeness it circleth round the Throne, yet the people are in evident doubt. They behold the signs yet deny them, they hear the call yet turn away from it. Verily they are in grievous loss.

Grieve thou not over anything. Under all conditions remain steadfast in My service, speaking My praise, acting according to what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My Cause, and bidding what We have revealed in My mighty Book. The servant in attendance hath appeared and read thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with truth and sent unto thee that whereby the eyes of those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have clung to the hem of their Lord's pardoning robe, are consoled. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded and My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the

heavens and on earth. Say: O concourse of chosen ones! It behooveth you to observe wisdom and that whereby this firm, this mighty Cause may be exalted. And We remember My handmaidens who have heard and turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O Mihdi! Distinction hath vanished from between, for it is observed that certain appointed heedless souls have not comprehended the station of the trace, let alone that of Him Who is the Influencer. They recite the divine verses yet remain unaware of their station and deprived of their fragrances. Likewise, they behold His evidences yet remain veiled from their recognition.

Glory be to God! Eyes have been so afflicted with weakness and infection that they cannot distinguish light from darkness. I beseech God to grant them success and aid them, to purify them from self and desire, and to adorn them with that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the first.

O thou who art beloved of My essence and being! In every moment there appears from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance that from which every receptive soul inhales the fragrance of the most exalted Paradise. And if I say that rock and clay have become the essence of awareness and have inclined their ears to hear the call of God, exalted be His glory—this is truth and there is no doubt in it. For today the entire world is adorned with the novel ornament of existence, and God's hidden and manifest bounty has descended upon all. Favor is witnessed to this degree and measure, and proof is observed to this extent. Nevertheless, all are heedless and turned away, save whom God, the Lord of lords, wills.

As to what was written concerning the non-receipt of petitions and correspondence: thus far, for every letter from your honor that has arrived, a detailed reply has been written and sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that all that was sent may arrive. All were adorned with manifest verses and sublime words, both those specifically for your honor and those for the mentioned souls. O my God! Cause what Thou hast revealed to reach Thy Name, then grant him the bounty of Thy utterance and the feast of Thy heaven. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. Thus far this servant has sent four, and despite the multitude of occupations and extensive writing, there has been no negligence or delay in responding to your honor's letters.

Regarding what you wrote about visiting the land of Ishtihard and the maidservants and servants of God in that place—upon them be the glory of God—it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's will, the Most High, the Most Great. He says, exalted be His utterance, mighty be His sovereignty, and glorious be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

The Supreme Pen makes mention of the people of Alif and Shin, and counsels them according to what befits their relationship to the Most Great Name. The numbered days and limited, perishable ornaments of this world are not and never were worthy of attention or mention. Hold fast unto truth and cling to the hem of His grace. Know ye your rank and station. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto that which most of the peoples of the earth remain heedless and veiled from, as well as the divines and mystics who regarded themselves as leaders of the flock and guides of the people, except for those learned ones who,

in the name of the Self-Subsisting, partook of the sealed wine and shattered the idols of fancy and conjecture with the arm of certitude.

Know ye the value and station of divine favors and occupy yourselves with His mention and praise. His bounties have been and shall ever be beyond reckoning, and His grace all-encompassing. As is evident, in the Most Great Prison, through the agencies of remembrance and the instruments of utterance, He hath built and continueth to build for each one a lofty palace. These palaces shall never perish, nor shall the passage of time bring them to ruin, for they have been raised by the hand of power and erected through His pure bounty. Know ye this and then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

The clamor of the divines, the croaking of the ignorant, and the oppression and might of princes have not endured and shall not endure. All shall soon return to nothingness. That which hath been and shall ever be lasting is the favor of God. Hold fast unto goodly deeds and manifest divine attributes, that all may inhale from you holy and sacred fragrances and turn towards the Friend. Beseech ye the exalted Lord that He may illumine all the peoples of the earth with the light of justice and transform oppression and transgression into equity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. The Glory be upon you and upon those whom neither self nor passion hath prevented from God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first. This is what hath been sent down for the handmaidens of God, upon them be the Glory of God. In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O handmaidens of God in Alif and Shin! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembers you from the prison with a remembrance that shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven and shall be read by honored servants. Blessed is the handmaiden who heard, responded, and attained the remembrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Woe to the servant who turned away from God when He came with the truth through a sovereignty that encompassed what was and what shall be. How many a learned one was barred from the ocean of knowledge in the days of God, and how many a handmaiden drew near until she attained and drank therefrom in the name of her Lord, the Possessor of existence.

Section 2: “O handmaidens of God! The Wronged One…”

O handmaidens of God! The Wronged One of the world has turned toward you from the Most Great Prison and makes mention of you. Were you to discover the greatness of this station, you would attain unto the most great joy—a joy that the sorrows of the world could not alter, nor the clamor of nations prevent. Blessed have you been and shall ever be, for you have turned to the highest horizon and are occupied with the praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory. The whole world was created for the knowledge of God; nevertheless, all remain veiled while you, through His wondrous grace, have been blessed therewith. Speak in His Name, drink in His remembrance, and be gladdened by His mention.

You are accounted as leaves of Paradise in the sight of God, speaking His praise and enkindled with His love. You have attained to that which most of the world’s learned ones have remained heedless of, and God, exalted be His glory, has confirmed you in such wise that you hear His utterance and hearken unto His call. One manifestation of the manifestations of His light shone forth upon the Mount, causing it to crumble, while He has manifested Himself continuously in these days unto His loved ones and continues to do so. The recipients of the manifestations of this Revelation have been and are the realities of human

beings. Reflect, that you may discover this station and taste the sweetness of the divine utterance. Blessed are they that drink, and joy be to them that know. The glory of God rest upon you from God, the Revealer of clear tokens and the Sender down of verses.

The Sun of divine favor has shone upon all, and the river of merciful bounty flows particularly for each of the near ones and the sincere ones. Take and drink, for He is verily the Generous Giver. In these days God, exalted be His glory, bestowed a leaf upon the holy, blessed Leaf—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be offered up for her sake. Some who were present became troubled, and signs of vexation appeared from most of them. Therefore, a Tablet was sent down from the heaven of will and bounty. This servant mentions its contents so that all on earth may become aware of the establishment of the Temple of Justice upon the throne of utterance and may be enlightened. This is what was sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

He is God, exalted be His station, to Him belong greatness and power

O My Leaf! Bear thou witness that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Furthermore, let all know and be illumined in this matter by the lights of the Sun of certitude: male and female have been and always will be equal in the sight of God. The Dawning-Place of the Light of the All-Merciful has, with a single effulgence, shed His radiance upon all. He created the females for the males and the males for the females. The most beloved of people before God are the most steadfast and the foremost in the love of God, exalted be His glory. Rejoice thou and give thanks for what God has given thee, whom We named Sarah in the Kingdom of Names. He is verily the Protector of every handmaiden and the Lord of every steadfast and upright servant. The glory of God be upon you all from the Wronged One, the Exile.

From this blessed Tablet it is evident and manifest that all stand at one and the same level before God. “Verily, the most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you.” They are distinguished from one another in the degrees of love, piety, obedience, good deeds and their opposites. In this regard, this exalted Word was repeatedly heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names—blessed and exalted be His utterance: “The friends of God must be adorned with the ornament of justice, equity, kindness and love. As they do not allow the infliction of tyranny and oppression upon themselves, they must not allow it upon the handmaidens of God. Verily, He speaketh the truth and commandeth that which profiteth His servants and handmaidens. He is the Protector of all in this world and the next.”

As for your mention of Aqa Asadu’llah from the land of A. and Sh. and his mother, after this was presented, this exalted Word appeared from the Mother Book—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> “O Asad! We have mentioned thee before, and We have mentioned the servants who have believed, so rejoice thou in God, the Lord of the worlds. And We have mentioned thy mother who hath ascended unto her Creator and We have heard her cry. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. God hath forgiven her as a bounty from His presence and hath adorned her with the ornament of His beautiful remembrance. Blessed is she and blessed is every handmaiden who hath turned unto Him and hath testified to that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.”

Concerning what was written about the Huquq, whatever that honorable one doeth is acceptable before the Throne. This matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke forth in the Kingdom of Knowledge—glorious and exalted be His majesty:

> "O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Permission hath been granted unto you to receive the Huquq and to dispense to the friends of God whatever you deem advisable. Though for some time, due to the world's and the nations' lack of capacity, the friends of God may be observed to be poor and in need, God beareth witness to their loftiness, elevation, wealth and independence, for these matters are counted as mere accidents while the essence remaineth unharmed. God willing, may the wealthy ones of the earth be enabled to fulfill that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Book of God. May Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli Khan be confirmed in the mention of God and in His service. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. Verily, all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it."

You wrote that the funds for Muhammad-Qabel-ʿAli were given to Aqa Muhammad Khan, which is acceptable. Regarding arrival in the Land of Ta, what was written about the association, love and capacity of the friends of God—all these matters were presented before His Countenance. He said:

> "O My Name! Strive that the point of divine love may attract all and establish them upon the throne of unity. This matter takes precedence over all matters, and it is the remedy for the chronic ailments of the peoples of the world. We make mention of them and glorify them from this Most Exalted Station, and We give them glad tidings of what God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has ordained for them. We bid them to act with righteousness and with that which befits My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Pure, the Mighty, the Beloved."

All the world endeavors to grasp at means that cause the appearance and exaltation of mention, and they strive and struggle in pursuit of it to such an extent that it bewilders the rational mind, while their objective is in truth seen to be like a mirage. Praise be to God that the loved ones of this age hold fast to a Cause the like of which has never been seen in the world. Therefore, all must arise to do that which is the cause and means of exalting the Word of God. No helper in this station has been or is more mighty and powerful than goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. God willing, may all render victory to God, exalted be His glory, through these pure, brilliant and mighty hosts. The actions of the predators of the age have not been and are not acceptable. All have come for union, not separation, and have been brought into being for harmony and unity, not discord and division. If they would act according to what God has commanded even for a short while, soon they would find themselves upon the carpet of rest, glory and bounty. A hundred thousand blessings upon those who act.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to make all aware of the traces and fruits of the Tree of Utterance. By the life of the Desired One! Whoever becomes aware will hold fast to the divine commandments with the utmost eagerness and yearning. And regarding what they wrote about ʿA, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One has spoken.

O My Name! If one of the Afnan could settle in that land and oversee this matter in all respects, that is, safeguard it [the sacred remains of the Bab] in that same house, this would be nearer, more beloved and better than other arrangements. In their association and fellowship with the loved ones, they must not let go of wisdom. Let their entire endeavor be to arise in service to this Cause from the presence of the Truth. Let them acquire a modest house, and its means shall be provided from the True One, exalted be His glory. How excellent is this most exalted, most brilliant station! They should not seek for the house to be grand, for this is not the time for outward means.

We have ordained for it that which the mindful cannot comprehend. Let them acquire just a modest place for now. At present the purpose is preservation, nothing more. Thereafter the matter is in His hands; He will manifest it as He wishes. If He deems it advisable, He will ordain its transfer, and this depends on the requirements of divine wisdom. If this matter cannot be achieved with spirit and fragrance, then a place must be designated urgently, either in that land or outside it, and none should be informed save his honor ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, and one other person. This matter is a divine trust with him and that other person. Should they intimate or hint at it to anyone, they would be deprived of this luminous garment and merciful ornament which is the preservation of trust. If the means which the servant has intended become available, transfer would be preferable. This matter too must remain concealed.

To his honor the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid A., upon him be all glory most glorious, it is being written by command that whatever that honored one indicates should be carried out. And regarding matters other than this, by command whatever is necessary for expenses and other things should be obtained from his honor the Afnan A. and H., upon him be all glory most glorious.

Mention was made of the ascension of the illumined leaf, the honored consort, upon her be all glory most glorious. News arrived and there was revealed concerning that exalted leaf and fruit of the Divine Lote-Tree that which nothing can equal. Truly the sorrow of separation from her dissolved one's being. One passage revealed by the Supreme Pen concerning her is this exalted word—His word, exalted be His majesty: "The sign of union gave thee life in the former time, and the sign of separation caused thy death in the latter time." And likewise He says—His word, exalted be His grandeur: "The exalted fruit truly melted in separation, therefore she is mentioned before God among the martyrs." The reward for this deed is a prayer of visitation revealed by the Supreme Pen. On that night and day, whoever ascended was attired in the robe of forgiveness, and this bounty was specific to her, except for those souls who openly denied the rights of God and His verses.

Indeed there was revealed and shone forth from the heaven of merciful grace and the horizon of divine favor that from which the fragrance of eternity is inhaled and the sweet-scented breaths of life are diffused. Glorified be the Speaker, glorified be the Expositor, and glorified be the Giver, exalted be His grandeur and exalted be His dominion, there is no God but Him. Likewise mention was previously made of the ascension of his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib and his honor Haji Mirza Kamalu'd-Din, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy and His favor, and specifically for each one, time after time, there was revealed from the heaven of grace that which truly had no equal. Blessed are they both! Would that I had been with them and had attained to that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke concerning them.

Mention hath been made of his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. News concerning him hath arrived from all directions. From the Land of Kha numerous souls have addressed and dispatched letters directly to the Most Holy Court mentioning him and that which transpired in that land. Likewise, mention of him hath appeared in certain divine Tablets and letters of this servant that were sent to various regions. At one time this exalted Word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven: "The Truth, the Strong, the Powerful, gave refuge to Mirza in that which came to pass and became the cause of the exaltation of the Word." Smiling, He said: "Had it been otherwise, it would have been considered contrary to wisdom and deserving of punishment."

Section 3: "Although this too was to his advantage…"

Although this too was to his advantage, for since execution must needs be carried out in person, therefore prior to its execution the command of attainment unto His presence was established, and afterwards grace and bounty were also present, that perchance He might grant pardon. Moreover, his honor hath witnessed the waves of the ocean of mercy and the outpourings of the sun of grace. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised.

As to what ye wrote concerning Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, in truth the matter is as ye have written. He is excellent in teaching the Cause, for some time ago a word was heard from the Ancient Tongue indicative of this most exalted station. Excellent is he in all conditions. After your aforementioned words were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this exalted Word—glorified and exalted be His utterance:

> "O My Name! Praise be to God that Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be My Glory, hath arisen to serve and is adorned with the ornament of teaching. He hath been and shall ever be assisted in all conditions. That which your honor hath deemed advisable regarding his affairs hath been accepted before the Wronged One, for this matter hath verily added and continueth to add to his station. In truth his property, that is his possession, is accounted as being in the path of God. Exalted is this lofty station! Through its sale, freedom was attained, and through freedom that which God desired was made manifest. Blessed is he! O My Name! Blessed be his father who drank the wine of steadfastness from the hand of his Lord's bounty and was among those endowed with certitude in a perspicuous Book. His station with God is most great. Blessed be they that are endowed with understanding, and blessed be they that visit his shrine. He is among those whose mention We have veiled due to the weakness of the servants. Convey My glad-tidings unto his son and My greetings from the Wronged One, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Generous. Divine favors will assuredly be directed towards him and will reach the detached ones. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Not an atom of good deeds hath been or ever shall be lost in the sight of God. Whoso pondereth upon former ages will witness that which the Tongue of the Wronged One hath witnessed in this noble station."

This evanescent one hath also been assisted in these days, through the grace and favor of God, exalted be His glory, to send a reply to his honor, adorned with the mention of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. God willing, may they attain unto the divine verses and drink from the oceans

of their meanings. Verily His grace hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. That which reached the late and elevated his honor Haji Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy—at this moment He said that all rights incumbent upon him, both past and present, have been discharged and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Praise be to God in all conditions. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth and giveth as He desireth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding Jinab-i-Mulla Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, what was written was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. These sublime words and manifest verses have descended from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and are being sent written in the hand of the Branch of God—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps. His exalted Word states:

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

We have desired to make mention of him who has turned to the Supreme Horizon when the learned and mystics turned away, save whom God, the Lord of Lords, willed. This is the Day wherein the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary is raised, and the river of inner meanings and utterance flows. Blessed is he who has drunk and attained, and woe unto the misguided ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings. Arise in the name of thy Lord Who remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison, then rend asunder the veils of the peoples. Say: By God, this is the Day of Reckoning wherein the Mother Book doth call aloud. Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God and deny not Him at Whose appearance appeared that which was hidden in God's knowledge and recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Beware lest the books of the world hold you back from the Lord of Eternity, or the affairs of the world veil you from turning to the Supreme Horizon, or the clamor of the learned sadden you.

Arise with joy and radiance in the name of God, the Lord of Religions, and say: We have turned unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world, and have set our faces toward Thy countenance, O Thou the Sovereign of verses. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the lights of utterance. Blessed is he who hath taken hold and woe unto him who hath violated God's covenant on the Day of Separation. Arise to serve the Cause, then speak forth by this Name whereby skins have quivered and pillars have quaked. We have heard thy mention, have made mention of thee, and have sent down for thee that from which the sincere ones shall inhale the fragrance of eternity throughout ages and centuries.

When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say: I testify to that whereunto the Tongue of Thy power hath testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, that there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Thou art the Stranger Who hath made known to the servants their Supreme Home and revealed to them that which draweth them nigh unto God in all conditions. And Thou art the Wronged One, the Prisoner, at Whose tribulations the denizens of the highest Paradise and the Kingdom of Names have lamented at eventide and at dawn.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations unto him, and beseecheth the exalted True One to strengthen him to serve His Cause and enable him to voice His praise in such wise that the coldness of the world shall not affect him and the heat of divine verses shall ever increase the warmth of his love, that he may be remembered by the name of God and be known and renowned for the love of God. Verily, He strengtheneth whosoever turneth unto Him and uttereth His praise.

And regarding the mention you made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Karim, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brothers and relatives, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise his presence's visit to that house at their request—these matters were presented before the Ancient Countenance. This is what the Tongue of Power and Might uttered in His Kingdom. His exalted Word:

The honored Karim and his kinsmen have been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. The grace of God—exalted be His glory—hath encompassed them, for they hearkened unto the Call and were adorned with the lights of certitude. Whatsoever they accomplished in the path of God hath been mentioned before the Divine Countenance and recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have honored thy resting-place and seized the opportunity of attaining thy presence in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings unto the honored Rahim and his brothers. Say: O Rahim! Behold thy ardor and the fragrance of thy acceptance. We have verily strengthened thee and raised thee to a station wherein thou didst witness the Most Great Sign and didst hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord.

Forget not this lofty station and be not heedless thereof. I swear by the Most Great Luminary! Whoso in this Day remaineth even slightly heedless of the remembrance and service of God shall ere long be seized with remorse and regret. Praise be to the Goal of all creation Who enabled thee to attain that which hath been revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the books of the past and present. God willing, mayest thou ever remain mindful of this station and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. The glory of God rest upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Some time ago this servant sent a response to the letter of Muhammad-Qabil-i-Karim which he had written to him who beareth the Name of Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. That letter contained divine verses wherein the ocean of His grace and bounty was surging. God willing, may they attain unto it and be assisted in that which God desireth.

As to their intention to undertake the journey, if it can be accomplished with joy and fragrance—that is, if the means for it can be easily arranged—there is no objection. Otherwise, nay. In the previous year, two of the friends of God in that land, namely the land of T, were blessed with special favors, though outwardly prevented from turning to the Most Holy Court. Nevertheless, their deed and visitation were accepted at the threshold of the Divine Throne, and repeatedly were words of acceptance concerning them heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, and they attained that which causeth this servant to utter "Would that I had attained unto that which they attained!" Unto God belongeth the command, in the past and in the future, and He is the Commander, the Just, the Wise.

And as to the mention they made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli K D, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of Aqa Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God, they have been and

are blessed with divine favors, as are their kinsmen. God willing, may they be occupied at all times with the service of the Cause and exert mighty efforts to exalt the Word. Thereby shall their stations, ranks and conditions be made manifest among the people. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

After presentation in the Most Holy Court, this most mighty Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace of the Lord of creation specifically for Akbar. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

A Book revealed by the Wronged One, wherein is that which draweth mankind nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath beheld the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is he who hath heard the Call when it was raised from the Dayspring of Grandeur:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

We have remembered those who have turned towards the Countenance and have revealed for them that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Luminous Spot with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the earth. To this testifieth every discerning knower. This is a Day wherein the Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon land and sea, and the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the kingdom of utterance that which hath enraptured the hearts of them that are nigh. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the world out of love for God, the Lord of the ancient days, and hath acted according to that which was commanded in His perspicuous Book.

This is a Day wherein the proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and the heavenly table sent down, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance and hath rent asunder the veils of them that are in the contingent world, in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus have We illumined the hearts of the sincere ones with the lights of utterance, and We are verily the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Generous.

God willing, may they be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Utterance of the All-Merciful and engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation with utmost joy and delight. The servant sendeth greetings upon him and upon those who have believed in God in His Great Day. That which your honor had written regarding the Land of M and likewise concerning the delivery of items and trusts—all is beloved and accepted in the Most Holy Court. Everything from the gracious one is gracious. God willing, the previous correspondences will reach your honor, for they were bearers of wondrous and exalted verses from the presence of Truth. Furthermore, this evanescent one, who is as nothing, conveyeth greetings and salutations to all the gentlemen, friends, chosen ones and pure ones of God, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to attain unto that which beseemeth His days. And this is not difficult for Him.

May the glory that shineth and beameth forth from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord, our Goal and your Goal, be upon your honor and upon those who have been just in the Cause of God and

have attained unto the recognition of His wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH00393: May my spirit and my being be sacrificed…

He is God, exalted be His station!

May my spirit and my being be sacrificed for Thee! The letter adorned with the ink of love, which is in truth the cause and reason for, and manifestation of, the unity of the servants in the Cause of the Lord of creation, became the source of joy and gladness and the cause of delight and felicity. Although in these days, due to the abundance of tribulations and the accumulation of afflictions, this servant has not been and is not capable of properly conveying his condition, yet in all circumstances we are thankful for the favors of that Beloved One and are occupied with His mention and praise. We hope that we shall never be deprived of the fragrance of His favor and that we shall ever be blessed by the wafting of the breezes of that Beloved's grace. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of those who call upon Him.

The conditions in this land remain as previously reported, continuing in the same manner until God decrees what He willeth. In recent times, that accursed Khawwaq has been consorting openly, day and night, with Rida and his sister. After previous incidents, he has written many calumnies and sent them to Beirut where they have been published in one of the newspapers. The curse of God be upon him who hath wronged and fabricated lies. God will soon cause his schemes to rebound upon himself. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

And concerning that earlier packet—the one which contained the documents and never arrived—O Beloved One, may I be sacrificed for Thee: the utmost inquiry hath here been made. According to what they relate—and to all outward seeming it must indeed have been thus—whatever befell occurred there, in the Austrian post office. Today Janab-i-Ha wrote me an account of this matter, and afterward he himself went and an interview was held. The purport of what he wrote, and likewise stated orally, was this: "I inquired of the steamer agent at Haifa, asking whether, on such-and-such a date, among the mail dispatched to Haifa which failed to reach the steamer, my letter had remained behind in Haifa. He replied: 'There was no separate letter that remained in Haifa. Whatever letters there were arrived enclosed within the sealed post-bag, and in that same condition they were forwarded onward. If any fault occurred, it must have taken place in Alexandria."' And this servant likewise, so far as he can perceive, deemeth that it must have been thus, for the reason that Janab-i-Ha would bring the letter at the very time when the mail-bag was being sealed, and would stand there until the bag had been closed.

Moreover, it is in no wise to be supposed that this vapurchi (steamship agent) would have acted improperly. This hath become evident for several reasons. The packet in question was entrusted together with the purse; but afterward, when the steamer came not to this landing-place, he refused to accept the purse, declaring that, since it had to be sent on to Haifa, and the sea was rough, it was not reliable to consign it to the boatman. The substance of the matter is this: on that day the steamer came not to this pier, but went instead to Haifa. The covered company sent the people's letters, in one sealed bundle according to the established practice, to Haifa, that they might be delivered there to their own steamer. The aforesaid post, however, reached not the steamer. The Austrian company took it up and itself

dispatched it by steamer to Alexandria. His blessed Person had not been apprised of this circumstance, nor were these servants aware of it; indeed, the covered company itself knew not that it would fail to reach the steamer.

Be that as it may, the covered steamer arrived, and His blessed Person, in accordance with the former custom, proceeded thither, yet no letter was there. As hath been heard, there had been an advance or delay of some three or four days in the sailing of the two steamers. The strong likelihood is that it remained in the Austrian post office, and that that Beloved One, too, knew not that He should go there. One of the Persians went, and, seeing the packet bearing a Persian seal and hand, took it up. Of this there is no doubt: from here it departed in safety, and, to all appearance, the details there must likewise have transpired in this wise. Beyond this, knowledge resteth with God.

And as to what had been written, that copies of those lost documents should be sent: they were retrieved and were in existence. God willing, if it please Him, they will be forwarded next week. At present the occasion did not permit. There also remain certain documents from Janab-i-14 [Javad] from former days; these too shall be sent.

Regarding the petitions of the honored S, it was submitted. They said return to this land is absolutely not permitted. Let them proceed, relying upon God. He is the protector of whoever befriends Him and the helper of those who have no helper. Indeed He is the master of the sincere ones. He teaches whomever He wishes whatever He wishes. Whoever turns to Him, from his heart flows the Salsabil of utterance according to what has been ordained for him in a clear Book.

Please convey this servant's expressions of devotion and greetings, and likewise to each of the great gentlemen, the honored Sh and the honored Anis, and each of the friends and servants. I request from that beloved one that in whatever manner is appropriate, you mention on behalf of this servant and convey the greetings of this ephemeral servant.

Regarding the Sacred House, a letter arrived last week from Aqa Muhammad-Rida, and he sent four Ottoman liras through this servant, meaning they were given to his honor to send, and confirmation of receipt was received. As to what was written concerning some being informed or uninformed of certain matters, it is clear and evident to your honor that most matters do not occur without his knowledge, as most write to him with details of affairs. For example, Aqa Muhammad-Rida did not write anything to this servant but had written the details of their affairs to him, and he conveyed it to this servant in whatever way possible, as in these days no one is able to correspond directly. Otherwise, it has been and is known that to the extent possible, your beloved's instructions are carried out. We beseech God to assist me in all that your noble heart loves and your gracious soul desires, verily He has power over what He wills. At present they are in Beirut and their ill health continues. It is hoped that, God willing, there will be no shortcoming in their affairs. Your honor should be assured about these matters. No one has been or will be approached about this, nor will it even be mentioned.

Furthermore, the Holy Branches and the people of the Sacred Household all remember your honor with wondrous and sublime remembrances, and this servant offers greetings, submission, and utter nothingness on behalf of all the friends. And the Glory be upon you.

Dated the 14th of Dhi'l-Hajjih. The servant.

May I be sacrificed for you. As previously mentioned, four tablets in Persian were revealed specifically for four Zoroastrians, and since sending the original tablets by post would damage them, copies are being sent. They are now being sent for dispatch to the Holy Land. One of the four individuals has submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court. According to what has been heard, two individuals have drunk from the Kawthar of faith and the other two are close. In any case, someone must, through divine confirmation, present these tablets to them in a fitting manner. Therefore, it is necessary that the presenter first recite them repeatedly so as to be able to read them properly. We beseech God to assist all in what He loves and desires.

According to the command, his honor Ismu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, should proceed as follows: Regarding the matter of sending the leaf and the person who should accompany her, if possible they should consult with her mother, upon her be the Glory of God. Whatever consultation decides, they should act accordingly. In any case, if it is accomplished with the utmost joy and fragrance, it is acceptable before His Countenance. The expenses thereof should be paid by his honor Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. And if in that land and its surroundings any Huququ'llah is received and is spent for this cause, there has been and is no objection. His honor Ismu'llah, glory be upon him, is authorized to do so. And if his honor Abu'l-Hasan himself accompanies the leaf, it would be most beloved.

Regarding the aforementioned matter, a small place should be acquired, and its cost should be paid by his honor A.H., glory be upon him, either in their name or his own name or in whatever name they deem advisable to record in the deed. Regarding this matter and the first matter, they should consult with his honor Mulla Ali-Akbar and Mirza Asadu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy. Whatever emerges from consultation is the command of God, but they must make a mighty effort to keep it [the sacred remains of the Bab?] concealed. At present the purpose is protection, lest there befall him what befell in the land of Ta from the hands of the wicked ones. Later, great means shall appear for the station according to what God has willed. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And regarding the teachers, they should be paid from the funds of the Huququ'llah, exalted be His Glory. Previously, his honor Asad, glory be upon him, was commanded to receive from Huququ'llah and distribute. Now Jinab-i-Amin, glory be upon him, has written that his honor A.H., My glory and mercy be upon him, has agreed to pay the teachers' expenses. In this case, if it is referred to them, it is most beloved. And in these days the number of teachers should not exceed three or four, as it would cause notoriety, and notoriety is extremely harmful to this Cause.

O My Name! O thou who gazest upon the Sun of My Revelation! We made no mention of the people of Mim and Alif in the Tablet, and therefore We make mention of them at this time, that it may be a treasure and an honor unto them with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, We have found from that land the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of him who is named ʿAli in that place, and after him certain numbered souls, and after these servants who have turned and said: "We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds."

If thou turnest and beholdest those who have attained unto the mention of God, give them glad tidings from Me and proclaim unto them greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have made mention of My loved ones in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. These are servants from whom We have found the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, the stars have fallen, and the foundations of every firm edifice have been shaken. Soon shall wondrous and lofty fruits be witnessed from the trees of those lands. This is God's decree, both before and after. Well is it with them that understand.

O people of the land of Mim! This Wronged One, at this hour—being the sixth hour of the first day of the blessed month of Ramadan—while imprisoned in this Most Great Prison with its gates closed fast, maketh mention of you with the most excellent of remembrances. The whole world cannot be compared to a single word from the words of the Lord of Eternity. Hearken, know, and arise with all earnestness to serve the Cause. Today the hosts of Truth are goodly character and praiseworthy deeds. Blessed is the soul that gaineth victory through these hosts. Those lands are blessed, for this Wronged One journeyed from the direction of Shahrud to that region, arriving at Gaz and observing its surroundings, and from there to Ashraf and before that the district of Hazar-Jarib, village by village and city by city, until We arrived in the land of Nur.

Praise be to God that in those days all those regions were illumined and blessed by the lights of the Sun of Truth, and the effects thereof shall surely become manifest. That which was planted by the divine hand shall soon yield its fruits in the world's assemblies. The call of the Beloved is raised from those mountains, for those lands have been blessed by the footsteps of the True One. God willing, may all be enabled to do that which beseemeth the Days of God.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! While time remaineth, strive to make good what hath passed. Verily, He is with you and will aid you in that which befitteth this blessed and wondrous Day. God willing, may all the divine friends drink from the immortal chalice and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by the hearts that have melted in their love for Thee, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. O my Lord! Thou seest them among Thy heedless servants who have cast behind their backs Thy Covenant, violated Thy Testament, and disputed Thy manifest signs. I beseech Thee to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O my Lord! Draw them by Thy most sweet call in such wise that they may behold the world behind them and the deniers beneath their feet. How wonderful is this attraction whereby light hath shone forth and that which the Book proclaimed hath appeared:

> "Everything shall perish save the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

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BH02625: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down in this Prison, which hath been designated by the most excellent names in the Crimson Scroll from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of it with the power of God, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Name. All the Books, Scriptures and Tablets have testified to His Revelation, and every trusted Messenger hath given glad tidings of Him. This is the Day wherein the Self-Subsisting walketh before all faces and guideth them to His Straight Path.

Thy letter hath been presented and the servant who standeth before the Wronged One hath laid it before Him, and We answer thee with this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the sun of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Gracious, the Bountiful. We testify that thy letter hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names, and He hath revealed for thee that which causeth every discerning scholar to soar. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto God for this great bounty.

Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all mankind. Hold fast unto Him and place thy trust in Him, for He is verily the Helper, the Succourer. On the day We entered the Most Great Prison, We summoned the peoples unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Among them were those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced sentence against My life without any proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. We desired their life while they desired to shed My blood. Thus was the matter decreed, but the people are behind a manifest veil. And among them were those who rent asunder the veils and turned with illumined hearts toward the Supreme Horizon. Blessed is he who hath hastened unto the Goal, and blessed is the scholar who hath cast aside vain imaginings and turned toward the Dayspring of certitude. Woe unto every scholar who hath denied God's right and His Revelation, and hath prevented the people from the river of God's mercy, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and caused thee to hear the rustling of this Tree which hath been raised up in truth in this glorious and lofty Station. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him Whom the ignorant ones of the earth have denied—they who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and followed their own desires. They are indeed among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Rejoice in what We have revealed, for unto every name that was in thy letter We have sent down a Tablet which beareth witness unto it from every world of the worlds of thy Lord, were one to be firmly established therein. Convey My glorification unto their faces, and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My mercy and My remembrance, which nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can equal. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04483: We have sent down the verses and revealed…

In His Name, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!

We have sent down the verses and revealed that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Lord of creation. How many a servant has risen in opposition, disputing the verses of God and His proof, and turning away from Him by Whom the Path was established and the Balance set up. They have forsaken their God and followed their desires. They are accounted among the idolaters in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O ʿAli! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards Him on a Day whereon feet have slipped. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Leave them to themselves and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of the final end.

Blessed is the learned one who hath recognized the Known One, and the mystic who hath turned unto the One Renowned, and the seeker who hath sought the Desired One, whilst most of the people have turned away from Him. O ʿAli! Give glad-tidings unto the people of thy land of My mercy, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My grace that have encompassed the horizons. Say: By God! He is with you and seeth what hath befallen you in His path. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. To this testifieth every man of certainty and insight. Be not grieved by what hath befallen you. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused the Spirit of Holiness to lament and the clouds to cry out. The wrongdoers shall soon behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily thy Lord lieth in wait. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.”

BH04593: O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! Verily My Most Exalted Pen loves…

He is the One Who remembers with truth from this luminous horizon

O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! Verily My Most Exalted Pen loves to remember thee. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, drunk the choice wine of My revelation, turned toward My horizon, and heard My call when it was raised in truth, and for having arisen to serve this Great Announcement, which was attested to in God’s Books of old and in that which We revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, through Whom every wise command was made manifest. We have remembered thee in various Tablets and have mentioned that which thou didst accomplish on this Straight Path. Thou art he to whom God’s Book hath borne witness, both before and after. Wert thou to become aware of that which hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst cry out: “Praise be unto Thee, O Most Generous of the generous ones!” We have revealed for thee and for those with thee that through which the fragrance of My mercy, which hath preceded the heavens and the earth, hath been diffused. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of My loving care and glorious remembrance. Glorify thy Lord with praise and say:

O Thou through Whose Name the entire creation hath been subdued! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy mighty signs to assist me and Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the tablets of fire shall not prevent them from beholding the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, the Lord of great bounty. Thou seest me turning unto Thee, placing my trust in Thee,

gazing toward the heaven of Thy mercy, and directing my face toward the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me and Thy loved ones of that which lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH05579: O friends of the All-Merciful in all lands!…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O friends of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Supreme Pen remembers you from the Most Exalted Station and the Highest Summit. Rejoice in this bounty which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth and whatsoever issueth therefrom. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O Nasru'llah! Bear thou witness unto that which God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested whatsoever He desired through His command "Be, and it is." The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by His Name, and the Ship of Divine Knowledge hath sailed upon the sea of utterance by His blessed and all-compelling command over all witnesses and all that is witnessed. Take thou My Book in My Name—verily it shall profit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Sealed Book. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!

Thou art He through Whose Name the mountains were moved and the limbs of those who followed vain imaginings without any proof from God, the Lord of existence, did tremble. Blessed is the servant who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and blessed is the maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of Names, Who hath come with the truth with a sovereignty before which armies cannot stand. Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts unto My praiseworthy station.

BH05765: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and hath spoken that which was a sword to the wicked and a mercy to the righteous who have acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein the Path proclaimeth: "By God! The Lord of Creation hath come with evident sovereignty." And the Balance proclaimeth: "The All-Merciful hath come! Fear God, O concourse of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen." The trees have yielded their fruit, the mysteries have been revealed, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath appeared.

By God! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, did ye but know, and this is the Day of deeds, would ye but perceive. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the hearing of the Call, and woe unto every ignorant one who turneth away. O people of the Bayan! Fear God and follow not those who have denied

the Witness and the Witnessed. O youth! Before Rida! Stand firm in the Cause when the clamor ariseth from those who have denied the right of God and His sovereignty. Verily they perceive not. Thus have We commanded thee and those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is every slumberer who hath been awakened by the Call and every one seated who hath arisen through My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06041: Rejoice in that the All-Bountiful remembers thee from His…

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

Rejoice in that the All-Bountiful remembers thee from His Most Great Station and summons thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom, lest there be raised the clamor of the idolaters who have pronounced judgment against the Dayspring of Revelation and perpetrated that which hath caused the Messengers to lament. Hold thou fast unto the cord of wisdom in all conditions, and grasp the hem of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He, verily, hath forgiven him who hath turned towards Him, and hath seized every obstinate oppressor. Soon shall the world pass away, and the tyranny of those who have wronged, and that wherein every remote ignorant one taketh pride.

Say: We have abandoned vain imaginings unto you, and have taken what We were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: We have abandoned the carrion, inasmuch as the heavenly table hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Fear ye God, O concourse of the ignorant ones! Deal fairly in that which hath appeared with truth, and be not of the lost. Return ye, then repent; He will forgive you and absolve you of your evil deeds as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which will solace thine eyes and the eyes of those who have turned towards God in this wondrous Day.

BH06381: O Muhammad! The One, the Single, remembers thee…

In the Name of the One dawning from the horizon of the world

O Muhammad! The One, the Single, remembers thee from this praiseworthy station and reveals unto thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of hearing, for the Call hath been raised from the direction of the Throne, would ye but hear it. And this is the Day of vision, for the lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the horizon of manifestation. Say: Be fair, O concourse of divines! By what proof did ye believe aforetime, and by what evidence do ye now turn away from this hidden Name? Lift up your heads—the Sun of Manifestation hath risen and the Speaker of Sinai proclaimeth.

Fear ye God and be not of them that understand not. Turn with radiant faces toward the dawning-place of the verses of your Lord, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth. Cast aside what is with men, placing your trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is the servant who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto every

denier and rejecter. Thus have We adorned the ocean of knowledge with the ship of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this extended cord.

BH06929: Hearken unto the Call from the right hand…

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

Hearken unto the Call from the right hand of the white spot from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I have created the world for My manifestation and sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books that they might give unto mankind the glad-tidings of this mighty Revelation. But when the appointed time was fulfilled and the signs appeared and the verses were sent down, they turned away and denied, save whom God preserved through a power from Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have beheld thy turning toward Us and turned toward thee from this glorious station. We counsel thee and My loved ones to trustworthiness and truthfulness and purity, and to that whereby the station of man is made manifest among the peoples. Thy Lord, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the lowly one who hath shown humility in My days, and the servant who advanceth to serve My loved ones who, through utterance, aid the Cause of their Lord, the Merciful, in the cities and lands. They are My loved ones in My earth and My servants among My creatures. The Concourse on High pray for them at morn and eventide.

BH07758: The waves of divine knowledge have appeared…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven!

The waves of divine knowledge have appeared from the ocean of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. The Divine Lote-Tree calleth with the most exalted voice and summoneth all to the supreme horizon, yet most of the people are turning away. They have turned away from the Truth, advancing toward the manifestations of vain imaginings. He Who hath the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. O youth! The All-Knowing remembereth thee from the prison quarter through that whereby the world speaketh. The Ancient King hath come with a manifest Cause. Blessed is the learned one who hath turned toward My horizon—verily he is among the most exalted of creatures before God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to My cord and cling to the hem of My loving-kindness. I am the One with power over whatsoever I desire. Every fair-minded and perceiving one beareth witness to this. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have taken the most exalted cup in the name of the Lord of all beings and have drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: This indeed is the Most Great Word wherein is the choice wine of My love. Blessed are they that drink thereof.

BH07644: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired when the people were in evident delusion. He hath rolled up, through His power, the carpet of idle fancies when there shone forth from the horizon of the world the Sun of His Hidden Name, whereby every remote world was shaken. We sent not any Messenger but the divines of that age turned away from Him. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this—verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the divine who hath shown justice in the Cause of God and His Manifestation. Woe unto every sinful transgressor! They have perpetrated in this Revelation that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and the denizens of Paradise to cry out from their glorious station. The true divine is he who hath attained unto My recognition, heard My call, and arisen to serve My mighty Cause. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Beware lest the doubts of the turbaned heads prevent thee from this great bounty.

BH07751: The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified before all things…

He is the One Who rules over those in the Kingdom of Names

The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified before all things that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. He hath appeared with truth and sent down from the heaven of command that which is encompassed by proof and demonstration. Verily, he who hath heard the call is of the people of this station. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and say:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through whose light the earth and heaven were illumined, to assist me to remain steadfast in this Cause, whereby all beings were shaken except such as were preserved through Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH09127: O patient one! Patience is praiseworthy except in My…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O patient one! Patience is praiseworthy except in My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And silence is acceptable except regarding this Announcement, concerning which the Faithful Spirit gave glad-tidings. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of the Wronged One and turned to Him on a day when every veiled learned one turned away. Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, ye were created for this Day. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. That which was recorded in the Books of God hath appeared and He hath come with verses before which every lofty mountain hath bowed down. Cast aside vain imaginings—they shall profit you not this Day. To this testifieth He through Whom the horizon of certitude hath been illumined. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe to the heedless! The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned with a luminous countenance to the horizon of the Manifestation.

BH01107: O my beloved! The fragrance of your words has…

He is God, exalted be His majesty, greatness and power.

O my beloved! The fragrance of your words has caused me to turn toward you, and your remembrance in the love of God, your Creator, has moved me to mention that which will gladden you, from our Beloved and your Beloved. By God's life! Not a day has passed except that you were before my eyes, and the glances of my Lord and Master's favor were directed toward you. I read, understood and presented it, whereupon He said—and His sweetest utterance is this:

O Mustafa! Upon you be My peace and My glory! Give thanks to God for having honored your countenance, loosened your tongue, and drawn you near to Him. We beseech Him to expand your cause and grant you every good thing sent down in His perspicuous Book.

We make mention of the physician, upon him be My glory, and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him. We counsel him to remember God and praise Him, and to do that which will exalt His firm and mighty Cause. We beseech the Most High to assist him in achieving what he desires in love of his Lord. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

We make mention of the imprisoned one, upon him be My glory, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. We beseech God to assist him to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance, and to ordain for him the reward of what he desires. Verily, He is the Munificent Giver.

We make mention of him who was named Khalaf, who was previously mentioned before the Wronged One, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and My attention to him from this far-distant spot. By My life, O Khalaf! My remembrance of you is greater than what you and all people possess. If you were to turn to it, you would find from it the fragrance of eternity—to this testifies every knowledgeable and perceptive one. Grieve not over anything, trust in all matters in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who was named Ibrahim Khaffaf, whose letter was presented before the Wronged One while He was in this mighty prison. O Ibrahim! Give thanks to God for having assisted you and caused you to recognize Him when the earth was in evident smoke. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We ask of God for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne and earth. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of his sister and beseech God the Most High to forgive her through His grace and grant her what He has ordained in Paradise of His bounties and favors. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bestower, the Hearing, the Responding One.

We make mention of him who was named Yusuf, that he may praise his Lord for having assisted him to believe in what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Furqan:

> "Those who believe in the unseen, and establish prayer, and spend of that which We have provided them."

We make mention of the servants of God in that place and counsel them to perform good deeds and develop spiritual qualities, and to do that which will exalt God's religion among His heedless servants. The nation and government have been weakened by what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. It behooves you to supplicate God at all times that He may aid His Cause on earth through the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, He has power over all things and is worthy to answer.

That which the imprisoned one sent has arrived in the prison and has been honored with acceptance. One of them was especially distinguished and honored, and He commanded me to send one of them to your presence, which I shall soon dispatch by His might and power. I beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist all who are on earth to remember Him, praise Him and obey Him, that the religion may be made manifest in its entirety, though the idolaters be averse. The Command belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And I greet Hussein Effendi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and his brothers. May the coolness of eyes, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in Zawra and upon your family and those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings. Then I greet the most dear brother Haji Abbas, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and Jamshid and Abdul-Karim, upon both of them be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. I beseech God on their behalf for that which befits His all-encompassing generosity. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The servant 26 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1300

O beloved of my heart! Another letter from your presence reached the servant, adorned with the mention of God, blessed and exalted be He. After my recognition and reading of it, I presented it before my Lord and Master. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is: "We have heard what the Physician, upon him be My glory, and the Prisoner, upon him be My loving-kindness, have mentioned, and We have understood what they desired in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Whosoever shall free the House from the Amalekites, verily for him shall be a great reward with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God shall soon free it through a command from His presence, even as He freed the Ark aforetime. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

"And We make mention of Abdullah who desired to serve his Lord. Say: Blessed art thou for what thou hast done and intended. Be thou assured that He is with thee in all conditions. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in what is right and to make thee among those who have performed in the path of God that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the continuance of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily, he whom God has enabled to achieve this must needs give thanks to Him throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has attained unto this mighty cause.

"And We send Our greetings to the loved ones of God in those regions and We counsel them to fear God and to that whereby His decisive and wise Cause may be exalted. O Mustafa! Upon thee be My peace and My glory, and upon thy sons, and upon those with thee who have held fast to the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds." And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The End.

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BH00065: The denizens of the Kingdom bear witness…

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!

The denizens of the Kingdom bear witness that the Lord of the Celestial Dominion hath come with such sovereignty that before it nothing that is seen or witnessed can stand. He, verily, is the One Who was recorded in the Books of God, our Purpose and the Purpose of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Yet when He came, all in the realm of creation turned away, save those who hearkened unto the Call and, forsaking all earthly things, turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon. These are they who are of the Ark mentioned by the Tongue of Unity in the Qayyumu'l-Asma. He it is Who gave glad tidings unto all of It and of those who would sail therein.

Blessed are they who hastened after they heard, who responded after they recognized, and who found after they turned unto Him. These are God's chosen ones on earth and His pure ones throughout the lands. All things bear witness unto them even as the Tongue of Grandeur hath borne witness unto them. These are honored servants, these are sincere servants. These are they whom neither the howling of the wolf deterred from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, nor did the hissing serpent that glides frighten them from that which they purposed in the path of God, the Lord of existence.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world! Thou seest and knowest that this servant desired to make mention of one of Thy chosen ones who arose to serve Thy Cause and to aid that which Thou didst purpose in Thy dominion, though I know that my mention befitteth him not—how much less Thy sovereignty and majesty! I testify, O my God, that by Thy leave he turned unto all horizons and by Thy will he faced all directions, until there appeared from him that which Thy knowledge had anticipated. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power which none save Thyself hath comprehended, to aid him in that which he hath purposed in Thy days for the exaltation of Thy Word. Assist him with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, then protect him from those who have violated Thy Covenant, turned away from Thy Beauty, and denied Thy proof and Thy evidence. Thou art He, O my God, through Whom power and its dominion, might and its sovereignty were manifested. Thou rulest through Thy sovereignty as Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Ruler, the Commander, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O beloved of my heart and he who is mentioned in my soul! By God's life, the wine of thy remembrance hath intoxicated me, which the chosen ones of the verdant land and those around it caused me to hear. Among that which they say is that thou didst, with thy finger in the land of Qaf and Vav, loose the bonds when a wolf from among the wolves who denied the beginning and the return rose up against thee, when the All-Giving appeared riding upon the clouds. Blessed is he who arose to aid you, assist you, and protect you from the evil of the essence of wickedness. He hath attained unto that which none hath comprehended save God, my Purpose and thy Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earths.

However, this servant is ashamed to have exceeded the bounds of moderation. The exalted and all-knowing Truth beareth witness that thou hast ever been in my heart and before my sight. After reading thy numerous letters, on the wings of love, affection, longing and yearning, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and after gaining permission and attaining the presence before His countenance, this was submitted. This is what the Tongue hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, mighty is His utterance and exalted His sovereignty:

In My Name, the Stranger in the world and the Wronged One among the peoples

O Haydar-ʿAli! Make wide the skirt of thy search and spread it out, for the Most Great Ocean hath willed to bestow upon thee from the billows of His bounty the pearls of knowledge and wisdom. Gather them together in His Name and present them unto the peoples of the world, that those endued with vision may thereby be distinguished from others. Thus hath the Most Great Announcement informed thee from this hallowed, glorious and exalted Station. That which befell thee in the path of God hath attained unto the ears of the Lord of Names, and verily He was with thee, He witnessed and beheld, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who aided thee, and happy is he who succored thee, and joy be to him who testified to that which thou didst utter for the sake of God, the Goal of them that know.

In every age and cycle there hath befallen the loved ones of God that which caused every seeing eye to weep and every person of fairness to lament. The primary cause and origin of tyranny and oppression hath been the ignorant ones of the earth who counted themselves learned and leaders and guides of the servants. They are honored in the name of God, glory be to Him, while they cling to every means toward His abasement. O Haydar! I desire their life, they desire My death. Their heedlessness hath reached such a state that they remain unaware of and veiled from the presence of Him Whom they have worshipped for years, Whose mention they have uttered, and by Whose Name they have been known. By the life of God! They are in manifest error. Their glory hath been removed. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen decreed, before and after, and I am, verily, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

They have turned aside from the Book of God and have clung to and acted upon the dictates of their desires, even though in every moment a herald from all directions proclaimeth in most eloquent words and announceth of death and evanescence. I swear by the Most Great Ocean that surgeth in this Prison—were they to become aware, even to the extent of a needle's eye, of the recompense of their deeds, they would destroy themselves with their own hands.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the near ones and the sincere ones have sacrificed their souls to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the pearls of Thy knowledge to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen, for him who hath aided Me, that which beseemeth Thy grace and bounty and befitteth Thy generosity and gifts. Thou knowest, O my God, my Goal, my Creator, my Provider, and my Helper, how the oppressors among Thy servants and the rebellious among Thy creatures have risen against me—they who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament, denied Thy Self, and disputed Thy signs. O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, might, strength and sovereignty.

Then open before the face of him who aided Thy servant the gate of Thy grace and bounty, and grant him the choice wine of Thy Revelation and the Kawthar of Thy inspiration, that he may be so transported as to see in existence naught save the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and the evidences of Thy grandeur. O Lord! Aid them that have aided Thee, through whom Thou hast raised the standards of Thy unity and elevated the banners of Thy remembrance and praise. Then bring low Thine enemies who have warred against Thy friends throughout the ages and cycles. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained.

Praise be to God! Ye are adorned with the lights of the Sun of meanings and are sustained by the fruits of the Tree of grace. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that no ungodly hands shall touch that cherished fruit, and that He will protect it from the tempests of the malevolent ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From the day when the letter of that beloved one reached Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the King of Oneness specifically for each of the friends of the land of M, upon them be the Glory of God. However, due to the upheavals, conflicts, and wars that arose in various regions, there was delay in their dispatch. For long periods, the people of these parts were in utmost fear and disturbance, that what was revealed aforetime from God, our Creator and Fashioner, might be made manifest.

Now for some time the dust of self and passion has settled, and the people of these lands have become tranquil and at rest. Glory be to God! One is astonished to observe that most people cling to that which leads to error and misguidance, while remaining heedless of the Straight Path and the Ark of Salvation, nay, turning away from the Truth, glorified be His majesty. I beseech and implore Him not to deprive His servants of His boundless grace, and to give all to drink from the ocean of awareness. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for him. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, through which the Tree cried out on the Mount

Praised be He Who hath appeared and revealed the Most Great Ocean, and brought forth from it the pearls of knowledge and wisdom before the faces of all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Among the people are those who have recognized and testified, those who have witnessed yet hesitated, and those who have turned away and denied the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the divine bounty hath appeared, the heavenly table hath been sent down, the proof hath been perfected, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath come to pass. By God's life! The earth doth speak, the mountains do pass away, the clouds pour down rain, and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Subduer of Names and the All-Powerful over all things. Within My grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on the earth."

O Nasrullah! Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee in this Prison, which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne. We have desired the life of the world and the salvation of all therein, yet they have pronounced judgment against My Self without any proof from God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Blessed is the one with vision who hath beheld the lights of My countenance, the one with hearing who hath heard My call, the strong one who hath taken hold of My Book, and the helper who hath arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

We have ordained victory through wisdom and utterance, and through deeds and character from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of My sanctity and My justice, whereby the Path hath been established and the Balance set up. Thus hath the tongue of revelation spoken, yet most of mankind remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath taken the reins of his desires and acknowledged that which his Lord hath testified—he is among those who are brought near in a clear Book.

When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and attainest unto My Book, arise and say:

> "Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art wronged and estranged!"

Thus have We lit the lamp of prosperity with the fire of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto those who turn away.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with their Lord, the Generous Giver.

And this is what hath been sent down to the handmaiden of God from the heaven of the tender mercy of our Lord, the Possessor of sovereignty and the Kingdom. His utterance, exalted be His majesty and glory, is this:

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved

O handmaiden of God! If thou wert to become all ears, by God's life, it would be befitting, for the Speaker of Sinai hath willed to converse with thee. Be attentive and ponder well, for thou hearest from the Lord of Names the call "O My handmaiden!" How many souls in past ages and centuries gave up their lives hoping for this call, yet attained it not. Have those who today have attained unto the Divine Word recognized the station thereof, or are they heedless of it? Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

That mystery which was hidden in all the divine Books and mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and holy ones hath become manifest and evident and witnessed. Where are the eyes worthy of this Day, or the ears capable of this call? Ask of God that He may awaken the heedless and the slumbering with this sweet call. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

If thou hast received thy portion from the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, be thou steadfast in His remembrance and act according to that which beseemeth Him. We make mention of thy mother and thy daughter and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, that they may rejoice and be among the thankful ones in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. Glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of an ancient Commander. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

God bears witness that His bounty towards that beloved one was manifest to such a degree that had he asked for a hundred or more, these would surely have descended in this blessed night from the heaven of His Will. Exalted be this supreme favor and this bounty which none can reckon save our Lord, the All-Knowing Reckoner. In these days, that beloved one has been mentioned repeatedly and brought to the attention of the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. The Ismu'llah M.H., may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him, has made mention of that beloved one in several of his writings, and likewise has ʿAli-Qabil-i-Akbar, may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him, written to this evanescent servant about your service, dedication and what befell you. Similarly from the direction of Kha and the verdant land and elsewhere. God willing, may these loving fragrances ever waft and these breezes of affection continue to blow at all times, delighting the sincere ones. In truth, this is a mention infused with love. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will illumine His loved ones with the light of love and unity, nay rather all the peoples of the world. Verily, He has power over all things.

Last week, twenty wondrous and exalted Tablets, specifically revealed for the friends in Shahrud, were sent down from the heaven of bounty and forwarded to Aqa Mirza Ahmad, may the Glory of God rest upon him, as per your indication in the letter written to this servant. This servant also wrote and sent two letters to him and to Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, may the Glory of God rest upon him. God willing, may they be illumined and gladdened by the lights of these revealed Tablets and be sustained by the Kawthar of bounty.

Section 2: "As for what you mentioned regarding wisdom…"

As for what you mentioned regarding wisdom and expressing concern about its absence, praise be to God, whatever has transpired has caused the exaltation of the Cause, and the Tongue of Grandeur has, in several instances, made mention in the sweetest terms of your honor and what was manifested. That beloved one should thank the Purpose of all the worlds with a hundred thousand tongues, for He has confirmed you in serving His Cause in such wise that most have testified to it. Blessed are you, and would that I were with you!

If the Tablets for the land of Mim arrive and they turn again towards that land, it would be pleasing, or if they could be entrusted to a reliable friend to deliver to Mulla ʿAli-Jan, may the Glory of God rest upon him, who may then distribute them to their owners as he sees fit. These Tablets of bounty have been ready for some time, but their dispatch was delayed due to the upheavals in various regions. The living have their portion and the dead theirs—for the former, joy and gladness and treasure, and for the latter, mercy and bounty and forgiveness from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Once, as the Ancient Beauty was walking, mention was made of Mulla ʿAli-Jan, may Glory rest upon him, and several others from His blessed tongue, and after a few moments He uttered these exalted words—exalted be His grandeur:

> "O servant in attendance! The fragrance of the love of God is inhaled from those regions. Pray for those souls mentioned and for the friends of those parts, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for success and confirmation. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly return."

Your attention to the regions you mentioned, especially the land of Kaf and Ra, is pleasing, for certain ignorant ones in that land spoke according to their desires and were unaware. Whichever direction they may turn is pleasing, for praise be to God, they are assisted and confirmed and adorned with the ornament of wisdom.

Concerning that beloved one, Muhammad Khan—upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful—thou hast written. He is indeed of those who, as it were, came into the world enkindled. Praise be to God, by the light of his countenance and the warmth of his love he shineth forth and is illumined. A tablet specially intended for him was dispatched, according to the number of seven. God willing, he shall attain through the breezes of the divine Bayan unto everlasting life.

That which hath been revealed before is this: And from water have We made all things living. The intent of "water," in its primal reality, hath ever been the water of the Bayan of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who attaineth thereunto, and woe betide the froward! His mention, and what was set forth, was presented before the Most Sacred Presence. This is that which the tongue of majesty hath uttered—exalted be His Word, glorified His glory.

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

O Muhammad, upon thee be My Glory! Thy mention hath been made at the Most Exalted Horizon; thou hast not been forgotten, nor shalt thou ever be. Wheresoever thou art, He is with thee. We make mention of thy turning unto Us, thy devotion, thy presence, thy steadfastness, and thy service in this glorious and exalted station. It behooveth thee to make mention of My countenance, My acceptance, My favor, the effulgences of the Sun of My grace, the manifestations of My generosity, and the tokens of My mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all created things.

Ask thou the Self-Sufficing Lord on behalf of the aforementioned person that he may not be deprived of the Water of Life, and that he may not be barred from the outpourings of the True Ever-Flowing Fountain on this wondrous Day. Today, all things hear with attentive ears this blessed word:

> "O concourse of men! Seize ye the opportunity in these days of the Dawning-Place of your Lord's command, the All-Merciful. By God! This is a Day the like of which the sun hath never risen upon."

By the Life of God! What hath flowed from the Pen of Bounty specifically for him in this leaf is, before God, better and more beloved than all his good works, both past and future. I beseech God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, to aid him in that which shall cause his mention to endure

throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

It would be most regrettable if these times, a single moment of which excelleth ages and centuries, should pass fruitlessly and slip away. By the Sun of Justice which shineth from the horizon of this prison due to the oppression of the transgressors, should any soul become aware, even slightly, of the station of these days, or catch a fragrance from the garment of this Revelation, he would turn with heart and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act as befitteth. This is a word that hath descended from the heaven of divine loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless impostor.

It is Our hope that, through the fragrances of the divine bounty, they may attain unto everlasting life. O beloved one! The occupations of this world are a barrier that interposeth, a veil that hindereth from the Truth. We entreat that, by the hand of power, the veils of obstruction may be lifted and rent asunder, that all who dwell upon earth may behold the effulgent rays of the Sun of Manifestation, and may attain unto that which is the ultimate goal.

And as to that beloved one's decision that Khan—upon him be the glory of God—should devote three years in the regions to the service of the Cause: this matter hath assuredly been and remaineth most acceptable, for all were created to serve. Blessed is the soul that attaineth unto such a station! From the Lord—exalted be His glory—I entreat that in all circumstances He may aid him.

O Beloved of My heart! If separation from the Beauty of the All-Glorious hath affected him, so too his separation hath affected this servant. Praise be to God, in all conditions the prayer is this:

> "Lord, pour out upon him patience, and number him among the helpers."

As to the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Hashim—upon him be the glory of God—of the people of S, who hath directed his gaze towards Khan in his service: this was presented before the Most Exalted, the Most Sacred Court. And this wondrous, exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful concerning him. Exalted is His Word, glorified His glory!

In My Name, the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Glory be to Him Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He hath willed. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Hashim! Mention of thee was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there was sent down for thee that which hath caused the dwellers of the graves to arise in these days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have arisen to serve the Cause and have aided the friends of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and for having sent down for thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of the sincere ones. If thou attainest unto My Book and findest the fragrance of Mine verses, say: O my God and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, turned toward Thy horizon, and speaking Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

Concerning the mention made of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad Sahhaf—upon him be the glory of God—it is this: Praise be to God, he hath been, and remaineth, through the grace of the Almighty, favored and aided. Oft-repeatedly hath his name flowed from the Pen of the Most High; and on this day, which is Monday, the twentieth of the month of Rabi'u'l-Avval, he hath set his face towards the Most Exalted Summit and the Ultimate Goal. His petition hath been presented before the Sacred Presence. This is that which hath been sent down for him from the Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn, the Sender of the winds—exalted be His Word, glorified His glory, and abounding His grace:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose glances the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee have melted, through the heat of Whose love the hearts of the sincere ones have been set ablaze, by the lights of Whose countenance the hearts of the yearning ones have been attracted, and at the movement of Whose locks the foundations of the lovers have been shaken! I beseech Thee, O Light of hearts and Fire of breasts, by the Crimson Ark and the Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven, to strengthen me in that which causeth the dwellers of Sinai to inhale the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure and the believers to sense the sweet savors of Thy garment. O Lord! Thou seest me detached from the world and turning unto Thee, O Lord of eternity. Wouldst Thou disappoint, O my Beloved, one who awaiteth the wonders of Thy bounty and grace? Wouldst Thou withhold, O my Heart's Desire, one who hath clung to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and favors?

O Lord! I am the weak one who hath sought the stronghold of Thy power, the wronged one who hath hastened to the banner of Thy justice, and the despairing one who hath held fast unto the cord of hope, anticipating the wonders of Thy mercy. O Lord! I am he who was asleep until awakened by the breezes of Thy days, who was seated until raised up by the fragrances of Thy verses, and who was heedless until made aware of the Daysprings of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name whereby the world was illumined, to honor me with Thy presence or to ordain for me, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of one who hath soared in Thy atmosphere by Thy leave and hath drunk the choice wine of Thy reunion through the hands of Thy bounty.

O Lord! I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions, submissive to Thy Command, humble before Thy Judgment, turning toward Thy horizon and speaking Thy praise. O my Beloved and Beloved of the world! I wish to be as a leaf moved by the winds of Thy Will as Thou pleasest. O Lord! This is my soul and my spirit and whatsoever Thou hast given me. I have presented them before Thy face and committed them into Thy hands. Do with them as Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

The bestowals of grace and stations of bounty are manifest and evident. What more can this helpless writer say or explain? To him who desires to behold the ocean and its waves, say: Behold, it is before thine eyes. In this case, there has never been and is not now any need for an intermediary. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

As to what was written concerning His honor ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, His glory be exalted:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the Answering

O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and thy Lord calleth thee with the sweetest utterance in the kingdom of divine knowledge. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and thy Lord remembereth thee at this hour with a remembrance that hath perfumed all creation. He is verily the Compassionate, the Merciful.

O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant. The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, that thou mayest become aware of thy Lord's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant. The Lord of Names hath turned toward thee. Rejoice and be thou of the thankful. O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and the Beloved speaketh before thy face. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the Answering. O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and the Lord remembereth thee from the Most Exalted Summit with a remembrance through which every sincere seeker findeth the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and the Lord of the world remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison. Give thanks and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the Messengers. O Ali-Muhammad! Thou art My servant, and thy Lord remindeth thee of the days when thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear His mighty and wondrous call. O My servant! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that which causeth every tongue to speak, every sorrowful one to rejoice, every stranger to seek the supreme homeland, and every person of understanding to thank his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of Our servant Javad that he may hear what We have caused thee to hear and thank God for this great bounty.

O Javad! The Lord of Creation hath turned toward thee from the Prison and remembereth thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of the world. He Who hath with Him the clear Book beareth witness to this.

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! Thou art he who attained My remembrance aforetime, and We have sent down for thee that which spoke of My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Give thanks unto God for this most great bounty, then remember Him with a goodly remembrance. The glory be upon you and upon the sister and upon your family and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In truth, O beloved of my heart, mention of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds is beyond pen and tongue. Man is bewildered at the dawning-places of heedlessness, the rising-points of ignorance, and the manifestations of idle fancy. To what do they cling and from what do they turn away in heedlessness? Would that they might become aware of even less than can be numbered of the outpourings of these bountiful days.

O Lord! Leave them not to themselves. Assist them through Thy generosity and bounty, then guide them to Thy straight path. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God! Unveil for them as Thou hast unveiled for us. Thou art verily the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Section 3: "Now may His honor ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be…"

Now may His honor ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, remain smiling and joyous throughout his life at this most exalted remembrance and greatest bounty.

In the matter of conversations and certain passages, as well as mention of the unity, attraction and steadfastness of the loved ones of God, this brought true joy. If one reflects upon what has transpired and observes with penetrating vision, one's soul will voice praise and thanksgiving, and utter "blessed be the people of Baha!" How many souls, with utmost longing and eagerness, advanced toward the place of sacrifice.

At one time these exalted words flowed from the tongue of the Lord of Names—glorified be His majesty: "Were ye to count the martyrs of God, ye could not number them." Some were so attracted and enkindled by the Word of God that they sacrificed their lives by their own hands at the threshold of the Beloved of the worlds. Among them was the honored Dhabih of Baghdad—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—and likewise the one who in the Land of Mystery cut his own throat, and further Jinab-i-Aba-Basir and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ashraf—upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God. After beholding the Divine Tablet, they emerged from their homes and openly and clearly proclaimed the Cause of God until they attained the most great martyrdom.

And Jinab-i-Najaf-Quli-ʿAli—upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy—when they had surrounded him, cried out at the top of his voice saying "We have found the Pearl and the Price of Blood!" And in the land of Ta, Jinab-i-Mustafa—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—and likewise other souls sacrificed their lives with such steadfastness that all were astounded. And Jinab-i-Aba-Badi'—upon him be the Glory of God and His might—who in the land of Kha, when they demanded he deny the Faith and utter but one word, refused and took and drank the cup of supreme martyrdom in the name of the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he!

Such events occurred in every land, and these souls willingly gave up their lives in the path of the Peerless Beloved. Should this servant wish to fully recount this station, he would need to occupy himself with writing numerous pages. But time is like the phoenix, and opportunity as rare as the philosopher's stone. In the early days of imprisonment, He commanded that the enkindlement of devoted souls should be somewhat tempered, as it was observed that all desired martyrdom, and numerous petitions had arrived from the friends, all seeking martyrdom from God—exalted be His Glory.

After the appearance of these events and these petitions, the Lord of Names uttered these exalted words—mighty be His Glory:

> "We command all to wisdom and utterance, and to preserve their lives, a command from Us, and We are the Commanding One, the All-Wise."

After the martyrdom of Badi', He strictly forbade all from such acts in the Book, and the decree of wisdom descended from the heaven of will in such measure that all are incapable and fall short of reckoning it. Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed! However, this Most Great, Most Exalted Cause has not been and is not dependent upon such matters. By the life of God, it is greater than what they have known and understood, were they to perceive it. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be!

And regarding the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq—upon them both be the most glorious Glory—news of them has arrived in these days from the land of B-SH. Praise be to God, they were in good health, enkindled with the fire of the love of God and speaking His praise, and from that land they intended to travel to other lands.

The servant beseeches his Lord to protect him from the oppression of every oppressor and the hatred of every enemy, and to assist him in serving His most mighty, most great, most firm and impregnable Cause.

In regard to what was written concerning the handmaiden of God, the wife of the late Haji Mirza Hasan, upon them both be the Glory of God, who has sought permission for pilgrimage, this matter was presented before the Divine Presence and was honored with this response, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Haydar Ali! Upon you be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Gladden My handmaiden, upon her be My glory, with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. We have glorified her before and We glorify her at this moment. She heard and responded and turned towards God when all on earth turned away, save whom God wished. Your Lord is the All-Knowing. Give her My glad-tidings and remind her of what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My Will, that she may rejoice in My great bounty."

This year some of the friends, both men and women, have, with permission, turned towards the Praised Spot, but have not yet attained the honor of meeting. They are dwelling and traveling in cities and lands and paths. Should God will it, all shall attain to that which the Divine Purpose hath desired. The Command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

O Haydar Ali! Upon you be My glory. The path is long and the hardship great. Beseech God that the Supreme Pen may record for that accepted and successful handmaiden the reward of attainment. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The Glory be upon you and upon her and upon those who love you in this straight Path. Convey to all the friends in that land the glorification from God and keep them enkindled with the fire of divine love. This day is and hath ever been the Mother of Days. All must hold fast, with perfect wisdom and utterance, to that which will exalt the Cause of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the All-Wise ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Regarding the mention made of Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan and Jinab-i-Aqa Ali and Aqa Ahmad from Qa'in, upon them be the Glory of God, praise be to God that these mentioned names have attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan, blessed and exalted be His words:

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of justice

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest remembereth thee and commandeth thee to that which will profit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto goodly deeds and unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Great.

The letter of one who loveth Me came before My face, and therein was thy mention. We have remembered thee with that which causeth the breeze of loving-kindness to waft over all created things. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous. We make mention of Our loved ones in Qaf and Alif and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them and My turning towards them from this distant Prison. They have borne in the path of God that which none bore before them. To this doth testify the Pen of God, the Most High, in this perspicuous Tablet. God shall soon reward those who were patient in His days and shall make manifest their stations in such wise that the tongues of the world shall speak forth: "Blessed be God, the Most Generous of the generous ones!"

We make mention of thy father, who was named Ahmad, and bid him to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book and to manifest beauteous patience. O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee and informeth thee of that which hath come to pass in the Prison Land by the command of the Mighty, the Powerful. He who circled round the Throne of the Lord of Names hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Thus hath appeared the decree of destiny from the One Who ordaineth from ancient times. We have revealed for him that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. Thus doth the perspicuous Book apprise thee from His presence.

O Ahmad! By the life of God, all the treasures of the world cannot equal a single letter of that which hath been revealed for him. To this beareth witness the Ancient of Days from this exalted station. We console thee and those who are related unto him by God's decree, as a mercy from Our presence, for verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory of God rest upon him and upon thee and upon thy son, from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. And this is what was revealed for his honor ʿAli:

In My Name that appeareth from the horizon of the prison

O ʿAli! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever fixed His gaze of loving-kindness upon His loved ones on earth. For each one hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will that which no treasures, mines, traces or fruits can equal. We beseech the True One to aid all to preserve this most exalted station and supreme gift. Praise be to God! The rain of grace hath poured upon the people of Qaf and Alif. Its effects shall surely become manifest. Blessed are they who have quaffed the sealed wine and are steadfast in the Cause of God. They are My loved ones on earth and My chosen ones in the lands. Upon them be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded existence.

We console all who have believed in God in thy land, for surely the believers and the sincere in that land have been touched by grief in this new calamity. Now must they, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, drink from the chalice of joy. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of unity, a station hath been conferred upon him which, were less than a needle's eye thereof to be unveiled, all would be struck

unconscious with joy. Exalted is this most great favor, and exalted is that noble station! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Ahmad, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath attained unto the recognition of My days, when the divines and doctors of the earth turned away from Me, save those who quaffed the choice wine of the Bayan from the hand of My bounty. And I am the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Ahmad! We have heard thy mention and have turned toward thee from this spot which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His mighty signs and the Source of His commandments and ordinances. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all return, Who hath graciously aided thee and guided thee unto the straight path. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the conditions of men shall cause thee to slip nor the veils of idle fancies prevent thee.

We love to make mention in every Tablet of him who was named Nabil-i-ʿAli, who cast away the world in his longing to attain the presence of the Ancient of Days and who clung in all conditions to the hem of the robe of his Lord, the Revealer of verses. He hath ascended in spirit and fragrance, and there hath been revealed for him that whereby the Concourse on High perceived the sweet savors of the garment of mercy of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace and the light gleaming from the direction of My mercy be upon him and upon thee and upon every patient believer.

Verily, all the devoted ones, the believers and the sincere ones throughout all lands should be offered condolences, for a mighty pillar hath vanished from sight. However, such grace hath been vouchsafed unto them that this servant can testify that an atom thereof is sweeter, more pleasing, more excellent and more precious than the life of the world. In truth, this evanescent one hath repeatedly uttered "Would that I had been with him!" beseeching and supplicating God, exalted be His glory, that He may confirm all and deprive none from the ocean of His good-pleasure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As for the sublime Tablets which were requested for some who dwell in various regions, these shall be sent, God willing. However, had ye given precedence to the people of M, it would have appeared closer to piety, for the newly-planted, wondrous saplings are and have been awaiting water. The attention of the beloved one, His Holiness the Name of God M, may the most glorious of all glory rest upon him, to those regions is most beloved and acceptable before the Throne. God willing, may all who are on earth not be deprived of this all-embracing, pre-existing mercy. From these servants: supplication and humility; and from God, exalted be His glory: acceptance and bestowal. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Generous.

These are days wherein the Most Great Word, like a true magnet, will reveal all that is hidden in the realities of men and concealed in their hearts. How many possessors of asceticism, piety and fear of God who, on the Day of Resurrection, manifested naught but vain desire. This is the Day whereon the secrets are tried and that which is in the hearts is uncovered. Reflect upon His Holiness Sh.J., may the glory of

God rest upon him, how the divine Word revealed, like the rays of the sun without veil or covering, the victory that was hidden within him and concealed from him and all eyes. Blessed is He Who attracted whom He willed through His Most Exalted Word.

Now their station is ordained with God and their mention is recorded with the Truth, to such extent that it hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen in these pages that their intention was beloved, their deed acceptable, and their triumph welcome. Assuredly the effulgences of the sun of divine favor will become manifest and evident to all the worlds. How many souls who claimed knowledge were accounted among the most ignorant before God. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the sealed wine and aided the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Of the sent pieces, one should reach the son of his honor Aqa Mirza Husayn, may the glory of God rest upon him. The Greater Branch, may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps, hath specifically bestowed it upon him, and his name is inscribed on the back of that same piece.

May the glory that shineth from the horizon of the favor of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, be upon you and upon those who have turned with radiant faces unto God in this wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH02213: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book…

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book for the manifestation of love among His servants and hath desired to remove disputation and corruption from among the parties, and hath moved His Most Exalted Pen in such wise as to make manifest the station of love and establish the decree of unity throughout all lands. Glory and radiance be upon those who have arisen to serve Him and to aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance.

And now, this servant submitteth that the letter of his honor ʿIsmu'llah M.H., may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, as well as the letter of the beloved Mirza H.Y., may the Glory of God and His favors be upon him, illumined these eyes and adorned this heart with the ornament of awareness. Mention was made repeatedly of your honor in both. Praise be to God that that beloved one is confirmed in that which is acceptable before God. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant your honor such confirmation as no hindrance can arrest and no troubles of the days can sadden.

Likewise the letter of the spiritual friend Aqa Khudadad, may the Glory and Grace of God be upon him, which was adorned with your honor's handwriting, was also vouchsafed the honor of arrival. Praise be to God, joy after joy, bounty after bounty, and feast after feast have arrived and continue to arrive. However, this servant is much ashamed before Mirza, as it is absolutely certain that for one year or more nothing has been submitted to his honor. Yet the sublime Truth is witness and testimony that they are present and exist in the heart and before the eyes. Whenever the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, would pass by Tell Fakhkhar, mention of them was and is like salt in the food during excursions and walks

and other meals partaken of in the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God they have ever been and are blessed.

As for Aqa Khudadad, may the Glory of God be upon him, whose mention hath repeatedly been revealed from the Supreme Pen this year—blessed is he and joy be unto him. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to confirm this servant in mentioning, praising and serving His friends.

Another submission is that some time ago a detailed petition was sent to your honor's presence, and after sending it was noticed that two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets remained and were not sent. They are now being sent. God willing, may the eyes of the recipients of the Tablets be illumined by their light and may they receive their portion from the fragrance of the divine verses.

This servant conveyeth glory and salutations to the honored ones and friends of Truth, and beseecheth all that in times of gathering and mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory, they forget him not. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous Giver. May the Glory that shineth manifest from the horizon of our Lord's loving-kindness be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon every one firm, steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

The servant 29 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1300

BH02327: Praise be to the Sovereign Omnipotent Who has offered…

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

Praise be to the Sovereign Omnipotent Who has offered His bounty to all peoples on earth from diverse parties, and likewise His Trust. As to the first, all the peoples of the earth accepted it, but as to the second, none bore it except man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who created him and made him the recipient of His Trust and the manifestations of His power and the expressions of His might. And prayers and peace be upon Him through whom creation began, who was adorned with the ornament of the Seal, and upon His family and companions through whom the veils were rent, the idols were struck down, faces were humbled and eyes were fixed in awe—those servants whom God created for the exaltation of His Cause and the spread of His laws among His creatures.

Some time ago your letter was received, but this servant did not find the opportunity to offer a reply. Time is like red sulfur, and God, exalted be His glory, bears witness to what has been submitted. Regarding what you wrote about the arrival of the beloved ones, his eminence Aqa Siyyid Yahya and his eminence Mirza, upon them be the glory of God—praise be to God they proceeded by permission to the first destination.

This much is submitted to your honor: divine favor has been and continues to be with you. He has said: "Be thou assured and be of those who are thankful."

And what his eminence the beloved Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God and His favor, has stated is correct and complete, for consultation on matters has been delegated to those of highest rank. However, if there is suitable accommodation and means in Port Said, we can send his eminence Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, to you as well so that you may be together. The prohibition

regarding Port Said was in consideration of your being alone, lest you become disheartened. Otherwise it is quite clear and evident that you are joyful and act according to whatever is commanded. Now too, as commanded, consult—if it is deemed advisable we will send his eminence Aqa Siyyid Taqi to you to be a companion to your honor and an assistant in your work, or you may proceed to Alexandria. Both options are adorned with the ornament of permission and good-pleasure. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk from the cup of contentment and by the testimony of the Beloved they are pleased with you. In these matters too, whatever emerges from consultation is most preferable. Peace be upon thee and mercy be upon thee and upon every steadfast and assured one. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The servant On the night of 29 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1300

BH02590: The lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of justice!

The lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world, and the Speaker of Sinai calleth aloud, summoning all creation to the Most Exalted Horizon. Yet most of the people of earth remain heedless and veiled, for they have all clung to the sources of fancy and delusion. Consider what befell in former ages the Daysprings of Divine Unity and the Manifestations of God's Cause. The divines of that age were the cause and reason, and by the decree of these vain imaginings there occurred what caused all things to weep and lament. In this day, the world is redolent with the fragrances of the robe of the Revelation of the Ancient King, the heaven of proof surgeth upon the ocean of utterance, the Sun of Revelation shineth forth from the midmost heaven, and the rustle of the Most Exalted Pen is raised at every instant. And yet, they have gathered together, and established themselves upon their seats, and have spoken that which would put an animal to shame, how much more man himself! Were they to become aware of one of their acts, and perceive the mischief it hath wrought, they would, with their own hands, dispatch themselves to their final abode.

O people of Baha! The tyranny of this heedless and oppressive band hath prevented the rays of the Sun of Justice from shining forth. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath come for the salvation and life of all, yet this group hath risen to slay Him, banish Him, and harm Him. However they shall gain nothing. Not an atom's weight of deeds shall remain concealed on God's Day, nor ever shall. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "O my son! If there be (aught) 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."

Soon shall they receive the recompense of their deeds.

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded by the Pen of God in all the Books, and whereof the Concourse of Prophets and Messengers gave glad-tidings. Stand thou firm in thy Lord's Cause, and speak forth His remembrance with the wisdom We have sent down in the Psalms and Tablets. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this most exalted Station and have been given to drink by their Lord from this Kawthar, from whose flow is heard:

“There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” Moreover, the Glory be upon him who guided thee to the Straight Path, and praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

BH02912: O Abu’l-Ma’ali! Spread wide the hem of thy seeking…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing Witness.

O Abu’l-Ma’ali! Spread wide the hem of thy seeking, for the Ocean of Inner Meanings desires to cast upon thee the pearls of knowledge and wisdom, that thou mayest display them before all faces and eyes, that perchance the people of creation may become aware of that which hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon and turn unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Euphrates of your Lord’s utterance, the All-Merciful. Abandon all that exists in contingent being, turning unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Thy letter was present and the servant who standeth before the Wronged One submitted it while He was walking in the most exalted place. We heard what thy tongue of sincerity uttered and answered thee with verses that illumined the horizons.

We witnessed the turning of those who have turned to the Countenance and heard their yearning in this Cause whereby the idols were struck down—they who adorned their temples with the ornament of knowledge and pronounced judgment against the Dayspring of Revelation with an injustice whereat the clouds cried out. They hasten to the congregational mosques for My remembrance, yet when I manifested My Self they denied it. What aileth these people that they hear not the Word and understand not the Tradition nor the Book? They make mention of God with their tongues while denying Him by Whom the Trump was blown and the mountains were moved. Say: O heedless ones! Whether ye acknowledge or deny, verily He hath appeared with the truth and decreeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, despite you and those who dispute the verses.

Blessed art thou for having turned, heard, and arisen to serve the Cause on a day wherein feet have slipped. We counsel thee in all circumstances with that whereby the Cause of the All-Merciful may be exalted. Arise with wisdom and utterance lest the clamor be raised of those who have turned away from God and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. Rejoice in thy Lord’s mention.

We have sent down for thee and for those whose names thou didst mention Tablets that cry out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven. The door of grace hath been opened and God hath come riding upon the clouds. This is a day wherein smoke hath encompassed the inhabitants of earth save those who have cast away desire and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. They are among the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the horizon of knowledge shone with the luminary of thy Lord’s mention, the Sovereign of all religions. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken the choice wine of understanding and drunk thereof with power and sovereignty.

BH03126: The verses have been sent down and the evidences…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared and the Lord of Names hath come with the standards of the Cause, yet most of the people understand not. He hath testified of His Own Self by His Own Self and hath spoken with His Own Tongue that there is no God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. By the life of God! That which had never appeared in the world hath appeared, and the divine fragrance hath wafted, and the breeze hath blown, and the Ark hath sailed, yet most of the people perceive not. They have become heedless of God's Cause and have broken His Covenant. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they understand not.

Blessed art thou, O Ali, for having turned unto Him and heard and believed and arisen to serve the Cause in days wherein the edifice of misbelief was shaken and the hearts of those who stood upon hypocrisy were perturbed and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that will not be affected by extinction. The kingdom of earth and heaven bear witness to this for thee.

O shepherd of God's flock! Guard them from the wolves of the earth by My Name, the All-Protecting over the seen and unseen. Take hold of the reins of the Cause by My Most Great Name and say: O concourse of divines! Fear God and bar not those who were created by God's binding Word, by which the books of the world were detailed, if ye but knew. Beware lest the conditions of learning withhold you from the Known One. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon and turneth unto My countenance! Give glad tidings to My loved ones who have been intoxicated by the wine of My loving-kindness and attracted by the fragrance of My robe and made to speak by the breath of My utterance and who have recognized through the tongue of My grace My manifest and extended path. We, from this station, glorify their faces and counsel them to fear God, exalted be His glory, and to that whereby this Cause shall be exalted, through which the Most Great Joy hath appeared and all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth to God, the Possessor of existence. Thus hath the river of knowledge flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink thereof in My Name and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy praised station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have heard the call of God which was raised from the precincts of His forbidden prison.

BH05228: O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

In the Name of Him Who warbles upon the branches!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison precincts and summons thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested whatsoever He desired, and hath called all to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all being, and turned away from the Most Great Sign, and among them are those who have turned towards it and hastened and said:

> “Here am I, O Lord of Names! I testify that Thou wert hidden in God’s knowledge and inscribed in His perspicuous Book.”

Blessed is he who hath sought the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. Woe unto every heedless and remote one! Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him when every learned doubter turned away. Take hold of God’s Tablet with the power that is from Him, then read it amidst the myriads of the denizens of the highest Paradise. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is a preserved Tablet. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe wisdom and that whereby the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may be uplifted. From this spot We send Our greetings to My friends and loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the Most Great Book hath appeared and calleth all unto His luminous horizon. Beware lest the things of this world hold you back from the Lord of all being. Cast aside what ye possess and take what is with God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and been illumined with the lights of certitude.

BH05816: In My Name, Who Warbleth upon the Branches

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The heavens have been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and the mountains have crumbled, yet the people remain in heedlessness and schism. All things circle round the Prison, while the Concourse on High circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O People of the Book! This is the Day of Return, and the Truth calleth out with its loudest voice, summoning all to the straight path. O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those whom wealth hath prevented from attaining their ultimate goal. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Lord of lords, hath commanded you. Beware lest the veils of the divines shut you out from the Most Exalted Horizon.

Leave them behind you, turning unto the horizon from which hath shone forth that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thy name hath attained the honor of being heard by the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. We have made mention of thee in such wise as no earthly treasures or heavenly riches can equal. Be thou thankful for His having enabled thee to recognize the Ocean of His utterance and the Sun of His bounty, and for having acquainted thee with Him Who was mentioned in the Scriptures and Tablets. Glory and praise be upon the people of the Crimson Ark, mention of which was revealed in the Qayyumu’l-Asma’ before God, the One, the Chosen One. And upon thee and upon thy works among those who have laid hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from God, the Revealer of verses.

BH06162: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath inhaled…

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

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Garment and hath turned unto the Countenance when the horizon of the world was illumined by this Most Great Light, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O concourse of the earth! The Day of Hearkening hath come, for the Lord of

Names calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto that which they were promised by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: The Promised One is He Who speaketh at this moment in this perspicuous Tablet, and this is the Day of vision and of meeting, for the Most Great Scene hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the verses were sent down and the evidences appeared and whatsoever was hidden in My all-encompassing knowledge.

We summoned the servants unto the Lord of Creation but they turned away in such wise as caused the dwellers of earth and every discerning person to lament. Blessed art thou and those whom the intimations of men have not held back from the Truth—they arose and uttered that which the All-Merciful revealed in His mighty Book. Thus hath the Dove of Eternity warbled that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. The glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto the days of God and held fast unto His firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06747: He is the One calling between earth and heaven!…

He is the One calling between earth and heaven! By the life of God! Every soul who today has drunk from the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, is mentioned before God as among the most exalted of beings.

O friends! The station of the sincere ones, the believers, and those drawn nigh is very great. This is the Day concerning which He says:

> "The Day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord."

Blessed is the soul that has turned to the Truth and recognized Him in His new attire. Great is this Day and great is this Cause. Blessed be they who possess understanding!

Hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to His blessed hem, and say: I have cast aside all else but Thee and have turned to Thee. Wilt Thou disappoint me from the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy grace? Or wilt Thou make me one of those through whom Thy signs were spread abroad and Thy evidences appeared, and who drank the choice wine of Thy revelation from the hands of Thy bounty?

Nay, by Thy might, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Verily this servant was certain of Thy grace and mercy, and knows with the knowledge of certainty that Thou wilt not disappoint him from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous, the Giving, the Bountiful.

BH06805: O My handmaiden! The entire world cannot equal one…

In the Name of the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My handmaiden! The entire world cannot equal one drop of blood that is shed in the path of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son and Abu Basir, for they were both martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Through this supreme bounty the eyes of the friends have been illumined while the eyes of the enemies of God remain sightless. True vision has belonged and will belong to the people of the Most Great Scene; all others, even if possessing a hundred thousand eyes, shall be

raised up blind and so recorded in God's Book. Another affliction hath befallen thee in My days. We console and comfort thee with this mighty remembrance. By the life of God! She ascended and soared unto the Supreme Companion, attaining that which tongues and pens are powerless to describe. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon God and place thy trust in Him. Verily He will be with thee in all circumstances, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who are with thee, who have believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06661: The atoms have borne witness to Him Who hath…

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

The atoms have borne witness to Him Who hath come with the banners of verses, while the people remain in heedlessness and hypocrisy, save those whom God hath protected as a token of His grace—and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Light of hearts and Manifest One through Thy beloved Name! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Book, which none among the nations hath comprehended, to illumine the hearts of Thy loved ones with the light of Thy knowledge. Then send down upon them that which will enable them to achieve that whereby their remembrance shall endure through the perpetuity of Thy names and attributes. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned unto Thee, who hath voiced Thy praise and clung to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for him the good of all Thy worlds and to immortalize his mention in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH07079: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

A mention from the Wronged One to him who has drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and was among the successful ones. He heard the Call and answered his Lord, and attained to the Day wherein every heedless and remote one turned away. Blessed is he who has turned to the Countenance and advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon when he heard the Call of his Lord, the Most Glorious, at whose raising all things proclaimed:

> "The Promised One has come, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, has appeared."

Say: By God! The appointed time has come, and the Revealer of verses walks in the Most Great Prison and speaks that whereby the limbs of the world have quaked, except for those who cast away idle fancies and took hold of the Book of Certitude from the presence of One knowing and wise. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He was in this mighty stronghold. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the doubts of the nations shall dismay thee. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen speak as a bounty from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH07198: The Most Great Vision hath appeared, and the Lord…

In His Name, Who is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

The Most Great Vision hath appeared, and the Lord of Destiny speaketh therein that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. All things have perceived the fragrance of the utterance of the Lord of Names, yet most of the people comprehend not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed the book of their own selves—nay, they perceive it not. That which was promised unto the servants hath come to pass. Well is it with the one possessed of such strength that he hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon in such wise that the hosts could not weaken him. Say: By God! This is a Book from which the followers of true knowledge, who have borne witness to that which God hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving—perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful.

Thus have We sent down the verses from the heaven of utterance and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest thank the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. From this station do We send Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones who have fulfilled My Covenant and My Testament, and who have clung to the hem of My sacred and beloved robe. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. He will surely reward thee through His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH07227: He is the One dawning, manifest, shining forth…

He is the One dawning, manifest, shining forth from the horizon of grace. The Supreme Pen makes mention of the friends of God and gives them glad tidings of the ocean of mercy and the sun of bounty. Blessed is the soul that heard and turned with utmost joy and fragrance to the lights of His countenance.

All were waiting, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, they arose in opposition. Whenever the Daysprings of the Cause and the Manifestations of the Divine Self appeared in the earth, the divines of that age became the greatest veil and prevented the people from turning and drawing near, except for the learned one who took and drank the most pure wine in the name of the Lord of Power.

He is as the vision for the world. Blessed are the souls who obeyed him and became mindful through his remembrance.

O friends! Beseech ye God that He not deprive all from the rain-showers of the clouds of His heaven of bounty. Verily He is the Powerful, the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH07310: O Abu-Talib! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word…

In the name of the one true God

O Abu-Talib! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which is as a crown for the head of mystical understanding: “Set aside what thou desirest and take what thy Lord desireth.” Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted word. Today the friends of God who have quaffed from the Kawthar

of inner meanings must fix their gaze upon the Will of God and cling to His Purpose. This is the station of true evanescence and spiritual oneness.

Today the ocean of bounty surgeth before the faces of all peoples. How excellent is the state of those souls whom neither the intimations of the divines nor the doubts of the theologians have prevented.

O friends! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful and arise to serve His Cause. Be not grieved by worldly conditions. Soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall endure and remain established. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His Most Great Prison.

Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon every steadfast one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and upon thy son, and upon every one who hath turned and is firm.

BH07324: O Asadu'llah! Praise be to the Goal of all…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

O Asadu'llah! Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who aided thee to recognize Him in days when most of the divines and mystics of the earth are heedless and veiled. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it in the Name of the True One, exalted be His glory. All created things have been created for this Day and throughout ages and centuries were hopeful and expectant to attain the Divine Day. When the gate of heaven was opened and the Countenance of the Promised One appeared, all turned away. Such is the condition of the servants. God willing, may the friends of God who have drunk from the cup of recognition and have turned to the supreme horizon occupy themselves with utmost wisdom and utterance in mentioning the Beloved of the worlds. Verily He is with them, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07755: The Cause has appeared and the verses have been…

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

The Cause has appeared and the verses have been sent down, and the Desired One has ascended the throne of His name, the All-Wise. The Day has come and He Who was promised speaks in the Most Great Prison while the peoples remain in evident veils. We have sent down the verses and manifested the signs.

Blessed is the eye that has seen and the ear that has heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have perceived from you the fragrance of turning to God, and We have mentioned you in this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks to God that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there has been sent down for you that which has diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout creation. Verily your Lord is the All-Kind, the All-Generous. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from the Most Great Scene. Leave the people behind you, then turn with your heart to the Supreme Horizon, the place where the Tree calls out that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have heard and responded to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07573: He is the Witnessing, the Witnessed One! By God!…

He is the Witnessing, the Witnessed One! By God! The Promised One hath come, Who was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of the earth combined cannot stand, yet most people comprehend not.

We have made manifest the Path and guided all unto it. Among the people are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of existence.

The letter of one of My loved ones hath arrived wherein thy name was mentioned. We have remembered thee with this beauteous remembrance. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned towards the Supreme Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this great Cause, through which the feet of all humanity have slipped save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath preserved. Give thanks unto God that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and spoken that which hath enraptured the hearts of those near unto God. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath seen, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH08027: Great indeed is this Day, for the Mighty Announcement…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

Great indeed is this Day, for the Mighty Announcement hath been manifested therein, and whatsoever was mentioned and promised in the divine Books of the past and present hath become clear and evident. All the peoples of the world, throughout the nights and days, beseeched to attain the presence of the Day of God; yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was raised up, all arose in opposition save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. While time remaineth and opportunity existeth, strive that perchance thou mayest attain to that which beseemeth the days of God. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto the friends of God. Blessed is he who heareth and acteth, and woe unto the heedless. We counsel thee and thy brother to manifest the most great steadfastness in this mighty and exalted Cause.

BH08482: Hath the Book appeared in truth? Say: Yea…

In His Name Who shineth from the horizon of utterance!

Hath the Book appeared in truth? Say: Yea, by the Lord of the worlds! Hath the Call been raised through grace? Say: Yea, if thou be of them that know! Say: The appointed time hath passed and the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His glorious station. Yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. They behold the Kingdom and turn away from it, they hear the verses yet remain heedless thereof. Thus hath the Pen raised its shrill voice and the Tongue of Eternity spoken. Blessed is he who, having cast the world behind him, hath heard, and blessed is he who, having seen, hath turned toward the horizon of his Lord's gracious favor. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon them who

have turned to the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and have attained unto that which was promised them in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to Us. We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH08525: O Iman! We have mentioned thee before and sent…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Iman! We have mentioned thee before and sent unto thee that from which the sincere ones perceived the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Day of God and turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon. The reward of this deed is now concealed. By the lights of the Divine Countenance! Soon will all the world pine for the station of one of the friends of God. Most of the people of the world are seen to be unconscious, in the stupor of heedlessness and pride. All the divine Books testify to this Revelation, yet the sightless ones of the world strive with utmost hatred and rancor to extinguish the light. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast the world behind him, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise."

BH11104: God the Most Glorious! The ocean of divine knowledge…

God the Most Glorious! The ocean of divine knowledge has surged when the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused. Enter, O people of Baha, into the Crimson Ark, then board it in My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Kawthar of My utterance in My days and for having acknowledged that which My Tongue hath acknowledged in the kingdom of My wondrous expression.

BH01973: By God! The essence of utterance confesses its powerlessness…

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

By God! The essence of utterance confesses its powerlessness to mention our Chosen Lord. Neither hearts nor eyes can comprehend Him. We bear witness that there is no God but Him, acknowledging and confessing that which the Tongue of Eternity spoke before the creation of the world—that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And peace, manifest from the Abode of Peace, and light, shining from the horizon of the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all beings, be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones, through whom were opened the gates of knowledge and understanding in the contingent world, and every heedless one turned toward the ocean of certitude; and upon Him by whom the Frequented Temple was adorned and the horizon of manifestation was illumined; and upon His family and companions, through whom every seated one arose, every foundation was strengthened, every mystery appeared, and every wise command was revealed.

The servant beseeches his Lord to assist all to achieve what He loves and is pleased with in this Day wherein the unity of religion has been scattered and the pillar of certitude has been shaken, inasmuch as

the servants have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, denied God's favor and His Cause, and disputed His signs and His authority.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou at separation from Whom the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee have wept and the hearts of the sincere ones have yearned! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace not to look upon them and what they have wrought in Thy land, but rather to the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and with what will profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Bestower, the All-Generous.

Thereafter, your letter has been received time after time. Until now, whatever has been seen has been answered despite lack of opportunity. Praise be to God, you have attained to His bounty and are occupied with His mention and praise. God willing, you shall remain steadfast in service under all conditions, in such wise that earthly concerns and their vicissitudes shall not prevent you nor hold you back from good deeds. Be thou in all circumstances turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and placing thy trust in God, the Lord of all mankind. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to cause you to attain that from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Almighty. He heareth the call of His servants, and He is the Hearing, the Answering.

One day they said that Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be His glory, should observe the good-pleasure of the Afnan. This is what We previously commanded him. End. Praise be to God, all that hath proceeded from you thus far hath been acceptable in the presence of the Countenance. All the parties of the world are seen today to be heedless, save whom God willeth. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk from the cup of bounty and attained unto the Goal. Well is it with thee and with everyone who hath attained that which is mentioned in His Mighty Book.

Convey greetings and felicitations to the honored gentlemen. God willing, may it be accepted. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to the loved ones of that land. God willing, may all act as befitteth and be occupied with and gladdened by the mention of the True One, exalted be His glory. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

The servant, end of Rabi'u'l-Avval [1300]

BH00040: Praised be His most sanctified and exalted Presence, immune…

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

Praised be His most sanctified and exalted Presence, immune from extinction and decline, Who hath brought forth the pearls of divine knowledge from the shells of the ocean of the hearts of the sincere ones and the believers, and made them manifest in the assemblage of the world, that eyes might be illumined by their vision and that these pearls might themselves guide humanity, leading all people and

drawing them to the highest horizon. This blessed Day is in truth the Day of vision, for all that was created for it hath been made manifest. God willing, may heedless souls adorn themselves with the ornament of fairness, that perchance they may discover the fruit of their own creation and attain unto that for which they were created. Glory be to God! Any soul who hath attained even a measure of awareness standeth bewildered before the all-encompassing divine bounties and the manifestations of heavenly grace in these days. So completely have they encompassed all things that there is fear lest eyes become veiled from their true station.

Praise be to God for having created us, taught us, caused us to know Him, and guided us unto Him on a Day wherein hearts were shaken and eyes were dazed. And may peace, salutations, glorification and splendor rest upon those who have arisen with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, who have testified to that which God hath testified, and who have acted according to what was commanded in the Book. These are servants whom the affairs of creation have not kept back from the Truth, nor have the ornaments of the world, its commerce, conditions and manifestations diverted them from the remembrance of their Creator, their Fashioner and their Ordainer.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word through which Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire, O Lord of all names, and by the light of the countenance of those near unto Thee, and by the rapture of the hearts of the sincere ones, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and protect them from the oppression of such of Thy servants as have been kept back by transient things from the highest Paradise and from all that is with Thee, O Creator of the heavens!

And then, once again was the power of consciousness perfumed by the breezes wafting from the flowers that had grown in the garden of your heart from the water of the loving-kindness of our Lord and your Lord. When the fragrance of your words attracted me, I turned to the Ancient King and appeared before His Most Great Throne and presented what was mentioned in your letter indicating your devotion, service and steadfastness. Then the Countenance of God turned and He, exalted be His glory, spoke thus:

He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity

Glorified is He Who hath revealed the Cause, sent down the verses, and guided the people to the path of righteousness. Observe how in the days when the Wronged One was imprisoned and afflicted at the hands of the enemies from both parties, when ranks were formed and thousands appeared, when ways were connected and news was unceasing, nevertheless did He raise the call with the most exalted voice and guide all on earth to the Truth, exalted be His glory. However, the heedless divines have become the cause of the people's negligence. They are the greatest veil and the august coverings mentioned. Soon shall the hand of divine power rend asunder these coverings and remove these veils from their midst, that all the world may turn to the highest horizon and receive their portion from the effulgences of the light of His countenance. Be thou speaking at all times. The pure seed that thou sowest in the good, blessed and fertile soil will assuredly grow and appear.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and art turned to My face! Be not grieved at the delay. Soon shall God manifest that which He hath purposed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The servant who is present hath come with thy letter and presented it before the Face, and We have revealed for thee verses that call out between earth and heaven of My grace and loving-kindness. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We have heard what thy tongue hath uttered in praise of this Wronged One, the Peerless. Thou wert remembered in the Most Great Prison and wert present when the Light was shining from Its luminous horizon. Remind the people in the days of thy Lord and give them the glad tidings of this News which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Beware lest the books of the world veil you from this Perspicuous Book. By God! The ocean of utterance hath surged and the Mother Book hath been sent down, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath come with that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Cast aside what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the truth and calleth you to a station wherein the atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, if ye be of them that know.

O concourse of earth! How long will ye worship idols? Cast them behind you, turning unto the All-Informed, the Single One. Say: By God! Your idols are your divines who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and turned away from Him Whom they invoke at all times. He who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord—he, verily, is the learned one in the estimation of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Through him the lips of utterance smiled throughout all possibility and the Nightingale sang upon the branches. Thus doth God exalt whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

Convey My greetings and peace unto those who are with thee and unto those on whose faces thou seest the signs of humility before God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have clung to My luminous hem.

The heaven of grace hath spread its shade and the Tree of loving-kindness hath manifested its wondrous fruits. The Bestower, may His glory be exalted, and the partaker are both beloved, and the two blessed words "well done" and "well pleased" are the portion of this ephemeral one. God willing, may that beloved of the heart ever receive his portion from the wondrous, sublime bounties and attain unto this exalted, most high station. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Some time ago, a very detailed letter containing divine verses and exalted, blessed Tablets was sent, according to thy wish, to his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Naqi—upon him be the Glory of God—for delivery. God willing, it will have reached thee by now, though no word hath been received from thee. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that wherever thou mayest be, thou mayest be verdant and flourishing through the spring rains of utterance.

News has arrived from the land of Sad. The signs of joy and gladness of that land have shone upon this land, and this matter is most beloved and blessed. Its blessedness will become more manifest with the passing of centuries and ages, day after day. And at first it was adorned with the permission of the Goal of all the worlds. Praise and gratitude be to God for His favors, bounties, grace and beneficence. They wrote

of their arrival in the land of K and meeting with the friends. Praise be to God, all are recipients of the outpourings of the true Bestower. For some time the Ancient Tongue has been speaking these words in every place:

> "O servant present, ask God to assist all to preserve what has been bestowed."

The exaltation of the Cause is and has been beyond doubt. Should the entire world rise up in oppression and strive with the utmost diligence to extinguish the light of justice, ultimately the sun of justice will certainly emerge from behind the clouds. This is what God promised Us before this creation. In this case, it is incumbent upon all to preserve their ranks and stations in the name of Truth, lest the afflictions, trials, hardships and tribulations they have endured in the path of God be in vain. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher.

Regarding what they wrote about the arrival of Shaykh (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) who delivered the holy Tablets—the servant gives thanks to God for this and beseeches the Exalted Truth to give all to drink from the ocean of utterance and bestow their portion. Concerning what was written about Navvab (upon him be the Glory of God) and his wife regarding their intention to separate—there is no doubt the shortcoming was from the wife's side, however reconciliation is better, as holy souls before and after have been tried and maintained patience out of wisdom, and in this there is wisdom from God and a great reward. At Navvab's request, a special Tablet was previously bestowed upon him, but Navvab is protected from hardships by God's protection—He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

In both cases, whether reconciliation or separation, wisdom should be observed in every situation and time—this is closest to piety. This is a general ruling heard from the tongue of the Most Great Spirit. God willing, this servant himself will also send a letter to Navvab. Praise be to God, they are confirmed in service and steadfast in the Cause. Soon all these matters will be gathered and spread in the world's assemblage. Blessed is he who has attained to God's Cause and woe to the heedless.

Regarding what was written about copper that Shaykh mentioned—you know that such matters have never been disclosed to anyone. In those days, when attention was sometimes directed to areas around the prison, considering that, this servant made the request so that both a service would be rendered by them and it would be useful for travel. This is a bounty from the Truth upon him. These matters are conditional upon their being carried out with the utmost joy and fragrance, meaning that no hardship should occur in sending it.

Regarding what was written about the utmost eagerness of Nun Vav (upon him be the Glory of God) in rendering services—God willing, may he ever be successful in service and be manifest and evident like a banner upon the hills in the path of God.

And as to what thou didst write concerning the wickedness of Baqir the Second—that is, the second Wolf—who in the Land of Kaf was inflamed with the fire of hatred; and likewise thy mention of the friends of God who have suffered oppression: at a fitting hour these matters were submitted in the most holy, the most impregnable Court. This is that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—His Word, exalted be His glory:

Jinab-i-Asad: God willing thou art assisted to service and betterment—thus was it ordained for thee in the Book from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily We give thee glad tidings of My mercy, My favors and My grace, and We send Our greetings from this Station. We make mention of the Jafar whom thou didst name, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the Final Return. O Jafar! Woe unto every oppressor who hath oppressed, and light unto every oppressed one who hath shown patience in what befell him in the path of God, the Lord of all lords. Verily My oppression is My most glorious garment—I love to wear it at all times. By God's life! Soon all thou seest shall perish, but there shall endure for thee what hath befallen thee out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of My servant Hashim and give him glad tidings of this Most Great Remembrance through which the earth hath been illumined by the light of God, the Lord of all men. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in God. Verily He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him when mankind turned away. Had this world any worth, We would not have left it to every oppressive tyrant. God will soon seize them with His might, and will make manifest your stations before all the world—He is the Powerful, the Chosen One.

O Asad! We have made mention of Jafar and Hashim, and We desire to make mention of My handmaiden who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and believed when the handmaidens of the earth turned away. Thus doth the Lord of the world make mention unto thee—He with Whom is the Mother Book. Then know, O thou who art mentioned in My presence and who hath turned toward My horizon, that by the oppressors We meant the divines, not the rulers. By God's life! Through them was raised the edifice of tyranny and corruption appeared throughout all regions. Were it not for the divines, the rulers would not have opposed this Cause whereby God would assist them as He assisted them aforetime, and through which their sovereignty and power became manifest in the land. The kingdoms have need of order to protect them and justice to cultivate them. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor in truth and sincerity. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We send Our greetings from this Station upon thee and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned—and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. End.

Praise be to God! The whole world hath partaken and continueth to partake of the living waters of the verses revealed from the Wellspring of divine utterance, which hath so encompassed all things that none hath the power to deny it. These deniers who are now visible are heedless; were they to be silent for but a moment and listen, all would be found submissive, humble, lowly, and remorseful. Mention was made of the oppressed ones of the land of Jasb. Observe now to what degree tyranny hath reached, that souls who day and night think only of removing from the world oppression, transgression, tyranny and whatsoever is unworthy of their station, are counted as oppressors, apostates and corrupters, and are afflicted with diverse trials.

All these matters have proceeded and continue to proceed from the veils, the dark clouds, the tyranny and oppression of the turbaned ones. They have been and continue to be the source and origin of these heedless souls. Even as the lights of compassion, mercy and fairness shine forth from the Sun of Truth, so too doth the smoke of tyranny, oppression, error, malice and ignorance arise from those furnaces kindled with the firewood of rancor and hatred—and God is sufficient witness to this. Apart from these ignorant

souls, none else was or is blameworthy in the first instance. God protect us and you from the evil of these people. However, the days of the oppressors have been and are numbered. Soon shall they receive the recompense of their deeds.

Section 2: "Mulla Ghulam-Rida and Muhammad-Javad, upon them be…"

Mulla Ghulam-Rida and Muhammad-Javad, upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, are mentioned at the Most Holy Court in such wise that were it to be cast upon the graves, their inhabitants would arise. Blessed are they and blessed is he who remembereth them in what befell them in the path of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The servant beseecheth his Lord to deliver them from the oppression of the oppressors and to grant them His presence or to inscribe for them from His Most Exalted Pen His reunion. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Concerning the mention that was made of Aqa Muhammad-Husayn ibn Sad-Qaf and Aqa Nasru'llah and Aqa Ghulam-Ali and Aqa Ali son of his eminence Marfu', upon them be the glory of God, it was submitted at the Most Holy Court, and these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of bounties and favors. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Light from the Horizon of Revelation

O Muhammad qabl-i-Ha and Sin! Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Word of God when the Mother Book turned toward thee from this Station at the mention of whose name the limbs of every treacherous one trembled and the face of every trustworthy one was illumined. We love him who hath loved the Face and make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure through the duration of My name in the kingdom of My mighty utterance. Be steadfast in the Cause with the most great steadfastness and strive that there may appear through thee that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people of the earth! Know ye that power and strength lie in steadfastness and unity.

Hold fast unto them that your stations may be made manifest in the Kingdom and the signs of God may be spread abroad in the East of the earth and in its West. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, will aid you through His grace, and He is the All-Informed Teacher. Say: Hold fast unto that which God hath desired. By My life! Through it shall the doors of hearts be opened and ye shall behold mankind hastening unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Tablet, whereunto nothing in the kingdom can be compared, as attesteth every discerning knower. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this glorious and wondrous station.

And this is what was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur for his eminence Nasru'llah. His words, exalted be His dominion:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and dispatched them unto him who hath believed in Him and His Book, when He came from the heaven of command with manifest sovereignty. He desired naught

for Himself. He accepted the Most Great Prison and summoned all therein unto the supreme horizon and unto that which shall profit them in the world to come and the present one. Every discerning scholar beareth witness unto this.

Blessed art thou, O Nasrullah, for having turned unto Him Who was wronged and having inhaled the fragrance of the Robe when every suspicious scholar turned away—they who cast the Book of God behind their backs, following their vain imaginings. They are assuredly among the wrongdoers. Blessed is the strong one whom the clamor of the divines hath not weakened, and blessed the eye which the veils of every heedless and remote one have not prevented. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the station of man shall be exalted in the realm of possibility, and I am the All-Knowing Counselor.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee, for Thou art verily the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. At this point We make mention of My loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the spirit and sweet savors, inasmuch as the countenance of the All-Merciful hath turned toward them from this distant spot. Grieve not over what hath befallen you. By the life of God! Ere long the tongues of the world will speak your praise and acclaim, and curse your enemies. Thus doth inform you He with Whom is a perspicuous Book. Rejoice that the Lord of the Worlds maketh mention of you—He for Whose voice's hearing multitudes have died in yearning. He beareth witness Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who love Me and make mention of Me, and whom I have mentioned in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

And this is what was revealed for Ghulam-Qabli-ʿAli. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We have made mention of thee before and after, and at this moment, O Ghulam-Qabli-ʿAli. Thou art beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness. This is a word which no treasures can equal, wert thou of them that comprehend. Act in accordance with what We have commanded thee in the Book, that all who are endowed with vision may witness in thee the effects of what God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath willed. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Rather, rejoice in this ocean which casteth upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Thy Lord is verily the Bestower, the Bountiful. Thus have We opened before thy face the door of grace with the key of My Name, the All-Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land who have cast aside the way of the people, turning unto My straight Path.

And this is what was revealed for Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. His mighty and glorious Word:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful

O Ali! We have mentioned thee before with words from which mercy raineth down before the countenance of every discerning and insightful one. And We made mention of thy father, to whom My Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning his faith, his devotion and his orientation when the Light was shining from the horizon of Baghdad. He was indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. He attained the presence and drank the cup of reunion in the days of God, the Mighty, the Wise. How many a day did he circle round the House, and how many a night did he voice the praise of his Glorious Lord. And We made mention of his son, the Light, who heard with his own ear that which the Interlocutor of the Mount spoke forth in this wondrous Revelation.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and his brother, and his mother who heard and was blessed to hearken unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and who believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. And We made mention of My handmaiden who attained the presence and ascended to the Supreme Companion, the station whereby the eyes of those near unto God were solaced. We make mention of you and your descendants, and We counsel you to pure righteousness and to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of an ancient Revealer.

O Asad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Give thanks, for We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter and have sent down lustrous words, each letter of which hath illumined the earth and heaven. Yet the people remain in evident veils. Give glad tidings to My loved ones and to those who have observed My covenant and My testament and have borne hardships in My path. They are under the glances of My loving-kindness and are mentioned in My Mighty Book.

Some time ago, that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven was revealed specifically for his honor, the departed and accepted one, Kamaluddin, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. God willing, may the true friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of bounty and who are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause hold fast to the cord of unity. God is witness and testifier that if what hath appeared and been revealed from the Source of the Cause were to be adhered to in every city and land, ere long the light of the Cause would appear with perfect radiance and brilliance and encompass all. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant success and triumph to all in accordance with His good-pleasure.

A letter was also written by H.S., son of Sadiq, to the spiritual friend Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, and was dispatched to the Most Holy Court. God willing, may they be speaking the praise of the All-Merciful at all times and be steadfast in His service. Another letter from that beloved one, dated the second of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, brought tidings and glad news, including mention of the Beloved of the worlds, that beloved one's arising to serve the Cause, mention of the divine friends, and the glad tidings of your esteemed being's health and well-being. It was as though each letter thereof appeared in human form and was inscribed on the right hand of these clear words:

> "Blessed is he who hath perfumed Me and illumined Me with the light of the remembrance of the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

God willing, may this messenger never cease to pass by and may his foot never stumble upon a stone.

Regarding the envelope addressed to his eminence Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], according to instructions it should remain with your honor. It would be best to open it and make a copy, and there is no harm if you return it to its owner, but a copy should be taken so that it is not lost. The Blessed Tablet was revealed at the beginning of his imprisonment. This year most Tablets were delayed due to the disturbances in these parts. For example, the Tablets for the Land of M were revealed two years ago but until now, due to wisdom, were not sent. In these days, eleven of them were sent, so that the rest may be sent successively. It is hoped that all will attain.

Regarding the piece you had written about, it has been written and is available here. Since no suitable bookbinder and illuminator can be found in this land, therefore what is fitting has not been accomplished. However, according to the principle that "if the whole cannot be attained, the whole should not be abandoned," a temporary binding will be placed on it specifically for preservation. Otherwise, whatever that beloved one deems advisable, let it be done. However, if it is given in the same condition as it arrives, this would be closer to righteousness, as the signs of imprisonment are apparent and evident on it, and these blessed signs are in the path of the Friend.

Concerning what they wrote about sending funds according to instructions to the mentioned souls, praise be to God Who enabled you to act according to His will. And regarding what they wrote about what they deemed advisable in the matter of N.J. and its components, it was appropriate and fitting. It is hoped that that beloved one will forever stand firm in service and be confirmed in assisting the oppressed.

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Javad from the land of Naraq, upon him be the Glory of God—at first it caused infinite sadness, but when this servant reached the word of salvation, boundless joy appeared. I beseech God, exalted be His glory and station, to assist that beloved one in all matters. The aforementioned Aqa Muhammad-Javad attained the presence [of Baha'u'llah] in Iraq and dwelt in that land for a time, in days when the manifestations of power, the conditions of grandeur, the fragrances of verses, and the effulgences of the suns of evidence were witnessed in such wise that the walls, stones, and pebbles of Zawra were in a state of attraction, excitement, vibration and resurrection. After the migration, he and his brother were ever-remembered in the presence. Assuredly, these tribulations and afflictions that have befallen the friends of God will be followed by innumerable rewards and recompense.

Consider the previous centuries: Jesus, Son of Mary—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was summoned before an assembly with such humiliation as none but God knows, and now all kings remove their crowns in honor of His name, especially in these days when European governments have turned to religion and have arisen with complete determination to implement it. Although what has previously been revealed from the Supreme Pen will undoubtedly come to pass—some years ago a special Tablet was revealed for one of the friends wherein it was recorded that the face of the world is turning toward irreligion, and likewise some future events were inscribed therein—assuredly whatever is mentioned therein will appear in the world, and after the completion of the appointed time the Cause will be raised up in such wise that all will turn to it and approach with the utmost humility and submissiveness. In truth, however much this servant wishes to be brief and not cause trouble, it is observed that the choice is not in his hands—the attraction of friendship draws and carries one away to wherever God wills.

Section 3: "Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mashhadi Husayn…"

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mashhadi Husayn [Baha'u'llah] from Abadih and the actions of the opponents against him—this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

> "Excellent is what he has done who has turned to God, recognized Him, spoke and arose."

May they ever be assisted in that which is the good-pleasure of God. O Asad! We have found from Abadih the fragrance of steadfastness to such a degree that were it to be divided among a thousand souls it would suffice them. Reflect on this bounty to which the Pen of the All-Merciful has testified. We, from this station, send Our greetings to My loved ones there and command them to that whereby the Cause of God is exalted, but with wisdom and utterance. They must teach the Cause with wisdom. Ere long the Word of God will be seen raised up in all directions, and this is what the All-Informed acquaints you with. End.

That concerning the passing of the honored and illustrious Haji Mirza Kamal'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God, Lord of the Day of Judgment, you have written—from this matter great joy was attained. Assuredly, whatever emanates from that spiritual beloved concerning the friends of God has been and continues to be put into effect. "You have all arisen to serve God and serve His loved ones." This is a mighty station. He beseeches God, his Lord, to adorn your deeds with the seal of acceptance. Verily He has power over all things. Praise be to God that this prayer has been and continues to be adorned with the ornament of acceptance. I beseech and hope from the Exalted True One, glorified be His majesty, that He may assist Jinab-i-Aqa Nur and Jinab-i-Aqa Ali, upon them be the glory of God, and the other survivors of His Holiness Kamal, upon him and upon them be 96 [the glory of God], in that which is beneficial for them, and in all conditions may He not withhold from them the gaze of His favor. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And praise be to God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

The third letter from that beloved one, which was adorned with the date of 4th of Muharram al-Haram, clothed the form of sorrow with the ornament of joy. God willing, this new garment will not change and will always be observed with the freshness of youth.

Concerning the mention of the receipt of the lost letter, praise and thanks be to God that once again it was not afflicted as before and remained preserved by divine protection. This evanescent servant has ever besought the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist him in mentioning and praising those near to His threshold. All atoms bear witness to this matter and behind them is our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord.

Concerning your mention of His Excellency and that some deemed it wise to rely on correspondence in affairs—this matter accords with wisdom, for often the enemies of His Excellency would have seized upon your association and would have departed from wisdom. Every soul has had and has both friend and foe, especially one of such an exalted station. That beloved one has truly acted with perfect wisdom in this regard. Consultation has been and will be a guide and is confirmed by the Holy Spirit. He has prospered

who has turned toward it and lost who has turned away. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase His Excellency's confirmations through your confirmations and to grant the sealed wine. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Giver, the Munificent, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In these days, God willing, the Tablets will arrive. Since such favor has not been shown to anyone until now, therefore a complete effect must become manifest and they must be adorned with the ornament of love, which is considered the supreme ornament.

Concerning what you wrote about His Excellency's movement being deemed wise that His Excellency should also move—this matter is surely acceptable and effective, for wherever they proceed, it has been and continues to be the cause of manifesting the fire of love and planting new saplings and growing the flowers of knowledge and wisdom.

And concerning what you wrote about turning toward the land of N.J.—praise be to God that this journey increased the warmth of love, and likewise the illumination of vision. Turning toward God, speaking for God, and acting for God have been and continue to be effective, and no essence can equal its influence. God, our Lord, suffices as witness to what I say.

As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, that he had given nineteen tumans as Huququ'llah to Her Holiness the Mother of the Sacred Household, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, this was accepted before the Throne. Blessed is he in that he fulfilled and acted upon what was commanded in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds. And regarding what Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote to your honor mentioning the debt and hardship of certain ones, this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. He says, exalted and mighty be He:

> "O Asad! Upon thee be My Glory! All must trust in wisdom and cling to the means. Blessing will descend and hardship will be transformed into ease, and abundance will become manifest and evident. Verily thy Lord is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. Let them not be saddened by the severity of these days. By the life of God, great prosperity follows and supreme bounty hovers above. Soon will His grace descend in truth as a favor from His presence. Verily He is the Generous, the Forgiving. Convey My greetings to My servant ʿAbdu'r-Rahim and give him the glad tidings of My turning toward him and My favor unto him, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones, and arise to mention God and His call and to teach His Cause, the Mighty, the Great, with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We send greetings to My loved ones in all regions and We counsel them to love and unity and to that whereby the Cause will be uplifted among the servants. Thus have We commanded all before and at this time. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And regarding what they wrote that Jinab-i-Mir, upon him be the Glory of God, indicated that Jinab-i-Ustad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, owes twenty-nine tumans—this sum, according to the command, should be given from the Huquq to Jinab-i-Mir to pay his debts. Those souls who are enabled to perform this righteous deed will attain a great reward, and this servant will also send a receipt. Blessed

is he whom God has enabled to serve Him in His days and has accepted what was done in His path, for the fragrance of a deed performed for His sake in the divine days remains and endures throughout the duration of His names and attributes. Blessed is he who has recognized and acted in the days of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As for what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and likewise his petition, after permission was granted, attained the hearing of the Beloved of the worlds, and these verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. He says, exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His power:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Mihdi! Upon thee be my glory! The servant in attendance here hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have found from it the fragrance of thy turning to the Most Exalted Horizon and thy orientation toward the Countenance after the passing of all things. We have heard the yearning of thy heart and the sighs of thy innermost being for that which passed thee by in the days of God, Lord of the Throne and earth, and Master of the last and the first. We answer thee with this Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Be thou assured by God's grace and mercy, and hold fast to wisdom and utterance and the teaching of His Cause, which hath been among the greatest of deeds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which is with God, the Lord of Lords.

Holy greetings and praise, sanctified from the affairs of service, do I convey to them. God willing, may they drink from the Euphrates of divine mercy which floweth and descendeth in the blessed divine verses. Every matter hath annihilation following it and change pursuing it, but the Word of God hath ever been and ever shall be abiding and eternal. Their tablet was revealed in a state where the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, was smiling and uttering these verses. God willing, may they be assisted to serve the Cause and make up for what they have missed.

As for what was written regarding Hakim Eliyahu, upon him be the glory of God, his petition was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence after the petition of Aqa Muhammad Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God. He, exalted and mighty be He, saith:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

We have heard thy call and seen thy letter. Thy cries and lamentations are like unto the cries and lamentations of those near ones and sincere ones, and thy call is the call of those who remember. God knoweth every branch and is aware of every matter. The fragrance of His garment hath been a spiritual herald, and He caused thee to attain unto Him. Thou didst reach Him and hear His call and drink from the Kawthar of His love. Preserve these stations through the name of the Glorious Lord. He hath heard the call of every wronged one and hath turned to every one who hath turned to Him. He is the Helper and He is the Succourer, He is the Powerful and He is the Mighty. Be thou assured by His grace and hold fast to His cord and cling to the hem of His generosity. Verily He is the Munificent, the Generous. At the end We

counsel thee to patience and tranquility. All matters are suspended and connected to wisdom from God. Hold thou fast unto it and maintain calm and beautiful patience.

God willing, may they attain unto that which is the cause and means of salvation. This servant also conveyeth greetings and praise to them and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for assistance and confirmation. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

As for what was written regarding Mulla Baqir 966 [Baha'u'llah] from the people of N and J, their petition was presented in the Most Holy Presence and attained the hearing of God, exalted be His glory, and a tablet was revealed from the heaven of will. God willing, may they attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply. He said—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be His sacrifice:

In My Name that dawneth from the Horizon of Command

O Baqir! All atoms are set in motion by the vibration of the Divine Word and are ablaze with the fire of His love. This is the Day wherein earth glorieth over heaven, inasmuch as it hath become the seat of God's Throne, and all its trees, leaves, fruits, stones and kernels are engaged in the glorification and praise of God. Yet mankind, though created specially for this Day, remain heedless and veiled from the Lord of Destiny. For years the earth hath found no rest. Each day a fresh calamity appeareth and a new turmoil ariseth, nor shall it find peace save through the command of Him Who is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. All things are imprisoned within the grasp of His might. This, verily, is easy for Him to accomplish. This is the word which was spoken aforetime. The deeds of the heedless servants are made manifest. That which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in God's Book is evident and visible, and that which hath not yet been manifested shall assuredly come to pass. This is an irrevocable decree from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Consider the former generations and reflect how much oppression was visited upon the chosen ones of God. In all ages, the divines of the age were foremost in opposition, and through their opposition all turned away. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "They exchanged the grace of God for unbelief, and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition."

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Be not grieved by the oppression of the Wolf and his like. If bubbles upon the surface of water have their moment of stability, such souls too shall have their repose. Far, far from it! Soon shall all return to nothingness. Strive thou to be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—a fire which the seas of the world cannot quench, let alone this handful of dust.

Today the Sun of bounty is shining and the Ocean of grace is surging. Beseech God to aid thee in that which shall endure as long as His Kingdom endureth. Thou didst mention submission and contentment. By God! Whosoever attaineth thereunto and drinketh from the ocean of contentment is recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Well is it with him and joy be unto him! Thus did the Herald—may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake—proclaim: Strive ye all that perchance ye may attain unto the word of His good-pleasure. This is mentioned as the ultimate station with the Lord of all mankind.

Whosoever today testifieth to that which God hath testified, and acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book—concerning such a one shall the word of His good-pleasure be sent down.

As to thy question concerning predestination and free will, in former years there hath been revealed from the realm of divine knowledge that which sufficeth all. And now, that which the Herald hath spoken—that Beloved One Who speaketh naught but the truth and in all conditions proclaimeth "Verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all else besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me." If thou wouldst ponder upon the manifestation of God's favor—exalted be His glory—and the sending down of this Tablet, thou wouldst become aware of the reality of that which thou hast asked. Yet today what is beloved is that ye arise to serve the Cause, for time is most precious, the Day most great, and the Cause most mighty. Were the fruit and effect of but one word of God's utterances to appear on earth, all would arise with their very souls to serve the All-Merciful. I have desired forgiveness from thy Lord. He hath, of a truth, forgiven thee through His grace, and taught thee that which draweth thee nigh unto Him. Be thou thankful for this great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee and Beloved of them that are near unto Thee.

Section 4: "May the honored one be assisted, arise…"

May the honored one be assisted, arise in service, be engaged in remembrance, be silent when reading, be firm when needed, be articulate and steadfast. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations unto him.

As to what was written concerning Haji Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God (Baha'u'llah) and what befell him, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory:

O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His mercy. There hath befallen Haji that which hath caused grief to them that are nigh and sincere. Let them not be saddened. If perishable riches be taken from man, imperishable treasures are ordained for him with God. Regret is for wealth that is spent in ways other than the path of God; otherwise, that which is doomed to perish beseemeth them that perish. Beseech ye God that all may be enabled to discharge the rights of God, for thereby wealth becometh pure and blessed, and existence free and joyous. God willing, may all find the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance and the sweetness of deeds performed in His path. By My life! Whoso hath found it hath detached himself from all else. Thus hath flowed the stream of mercy from the tongue of thy Lord's wisdom, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy, and remind them of that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Rahim of N.J., upon him be the Glory of God, and his intention to pay the rights of God—may he, in all conditions, gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Mention of him attained the presence of the Most High and these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of mercy, exalted and mighty be His Word:

O Asad! Upon thee be My Glory. Make mention of Rahim on My behalf. We have remembered and do remember all who have turned unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. There is none, whether great or small, for whom My Most Exalted Pen hath not revealed that which cooleth the eyes. Ask God to assist Rahim in His remembrance, praise, service to His Cause, and the discharge of what is incumbent upon him regarding the rights of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. By God's life! All that the world possesseth cannot equal one word from thy Lord's utterances. To this testifieth His Book Preserved and His Decree Irrevocable.

Two other souls were mentioned. God willing, may all attain His grace and act in accordance with what He loves and is pleased with. His Holiness Afnan (may the Most Glorious Glory be upon him) wrote regarding the matter of Aqa Rahim as per your letter to this servant. As commanded, nine tumans from the available funds should be sent from the Land of Qaf to Jinab-i-Samandar (may the Glory of God be upon him) to be delivered to Mulla ʿAbdu'l-Husayn (may the Glory of God be upon him) and a receipt obtained.

Another matter: As per the blessed Command, consider the case of the sister of Sultanu'sh-Shuhada (may the Glory of God be upon them both). Her rights, with whomever they may lie, must be delivered to her. Her petitions have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court and one Tablet was revealed and sent in response to her supplications.

Regarding the turning toward the Most Holy Court by the Names of the Unity, after the Master of Names heard this, this supreme word was revealed from the Kingdom of Will—His blessed and exalted Word:

"If it occurs with spirit and fragrance, there is no harm. And if truly the lack of turning toward the Blessed Kaaba causes clamor among the deniers, they may turn in such wise that the pebbles of the earth and the fish of the sea join in their praise. Thus it behooveth everyone who desireth God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are they and those whom God hath made worthy of this noble station." However, it was repeatedly stated that if not turning causes objection, then pausing in these matters is preferable, for perhaps souls may be quickened and enabled to serve the Cause. Today, holding fast to that which exalteth the Cause before God is [most] great. He recordeth for whosoever desireth the reward of meeting Him, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about the handmaiden of God, the wife of Aqa Muhammad Hashim Mishki-baf (may the Glory of God be upon them both), it was submitted to the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for her from our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. His exalted Word:

> "O My handmaiden! Remember thy Lord with these sublime words: Glory be unto Thee! In Thy grasp is my forelock and the reins of the affairs of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the handmaiden who melted in separation and remoteness from Thee to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy Will that which will preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy grace. O Lord! The atoms have testified to Thy generosity, bounty and favors, and all created things to Thy knowledge, wisdom and all-encompassing power. I beseech Thee to send down from the heaven of Thy Will that which will deliver me from my will and desire and benefit me in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou art nearer to Thy servants and handmaidens than their own selves, and

more knowing of what is with them and what benefiteth them. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And regarding the mention of Aqa Siyyid Baqir (may the Glory of God be upon him), this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of grace—His Word, great is His grandeur:

He is the Ruler over what He willeth

A mention from Us to the one who desired to be remembered in the Most Great Prison, that his name might be honored through attaining the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath come from the heaven of Command with the hosts of ordinances and laws. Blessed is he who hath beheld My horizon, heard My call, desired My remembrance and attained unto My Word. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Baqir! He who arose to serve Me made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that, were it to be cast upon the mountain, would cause it to soar with longing for the meeting with God, the Lord of lords. Cast aside what the people possess and take what is with thy Lord, the Master of mankind. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or the veils of those who dispute the signs prevent thee. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty.

And as to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Nasru'llah, the son of Aqa Muhammad-Hashim, the brother of the two Martyrs—upon them be the glory of God—after it was laid before the most holy, the most impregnable Court, this most blessed, most wondrous Tablet was revealed. His Word—blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Chosen.

O Asad! O thou who hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and turned thy face toward My countenance! No name was presented before the Face but that We mentioned it as a bounty from thy Lord, the Generous. The mention of all is remembered in the Most Holy Court and divine verses have been specifically revealed for all, and even those souls whose names have not outwardly been honored by being heard, their mention too hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have mentioned him and do mention him that it may be for him a remembrance, a treasure, an honor and a store with God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, He loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who uttereth His beautiful praise. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark through this wondrous Name.

And as to thy mention of Aqa ʿAli, the son of the honoured Leaf, the venerable aunt—upon them be the glory of God—this is that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the Will of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. His Word—glorified and exalted be He:

In My Name that prevaileth over the heavens.

O ʿAli! We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee as a bounty from Us, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee in truth, and We are the Answerer. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison with a loving-kindness whose station none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My Most Great Word, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause in this Day wherein the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name calleth out with a call that hath enraptured the hearts of those who have recognized. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath come to thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent thee from the Truth. Leave the people and what they possess behind thee, turning toward the Supreme Horizon, the station from which the light hath shone forth through this wondrous Name. The glory that is manifest and resplendent from the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

With utmost abasement and supplication, this fading servant entreateth the Most Exalted One that He may cause all His servants, from East and West, to taste the sweetness of His Revelation and His utterance, and of whatsoever hath appeared and shall yet appear from His presence; that all may become aware of what hath come to pass in the world, and may discover that for which creation was intended. And as to what thou didst write concerning the younger son of Jinab Ja'far—upon him be the glory of God—it was submitted before the Most Great Presence.

This is that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken—His Word, exalted and glorified be He:

In My Name, through which the ocean of life hath surged

This Book hath been sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention therein of him who hath turned unto the Countenance, that it may be unto him an everlasting treasure with his Lord, the Protector, the Trustworthy. O Jim-ʿAyn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the direction of Truth, and calleth thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, and guideth thee unto His Straight Path. Blessed art thou for having inhaled the fragrance of My raiment, and turned thy face toward My countenance, and heard My wondrous Call. Be thou in all conditions firm in thy grasp of the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and put thy trust in Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Grieve thou not over anything. The Most Great Joy hath appeared, for God hath come with His manifest Command. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which hath come unto him from God, the Single, the All-Wise. Thus hath the fragrance of the Merciful's utterance been wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe unto the heedless. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother who hath heard the Call and turned unto it, and upon every maidservant who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This concludeth what hath come from His bounty. Who else can reckon His bestowals or render Him proper thanks? All existence hath confessed its powerlessness, its poverty, its inadequacy and its evanescence, and hath acknowledged that He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

The changing of names is not permitted at present, though afterward the matter resteth in His hands. Their occupation is well-pleasing at the Divine Threshold. A change of intention is necessary, and praise be to God, they have succeeded in this.

Eight pieces were sent, two of them practice pieces and evening exercises, and six others in clear script. Fifteen other pages were bound for safekeeping and all were dispatched. Let them act as they deem advisable. We beseech God to aid His servants to recognize that for which they were created. He, verily, hath power over all things.

To the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, His favor and His grace, we convey greetings and salutations. God willing, whatever was neglected before shall now be undertaken. It is hoped that from what hath transpired, perfect results shall become manifest. Verily, all authority is within the grasp of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. The Glory, manifest, resplendent, shining forth from the direction of the prison of our Lord and our Goal and your Goal, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this Manifest Announcement.

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Section 1: "The servant beareth witness to that which his…"

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

The servant beareth witness to that which his Lord did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He testifieth that He was One in His essence and One in His attributes, and hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor minister. He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved. Through His appearance the standards of signs were raised aloft and the banners of guidance were unfurled upon the most exalted station of all created things. Blessed is he who, being endowed with vision, hath turned unto Him and seen; blessed is he who, being endowed with hearing, hath hearkened unto His Call; blessed is he who, being endowed with speech, hath voiced His praise; and blessed is he who, being possessed of strength, hath arisen to serve His Cause in the kingdom of creation in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressor, nor the ascendancy of the heedless, nor the clamor of the learned who were moved by the winds of self and desire until they pronounced judgment against Him Who calleth upon them night and day, could deter him.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of mercy and success were opened before the faces of Thy servants, and the fragrance of Whose raiment hath been diffused throughout all lands! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, and by Thy Mystery, the Brilliant, the Treasured, and by the lights of Thy countenance in the supreme horizon, and the appearance of Thy glory in the

kingdom of creation, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause, that there may appear from them that which shall cause their mention to endure in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them turning unto Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and generosity. Ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy loftiness, then write down for them from the Pen of Destiny that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

And further: the servant received what thou didst send unto him, as though it were a leaf penned by the right hand of faith with the ink of certitude in remembrance of God and His love—lines from which every person of discernment perceiveth the fragrance of humility and submissiveness before God, your Lord and your Goal and our Goal and the Goal of the sincere ones. When I discovered the fragrance of sincerity from the flowers of the garden of your devotion, I approached the Most Exalted Goal and the Supreme Summit. When I attained unto His presence, I presented what was contained in your letter, whereupon the ocean of loving-kindness surged and the Tongue of Unity spoke—exalted be His might and sublime be His utterance:

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

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon the countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, and commandeth thee with that which shall exalt thy station among men. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold fast unto righteousness in all conditions, and unto that which shall elevate the station of man in creation. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, command thee from this blessed and exalted Spot. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee, for if He willeth, He shall bestow upon thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O Sadiq! The glances of favor are directed towards thee. God, exalted be His glory, hath seized the first enemy—the serpent—and the second—the wolf—is under the claws of destiny. Thy Lord recounteth this unto thee that thou mayest be of them that attain. Know thou with certitude that God hath given and giveth each soul its due. Nothing hath escaped Him nor ever shall. Were anyone to become aware of the requirements of divine wisdom, he would testify that He is indeed the Mighty, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The two brilliant lights attained outwardly and inwardly unto the Divine Word, reaching a station that every height and loftiness glorieth in it and turneth towards it. Both of them in their petitions sought the station of martyrdom, and after countless entreaties, supplications and prayers, God—exalted be His power—granted their wish. Through His grace, they lived in this world with utmost honor and later attained the greatest martyrdom, and now their resting place is the point of circumambulation for those near unto God and the sincere ones. All this is from God's grace and mercy upon them and upon those with them.

You too must walk in their footsteps, be engaged in the praise and glorification of God, and arise to serve His Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the world nor the intimations of its peoples shall deter

you or deprive you of the outpourings of the True Bestower. Blessed are ye and those with you and those who love you in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be as they were—thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur counsel thee and My Most Exalted Pen advise thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou hast ever been and, God willing, shall ever remain beneath the glances of divine favor. Give thanks for that with which the Speaker of Sinai hath conversed with thee in this Revelation whereby the Balance hath been established, the mountains have passed away, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those who have cast behind them their vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you all and upon every steadfast and firm one.

From the waves of the divine ocean of utterance, His grace and favor are evident and manifest. Blessed are they who have attained unto the fragrance of His verses and who dwell beneath His Tree. Blessed are they and joy be unto them.

This servant hath ever beseeched and continues to beseech at the Most Holy Court that He may assist you in that which shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause and His Word, and that He may ordain for you that which is enduring and everlasting. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Concerning what you wrote about the afflictions and the tyranny and transgression of the enemies and those related to the Uncle, this detail was presented before the presence of the Lord of Names, and this exalted Word shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance of the Lord of all being, exalted and blessed be His Word:

Be not grieved at anything. Rest assured in God's bounty and mercy. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He is the Protector of all names, and within His grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be not sorrowful at the calamities of the world. Ere long shall the sincere ones and the believers behold themselves seated upon the throne of glory. The glory of the world is turned towards that House. Soon shall this most glorious and most exalted station become manifest and evident unto all the peoples of the world. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, turn thy face towards My horizon, and act in accordance with that which hath been sent down in My Most Great Book.

If the Truth, exalted be His glory, were to unveil for others what He hath unveiled for these servants, all would circle round Him. However, His grace hath unveiled it for us while His justice hath concealed it from them. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. During his lifetime, the uncle committed certain deeds of which none save God is aware. Many times did this exalted word proceed from the tongue of the Lord of all being:

> "O servant in attendance! We have previously stated that My name is the Concealer. Therefore he hath clung to the hem of grace, and thus have We regarded him and continue to regard him."

We ever concealed his deeds in accordance with consummate wisdom until that which was manifest became manifest. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid His servant, His chosen ones, His friends and His loved ones in that which will cause the countenance of truthfulness to shine forth and will exalt the station of trustworthiness. Verily, He hath power over all things.

As to what thou didst write concerning the ultimate purpose, namely the meeting with God, exalted be His glory, and likewise thy mention of the response which descended from the heaven of divine Will specifically for that spiritual beloved—this servant, after consideration, submitted this again at an appropriate time. Thereupon did the sun of loving-kindness shine forth from the horizon of the grace of our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven. He said—and His sweetest utterance is this: There hath never been any doubt that the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath loved and continueth to love meeting with His loved ones. They must look to that which was previously revealed. Wisdom requireth that they occupy themselves with the affairs of that House and with commerce in utmost joy and fragrance. Verily We shall assist him in this world and ordain for him that which shall profit him in the next. It behooveth him to act in accordance with what he hath been commanded and to hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

In all matters ye have been and continue to be assisted through the grace and loving-kindness of the Truth, exalted be His glory. God willing, may ye ever attain unto this most exalted station and be occupied with service to the Cause. As for your having appointed this servant as representative for circumambulating the Point round which circle all who are in earth and heaven: On the fourth night of Rabi'u'th-Thani, one hour after nightfall, I attained the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after receiving permission, circumambulated and visited on behalf of that beloved one. Thereafter did the Tongue of Grandeur speak this most exalted word—glorified be His utterance: Verily We have accepted the intention of him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit.

Blessed is he whose deed hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Give him glad tidings from Me and say: Verily We have accepted thy turning and thy devotion and thy deed in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We have accepted the circumambulation of him who acted as representative, as a bounty from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning the Family, upon whom be the Glory of God, His mercy and His providence, you have written that for each one should be sent down, from the heaven of divine compassion, a wondrous and glorious Tablet. God willing, may all attain unto them and from their fragrance inhale the sweet-scented perfume of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, loveth him who hath loved Him, desireth him who hath desired Him, and exalteth him who hath humbled himself before Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

This is what hath been revealed for the Family of His Holiness the King of Martyrs, upon them be the Glory of God and His grace. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Leaf! O Family! Ye have been and are beneath the glance of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory. There hath been sent down for you that which shall forever speak and make mention throughout the

kingdom of earth and heaven. The Concourse on High is saddened by your grief and gladdened by your joy. All this is from God's grace upon you, O Family. Know thou this supreme bounty and this exalted station, and be of the thankful ones. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon every handmaiden who serveth thee in the path of God, the Revealer of verses.

And this is what hath been revealed for his honor Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. His mighty Word:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Name, through Whose remembrance the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, have been adorned. Through Him the gates were opened, the verses were revealed, the clear proofs appeared, and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of this wondrous Day, was made manifest. We have named Ourself Husayn and thou art My servant. Exalted is this most great station, which when mentioned by the Supreme Pen, all in the kingdom of creation fell prostrate, and the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary spoke of the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless ones. God's curse be upon those who have wronged you and usurped your properties without clear proof from God, the Almighty, the Powerful. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who serve thee and love thee in this straight Path.

And this is what hath been revealed for his brother who was named Jalal. His exalted Word:

I am the All-Hearing Witness

We have turned toward thee from this most exalted station and desire to make thee hear My sweetest call. Verily thy Lord doeth as He willeth, and in His right hand is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily He is with you and maketh mention of you in all conditions, and remembereth what hath befallen you from every idolatrous infidel. By God's life! He who hath wronged you is in such a state that the dwellers of the graves seek refuge with God, the One, the All-Compelling, while you are in such a station that My Supreme Pen maketh mention of you from the Most Glorious Horizon with joy and fragrance. What is seen and perceived cannot equal even a letter of what hath been revealed for you. He in Whose possession is the knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. The Light manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My providence be upon thee and upon those who remember Me in the night and in the day.

And this is what hath been revealed for the Leaf who was named Sakinih, upon her be the Glory of God. His exalted Word:

In My Name, the One Who prevaileth over all names

Blessed art thou, O Leaf, in that God hath associated thee with the Divine Lote-Tree. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. All the peoples of the world throughout past and future ages awaited to hear

the Word of God, yet when the world was illumined by the splendors of His Manifestation, all remained heedless and deprived save whom God willed. And that Leaf attained unto this supreme gift, such that the Truth, unveiled and resplendent, addressed her with the words “O My handmaiden.” Know thou this station, then preserve it through My Name, the Strong, the Mighty. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath turned and attained unto this mighty Cause.

This was revealed for another Leaf who was named Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God:

Section 2: “In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing…”

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Leaf! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and give thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, for He hath reckoned you among the people of the House and hath mentioned you in the Crimson Book by the Most Exalted Pen—a mention which, were its fragrance to waft over absolute darkness, would transform it into light, and were a word thereof to be cast upon dust, would cause the Water of Life to flow therefrom. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. God willing, may you hold fast unto the Lote-Tree in such wise that diverse tempestuous winds shall not cause you to fall. Thus hath He Who is the Source of every wise remembrance mentioned thee. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My most luminous Countenance be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have believed in this wondrous Cause.

This was revealed for the family of His Holiness the Best-Beloved of Martyrs, upon them be the Glory of God, and for the handmaiden who visiteth them—them do the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Creation visit. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name that speaketh between earth and heaven

A remembrance from Our presence unto My handmaiden and My Leaf who hath clung to the Divine Lote-Tree and believed in God, the Lord of lords. We have remembered thee before and in this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Soon shall the world and its ornaments, its favors and all that is therein pass away, and there shall endure for thee this remembrance which hath been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or the intimations of men veil thee. Cast behind thee all else but Me and hold fast unto this remembrance whereby the lights have shone forth. Blessed art thou and thy son who hath mentioned your names and clung to the hem of God, the Dawning-Place of commandments and ordinances. The Glory manifest and shining from the horizon of My heavens be upon thee and upon thy children and upon every steadfast believer.

This was revealed for his honor Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God. His Word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O Ahmad! The Wronged One remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of My utterance in My days and give thanks unto thy Bountiful Lord. O Ahmad! By the life of God, justice hath perished and We behold the embodiment of tyranny usurping its mighty right. The

latter hath wronged the former in such wise as hath caused every fair-minded and clear-sighted one to lament. Cast behind thee idle fancies and hold fast unto that which hath come unto thee from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name they that lay in their graves arose and the Lote-Tree spoke forth on Sinai! I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy knowledge and the seas of Thy wisdom to make me a servant of Thy Cause, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered, and clinging to Thy robe in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall deter me. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of might!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is He through Whom the Tree of the Uttermost Boundary was raised up and the Standard of Truth was hoisted in the kingdom of creation, and through Whom the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all possibility. Exalted is he who hath hearkened to His call and recognized His utterance and found the sweet savors of His verses. He is among the most excellent of all creation before God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days and gained the recognition of Me and heard My call and found the fragrance of My robe and spoke My praise and arose to serve My mighty Cause. O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, render thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. A single letter thereof surpasseth whatsoever the peoples possess, as doth testify the Lord of Eternity from His exalted station. The Glory shining from the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf, Fatimih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God. He saith, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

O My Leaf! Verily My Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Under all conditions, cling thou to the hem of thy Lord’s loving-kindness in such wise that neither the hosts of the idolaters nor the might of the heedless shall prevent thee. Praise be to the Desired One of the world Who caused thee to attain unto the recognition of this Most Great Cause at a time when the divines, the jurisprudents, the rulers, and all servants and handmaidens were veiled and heedless, save whom thy Lord willed. The grace of God and His mercy have ever been infinite. He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth for whomsoever He pleaseth. He giveth and He withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the breezes of His days and hast not been deprived of the fragrance of the garment of recognition. This station is exceedingly great—know thou its worth and preserve it through the Name of God. We have hearkened to the yearning of thy heart and have made mention of thee in these most sublime words. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Rejoice thou in that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me in the Most Great Prison when I was in the hands of the heedless ones.”

The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And this is what was revealed for the Migrant, the Captive, whom God hath mentioned once in Kha and again in Sad and in other lands. He saith, exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur:

He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

Blessed art thou, O My leaf and My handmaiden, who hath turned unto My countenance and advanced toward My horizon. Thou didst bear tribulations and afflictions in the path of God. Once We heard thy cry from Kha and another time from Sad. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified for thee that which shall endure in the Crimson Scroll. In the days of God thou didst follow the truth, for even the Seat of the Throne in each day had a different station and city due to the oppression of the transgressors. Blessed is the handmaiden whom nothing besides Me hath prevented from turning unto My horizon and hearkening unto My call. Soon shall the world and whatsoever is witnessed therein perish, and that which shall endure is a mention that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and cling thou to His luminous hem. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed My choice-sealed wine and attained unto My destined Cause.

And this is what was revealed for the Leaf, Radiyyih Bigum, upon her be the Glory of God. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Give thanks unto God for having drawn thee nigh, and caused thee to hear the melodies of the birds of the Kingdom, and taught thee My remembrance and praise, and guided thee to My path, and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My bounty, and shown thee the ocean of My mighty grace. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation in God, and have answered thee before and after, wherefore do We bear witness to the call between earth and heaven, through His bounty and grace and mercy upon thee and upon His remembering handmaidens and His sincere servants. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily, whoso turneth in remembrance unto Him Who remembereth him, and advanceth toward Him Who hath advanced toward him—thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken in this exalted station. We counsel thee with that which beseemeth the days of God and with that which hath been sent down in My perspicuous Book. Convey My glorification unto the faces of the people of the household and unto My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

O My handmaiden! Speak unto them and make mention unto them of that wherewith We have made mention of thee, and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My bounty and My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with His devoted handmaidens and His devoted servants. The servant in attendance hath read once again that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard, and We have adorned the

crown of thy sincerity with the crown of utterance from the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus hath the Ship of Divine Knowledge sailed upon the ocean of certitude.

Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and believed in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of the bounty, a bounty from God, the Lord of the mighty throne. We glorify from this station him who hath soared in My atmosphere and sought to aid My Cause and hath spoken My beauteous praise—he who was named the Lion in a book and by another name in My Preserved Tablet. Glory be upon him and upon Inayat and upon those who, when they heard, submitted themselves to the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and to His manifest Command.

And this is what was revealed for the honored sister, upon her be the Glory of God, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name which shineth from the horizon of utterance! This is a day wherein God maketh mention of every servant who hath turned unto Him and every handmaiden who hath attained unto His wondrous Command. Blessed is the tongue that hath attained unto sweetness when the Call was raised, and the eye that hath turned when the Supreme Horizon was adorned with the lights of the face of the Lord of Names, and the mouth that hath drunk the Kawthar of life from the hand of bounty of its Lord, the Bountiful. The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Ancient One, yet the peoples are in a strange sleep. They have not been awakened by the Call, nor by the Cry, nay, they are among the dead in My perspicuous Book.

O My leaf! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee in that which attesteth to His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. It behooveth thee to remember God at all times. Thus do We counsel thee from His presence in a mighty tablet. We have made mention of thee before and after, and in this secure station. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have turned and believed in God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and the Lord of the glorious throne.

This is what was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Khavar, who attained unto service to the people of the household and unto acceptance before God, the King, the Truth, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His Word:

In the Name of the One God

O handmaiden of God! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which is acceptable in the sight of Truth. Every handmaiden of God who hath attained to serving the people of the household is accounted among the people of Baha in the sight of Truth and inscribed in God's Book. Preserve this station, that the Hand of Providence may bestow its recompense in this world and the next. Every pure deed is a treasure for its doer with God, glorified be His majesty. To this testifieth every seeing soul. The glory of God rest upon thee from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And this is what was revealed for the emigrant sister who circumambulates the Throne—upon her be the glory of God. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! At this hour thy sister and Munirih were present before the Face and made mention of thee, and sought thy remembrance from the ocean of divine generosity. Therefore was this most wondrous and most holy Tablet revealed especially for thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. God willing, mayest thou ever be blessed by the grace of the True One and act according to what He loveth and approveth. His grace is present and His bounty manifest, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Beseech ye God, glorified be His majesty, that He may guide all those who are related and not deprive them of the lights of the Sun of grace. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We send from this spot Our greetings upon thee and upon thy daughters and upon him who hath believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God! The outpouring grace hath encompassed all and portions have been bestowed from the ocean of providence. God willing, may they discover the fragrance of these days and drink from the ocean of grace, and God willing, may your honor be in all conditions a bearer of glad tidings and make the people aware of the grace and bounty of the Goal of all the worlds. However, with perfect wisdom and utterance. I convey greetings and salutations to the people of the household, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. I hope from His infinite grace that He may cause them to attain unto their goal. God is witness that this servant hath ever been and is mindful of their mention in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court.

And convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. Say: O friends! Today is the day to aid the Cause and arise to serve. Deprive not yourselves. Strive that ye may receive your portion from His oceans of bounty. In the divine Tablets, aid hath been ordained through goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Conflict, contention and unseemly acts have been and shall ever be rejected. The station of man is other than the station of the beasts of the earth. The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon all whose names thou hast mentioned in thy letter and upon every servant who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

According to His command: The sister of the King of Martyrs, upon her be the glory of God—if she hath any rights they should reach her. And they commanded to write to his honor S.D.: Affairs have been and are in the grasp of God's power, glorified be His majesty, and bounty, blessing and heavenly food exist in the heaven of grace. He sendeth down upon whomsoever He willeth, howsoever He willeth. He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous. Her matter should be considered with perfect justice and equity and be carried out accordingly. Verily He is the Commander, the Clear, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God shall soon give recompense to those who work in His path. He is the Guardian of those who act. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

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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 and glorification and exaltation and sanctification, sanctified above the recognition of all on earth and in heaven, befit and beseem that Most Desired One Who hath opened the door of correspondence with the finger of power and aided His Cause through the hands of the heedless. Exalted be His station! How many souls of fire who bear the light yet remain heedless of it, and how many enemies who are engaged in rendering assistance yet remain veiled therefrom. Through the feet of the courier He conveyeth His abiding grace to worthy and acceptable souls. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Glorified be He Who aideth His Cause as He pleaseth and assisteth it as He willeth. And the light and the mercy and the glory and the peace and the splendor be upon His chosen ones and His loved ones and His trusted ones and His envoys and His beloved ones who have not broken His Covenant and His Testament, who have drunk the choice wine of His love from the hands of His bounty, who have arisen to serve His Cause and have spoken His praise, and upon those who have forsaken their station purely for His sake and have chosen exile to exalt His Word and have traversed the lands to teach His Cause with wisdom and utterance and with that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of the All-Merciful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Face's light the horizons were illumined and through Whose love's fire the hearts of the lovers were melted! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy mercy in Thy days and by the winds that pass over the most exalted Paradise in the springtime of Thy Manifestation, to draw near Thy chosen ones and Thy servants to the ocean of Thy knowledge and to protect them from those who have denied Thy truth and violated Thy station and pronounced judgment against Thy chosen ones without any command from Thy presence or any Book from Thy midst. O my Lord! The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of hatred, and Thou art the One with power to extinguish it. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the standard of power hath been raised, to preserve the righteous ones and to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid them and protect them and strengthen them and enable them to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance, and a sacrifice for your steadfastness, and a sacrifice for your uprising! Your letter hath given me to drink of the Kawthar of your utterance, whereby my burning thirst for attaining your presence and meeting you was increased. When I had partaken of these cups, I approached the station of our Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn, and after my presence and presentation, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which, were it to be cast upon fire, thou wouldst find it […] and upon stones, thou wouldst find them luminous pearls. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His might:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He beareth witness unto all that hath appeared from My presence, yet most of the people perceive not. We desired for them the light, while they desired for Us the fire. They truly do not understand. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, hastening unto the dawning-places of idle fancies. Behold what

the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an concerning them: They have changed God's favor into ingratitude and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.

O My Name! O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Look upon the idols of the earth, how they have gone astray and led the servants astray until they disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords. They read the Book night and day, yet when its Revealer and Sovereign came, they turned away from Him and spoke as they had spoken throughout ages and centuries. By God! They are the first party to turn away from the Truth and to deny the Source and the Return.

The servant who was present hath brought thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We perceived from it the fragrance of thy remembrance and praise, and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains have been crushed. Blessed is he who hath found from thee the fragrance of My loving-kindness and hath witnessed what the Tongue of My Grandeur witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven. Remember My chosen ones on My behalf and explain to them what thou hast heard from Me concerning the virtues of fellowship and unity. Say: Through unity the gate of power is opened. Reflect, O people of insight!

O My Name! Gladden all through the bounty of God, glorified be His majesty, and remind them of that which leadeth to the manifestation of the Cause, the exaltation of the Word, and the sanctification and purification of the human soul. If they would hear the call of the Wronged One with the inner ear and act as We have commanded, then erelong the lights of revelation shall illumine both East and West, and the banners of victory shall be seen in all directions. It is clear and evident that in this most mighty and exalted Revelation, the attributes and characteristics of the beasts of the wilderness have been strictly forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Teaching must be conducted with wisdom and utterance, and triumph achieved through the hosts of goodly character and deeds. In such case, should the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, hold fast for a time to what hath been mentioned, they shall soon behold all who dwell in the lands adorned with human qualities and shall utter "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." What this Wronged One hath spoken and speaketh is effective and all-conquering, were they to cleave unto it and act accordingly. At present most are occupied in relating the words of others.

God willing, may all be purified and sanctified through the water of the All-Merciful's utterance and become occupied with teaching the Cause. This is a station which the pen is powerless to describe and understanding faileth to comprehend. The words of holy souls are so effective and penetrating that they can make a withered tree fresh and adorned with delicate, precious fruits. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act, and may the mercy sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My chosen ones and loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and followed My straight path.

God willing, may all the chosen ones and loved ones become enkindled by the heat of God's creative Word and hold fast to that which is the cause of exaltation, that what He hath willed may be made manifest, though the heedless be averse. I present my nothingness before all and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to grant all a portion from the Most Great Ocean.

And as to what thou didst write concerning Jinab Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl—upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness: whatsoever that blessed Person deemeth advisable is beloved and, before the Throne, acceptable. God willing, Mirza—upon him be the glory of God—must bestir himself, and for a time move forward with fullest ardour, that he may enkindle the despondent souls and adorn them with a new spirit. This is a day wherein man can acquire an everlasting grace and become the possessor of an abiding bounty. This servant ceaseth not to remember him, as though he stood present and manifest before the very eye. The servant beseecheth his Lord that there may appear from him that whereby every possessor of a discerning sense may inhale the fragrance of steadfastness, for the Cause of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be.

O Beloved of my heart! In very truth thou hast quickened the Land of Ta; for thou didst set forth, with such warmth, the overflowing of the love of God, the blazing of the fire of affection, the gathering of the friends, and the readiness of the people of that place, that it bestowed immeasurable gladness, joy, delight, and expansion of heart. This is indeed clear and proven: how greatly doth this servant rejoice at the mention of the chosen ones of God—those, in particular, who are adorned with the robe of constancy and illumined by the lights of love. Happy art thou, and happy the friends of God who are there! Would that this servant had been with you in the gatherings thou didst describe.

As to what you wrote about the receptivity of that land and likewise its need for numerous teachers, after this was presented, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Names, exalted be His glory:

> "O My Name! God willing, steadfast and receptive souls shall be assisted to recognize this Most Great Cause. After recognition of God, exalted be His glory, the command to teach is the greatest and most mighty. A witness to its greatness is what God revealed in the Book aforetime: 'Whosoever quickens a soul is as though he has quickened all humanity.' Blessed is he who has arisen to serve the Cause and moves by God's will, the Lord of the worlds."

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God willing, the affairs of that land shall be set right through his honor's attention, and the friends shall arise with complete resolve to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings with wisdom and utterance in unity. This is what the servant asks of his Lord at all times, and he beseeches Him to answer for His servant what he desires of His grace which has preceded the kingdom and the realm of heaven.

You wrote mentioning the gatherings, meetings and homes of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise in each gathering the meeting with groups of divine friends. These details were presented in the Most Holy Court of Him Who was God and there was naught else besides Him. This is what was revealed from the Most Exalted Throne, exalted be His utterance and mighty be His command:

O My Name! O thou who travels throughout the lands for My Cause and the exaltation of My Word! Blessed are the houses that become gathering places for the loved ones of God, attracting souls and being adorned by the presence of His chosen ones. Blessed is the land that has attained in My days, which God has made a dwelling place for My pure ones, and blessed is the house that has found the fragrance of My loved ones, and blessed are the faces that have been illumined by the Sun of My loving-kindness.

All these mentioned gatherings are favored by God's grace, and specifically for those present, wondrous and sublime verses have descended from the heaven of divine will.

We have placed in the mouth of each of them the sweet fruit of divine knowledge and the table of utterance, then We said: "Rejoice in that thou hast attained thy Lord's loving favor." Praise be to God that all are adorned with this supreme word and have attained to hearing it. We give them glad tidings of God's grace and bounty, and We send Our greetings to them from the prison, and We counsel them with that which will exalt the Word of God and their stations among the servants. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of creation.

O thou beloved of My heart and mentioned in My soul! By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose! After these passages were presented, the Face of God was set ablaze and verses were revealed of such nature that all the peoples of the earth would be powerless to transcribe them, let alone this evanescent servant. In secret, with utmost supplication I was saying: Would that all the world were present to attain unto the hearing of the revealed verses which flow and descend like pouring rain. I seek God's forgiveness for this comparison, I seek His forgiveness and turn unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiver, the Generous.

As for the mention of his honor the Sahib, may God's favors be upon him, God willing he has been and is successful, and I beseech the Most High to confirm him in that whereby his mention shall endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names. Verily He is the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful. This evanescent one sends greetings to him and gives him glad tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory. This servant's petition is that, as they have written, it would be most preferable to meet individually with certain souls for the expression of the matter. Attention to one or two persons is easier and closer to piety, as discussion occurs with collected thoughts and untroubled mind. We beseech God the Most High to guide all to His straight path.

Section 2: "They had mentioned his honor Aqa Muhammad Husayn…"

They had mentioned his honor Aqa Muhammad Husayn N, upon him be the Glory of God. In these few days, my beloved, his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant and had mentioned him. This servant beseeches God to increase his confirmations moment by moment. In any case, since his mention was in the blessed handwriting of your honor, it attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance spoke these words, exalted be His glory:

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

O Nawwab! The All-Giving remembers thee from the prison quarter, at a time when He hears the buzzing of flies on His right, and the howling of wolves on His left, and beholds the banners of sorrow before His face. Thus doth My tongue recount unto thee that thou mayest know and be of them that remember. Ponder then upon My power and My sovereignty, and the cord of My tranquility and the ocean of My patience, that thou mayest discover My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Were He to desire, He would seize all who are on earth through a single word from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. He heareth and is patient, He seeth and concealeth, and He is the

Concealer, the Generous. Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us in these days, thou wouldst weep as those who are bereaved. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and arisen to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. The Light shining from the horizon of the Prison be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this exalted station.

And likewise He made mention of Aqa Mir from Jasb, may the glory of God rest upon him, these manifest verses were revealed specifically for him from the heaven of inner meanings. His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Mir! The Wronged One remembers thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him through that which the hands of those who denied God's proof and testament have wrought and who disbelieved in His favors. They are indeed in heedlessness and error. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, for when it flowed from My Pen, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names remembered thee. Thus doth the Lord of all humanity give thee glad tidings that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. O My loved ones in Jasb! There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath befallen Us. Soon shall pass away what the people possess, but that which is with God, the Lord of the Day of Return, shall endure.

We were indeed with you and heard your cry and lamentation. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled My Covenant and heard My call and turned unto My Kingdom and attained unto patience in what befell him in the path of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. We give you glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, and We send Our greetings upon your faces from this station. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My prison be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, who have arisen and declared:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the earth and heavens."

Praise be to God, the outpouring of grace hath reached such a station that is truly beyond all mention and description. None can enumerate the seas of His mercy and the suns of His favors. Verily He knoweth what He doeth and is aware of what He saith, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

He made mention of the beloved of hearts, Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny. Through God's loving-kindness, grace, mercy, bounty and generosity, he drinketh at all times from the Kawthar of life from the cup of his Lord's favors, and his is the highest chalice in this mighty and wondrous Cause. His mention was raised. His words, exalted and glorified be He: O My namesake! Upon thee be My Glory! Verily he is of the fishes of this ocean and a star among the stars of this heaven and a word from My Most Great Book and a fragrance from the fragrances of Paradise. Upon him be My Glory and My loving-kindness. Ask thou God to preserve him through His power and to preserve his station through His Name, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

Indeed with complete determination he hath arisen to serve the Cause of our Lord, the Possessor of all names. God willing, may he be confirmed in all worlds.

We make mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim and Aqa Nasru'llah, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, who were mentioned in the blessed letter presented to the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. Praise be to God, the manifestation of favor hath shone forth like the sun from the horizon of heaven. His blessed and exalted Word:

"Verily We have turned toward them from the direction of the Prison and We send Our greetings unto them and counsel them to show forth love and unity and that whereby the Cause of the Lord of creation may be exalted amongst His servants." They will, God willing, be assisted in all matters and be confirmed in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God that his mention hath not been and will not be erased; at all times they are present before His face.

Concerning what was written about the delay in responding to the letter: Thus far, through divine grace and His confirmations, whenever an esteemed letter was received, a detailed response was submitted, except for one letter mentioning the friends in Rasht. Since other letters arrived before it, a brief response was submitted. However, wondrous and exalted divine Tablets have been revealed specifically for some of those souls mentioned therein and will, God willing, be sent. The end of the petition is adorned with this great glad-tidings: On Monday the 12th of Rabi'u'th-Thani, four hours after sunrise, as your representative, it was presented to the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court and by proxy that which is the purpose of all worlds was accomplished, and likewise was honored with acceptance.

Well is it with you! To all the chosen ones, loved ones and gentlemen who are present in that gathering, I express my utter nothingness and likewise convey greetings and salutations. God willing, may all in these divine days drink from the Kawthar of mention, utterance, steadfastness and exposition, and act in accordance with that which will exalt the Cause of God. The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those who have attained to serving you and those who love you and hearken to your words and are honored to meet you and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cups of our Lord's bounty, the Powerful, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what was written on the back of the blessed letter about your being at the house of Jinab-i-Aqa Ali-Askar and Jinab-i-Haji Khavar, upon him be the Glory of God, was in your presence, and likewise the mention of the blessed Tablets of Rasht and mention of the Tablet of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim-i-Gurgani and its being erased from your memory and its being cast into your being at that moment—you mentioned this matter in such a way that it affected this servant as well. This detail was presented to the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "O My Name! O thou who hast drunk the Kawthar of My love! Verily We are thy Helper, thy Confirmer, thy Teacher, thy Inspirer, thy Protector and thy Succourer. Verily He is with thee and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. When thou speakest in gatherings and reflectest on matters, verily He inspireth thee and teacheth thee and aideth thee through wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Wise. And We make mention of Ali before

> Askar and he who was named Khavar. Verily he carried the Tablets out of love for My Self and eagerness to follow My Cause. We send Our greetings unto him wheresoever he may be and We give him the glad-tidings of My grace which hath preceded him and the favor which hath encompassed him, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have sought thee out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds."

When His handwritings were presented in His presence, the Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of Their footsteps—and the members of the Divine Sacred Household and some of the kindred were present. After their completion, each one manifested such bounty, mercy, love and favors that this ephemeral one is truly incapable of describing. The hearts were illumined by the lights shining from their glorifications, and the horizons of utterance were brightened by their mention and words. In brief, all offered holy glorification, transcendent above worldly conditions and their people's limitations, for me to convey to that Beloved One. His is the praise and favor in all conditions. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, truly the heart rejoices and the breast expands from mentions wherein the sincere ones find the fragrance of kindness, untainted by the dust of loved ones and directions. Dominion belongs to God, our Lord, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of proofs. There is no God but Him, the One evident through signs. May my spirit be a sacrifice unto Your presence.

While sealing the envelopes, the true messenger brought spiritual glad tidings, and immediately upon arrival and visitation they were presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what the Lord of the World uttered in the Most Great Prison:

O My Name! The servant in attendance read thy letter before the Face of the Wronged One. Light be unto thee and grace be unto thee, for thou didst speak certain words from which wafted the fragrance of true wisdom. Assuredly, until the result of any deed becomes somewhat apparent, or until its fruit becomes known to the extent possible, attention to it is fruitless. Excellent is what was said, and the Speaker is God in His first Book: In matters, their end must be considered before undertaking them. What thou didst do was, praise be to God, wise and acceptable. We beseech God that He may, through thee, open the doors of hearts and assist thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and through thee aid His Word and exalt it despite every learned one who denied God's right and His Cause, and rejected His proof and disputed His verses. O My Name! Upon thee be My glory. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones who are saddened by My sorrows, and give them the glad tidings of My joy and happiness and bounty. God willing, may all be illumined by the lights of the Countenance and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

This blessed handwriting, dated the 27th of Safar and numbered 3, from which this servant repeatedly and successively drank the cup of nearness and reunion and joy and meeting—there was and is no opportunity to present details beyond this. In brief, all that transpired was honored with acceptance in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence. The servant praises his Lord for this evident, clear and manifest bounty. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00289: Praise befitteth the most holy and most exalted court…

Section 1: "Praise befitteth the most holy and most exalted…"

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and most exalted court of the Desired One, Who chose for Himself hardship, imprisonment and tribulation, while desiring for the peoples of the world freedom, comfort and prosperity. Glorified, glorified be He! All who possess understanding are powerless to comprehend the mysteries of His wisdom and its requirements. Glory and exaltation be upon His chosen ones, His loved ones, and His friends who have arisen to serve His Cause and to act according to what hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book.

And further: thy letter dated the 12th of the month of Sha'ban was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of all worlds was wafting therefrom. Blessed is he who hath taken the chalice of utterance in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and hath drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. After perusal, it was brought to the Most Great Prison and what was contained therein was presented. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the Most Merciful, hath spoken. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne!

This is a Book We have sent down in truth as a token of Our grace, and verily We are the Mighty, the Bestower. O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! The servant who is present brought thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We have desired to reveal for each name that which will attract him and draw the servants to the supreme horizon, and from which the Kingdom of Names will perceive the fragrance of My Most Glorious Raiment. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, for He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and hath revealed unto those who have turned towards Him that which the pens are powerless to recount.

O Muhammad-Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee with verses which, were they to be cast upon the mountains, would transform them into the sea of life. Exalted be the Most Merciful Who hath come with power and sovereignty. Knowest thou who hath turned toward thee? Say: Yea, by my Lord, through Whose remembrance the Sacred Texts and Tablets have been adorned! Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of God and the one whose heart hath turned toward the horizon wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Compelling. Take hold of God's verses with the power granted by Us and say: Praise be to Thee, O Manifestation of clear evidences!

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq as a mercy from Us, and verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O servants of the Most Merciful! Rejoice in this Day wherein the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of the final end, hath been wafted abroad. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of God, the Manifestation of Religions. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth. Leave behind what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed is he who hath

sought My path, and he who, while seated, hath arisen to serve My Cause, and he who hath spoken forth in praise of Me amongst My servants.

We make mention of him who was named Husayn that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him, and I am verily the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Husayn! The Most Great Ocean remembereth thee. Doth the Ocean speak? Say: Yea, by the Lord of Lords! Verily He speaketh and walketh, and He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Say: This is a Day wherein the Sure Hour hath come to pass, the breeze hath wafted, the cry hath been raised, and the mountains have passed away. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Most Merciful's loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Jafar, that he may draw nigh unto the Most Sublime Vision and be made joyous in the Sovereign of Days. This is a Day wherein the gate of mercy hath been opened and the heavenly table hath been sent down, yet the people remain in strange slumber. We have made mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance, and We turn unto all who turn unto God, the Lord of all men. O people of the earth! Sleep hath overtaken you on this Day, though ye were created to serve this Cause before which all necks have bowed low.

We make mention of the youth, before Rida, and counsel him and those who have believed with that wherefrom the near ones perceive the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of the Intended One, at Whose appearance hearts were troubled and eyes were fixed in amazement. Blessed is he who hath shattered the idols of vain desire and turned with his heart to the Most Sublime Horizon, who hath answered the Lord of Names when the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven. By the life of God! He is indeed among those who are nigh in the Mother Book. Bear thou witness unto that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: There is none other God but Him, the One, the All-Compelling.

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! The Great Announcement hath come, in yearning for Whose meeting servants have expired whom none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have entered the prison and called all to that which draweth them nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. Grieve not in the days of God. Rejoice thou in this remembrance whereby the horizons have been illumined. The Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery have been revealed, calling out amongst the servants without veil or concealment: Rejoice, O people of the righteous, in this bounty the like of which no eye in former ages and centuries hath beheld!

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The Tongue of the Ancient of Days maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and giveth glad tidings to those who are nigh of that which shall bring them close to the most exalted station. Seize thou the opportunity in the days of God. Cast aside what is with the people, then make mention of Him by night and by day. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the doer who hath held fast unto that whereby the Cause of God hath been exalted in this Day wherein feet have slipped.

O Abu'l-Qasim! We have come from the heaven of grace to guide the servants to the straight path. By the life of God! We desired for them light, yet they kindled fire for Us. They are indeed in heedlessness and

error. Soon shall the carpet of the world be rolled up and the guards of torment shall seize them from every direction. Say: Be fair, O people of the earth! For what crime have ye banished Us from Our lands? Fear God, O followers of the religions! Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken whereby the proof hath been made manifest, yet the people are in doubt and schism.

O Dayspring of Revelation! Turn thou unto him who hath been named Husayn and give him the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing. That which was inscribed in the Books of God hath been made manifest, yet the people do not understand. They have turned away from the Countenance and denied the signs of God, the Lord of existence. O people of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow ye Him Who hath come to you with manifest sovereignty. The Self-Subsisting hath appeared after the Qa'im and hath manifested His determined Cause. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the doubts of every veiled learned one shall deter thee. The learned one is he who hath heard My call and spoken My praise and given the people glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and hath given the servants to drink of My sealed wine.

We make mention of (Mulla) Husayn, whose name hath been present in the Most Great Prison, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Verily, We have sent down the verses and expounded them by Our command, for We are, in truth, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through My word "Be," and it is. Hearken unto the Call from the white spot, from the right hand of the Crimson Sea of grandeur, from the Divine Lote-Tree: He is, in truth, none other than God, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and every stone to the Sovereign of all beings, yet most of the people know not.

They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have turned away from Him Whom they remembered at eventide and at dawn, and who would make mention of God by night and by day. Yet when He appeared, they turned aside from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. Observe, then recall what befell Our Messengers aforetime, whom We sent to give the people glad tidings of this Promised Day. Among the people were those who denied them, those who turned away from them, and those who derided them. Thus did they act in former times, and likewise in this Day wherein God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Rejoice thou in that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and hath remembered thee in such wise as to cause those near unto God to perceive the fragrance of His sealed wine.

O Abu-Talib! We love to make mention of all who have turned unto God and to show them Our horizon wherefrom the Light hath dawned. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. Say: O God of Names, Lord of creation, and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the ark of Thy wisdom to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the power of idols may hold me back nor the manifestations of vain imaginings debar me. I am he who, O my God, hath turned toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who

have shown forth the most great steadfastness in such wise that neither ranks nor swords did cause them to fear.

Section 2: "Thus hath the tongue of might spoken…"

Thus hath the tongue of might spoken from before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O Hasan! It behoveth thee to render thanks unto God for having been made the recipient of His favour—He Who is the Lord of the seen and the unseen—from this Station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down in submission, as attested by the Preserved Tablet in His possession. Take what hath come to thee from God with His strength. Verily, He will protect thee and be with thee in all His worlds. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. By My life! Through these shall the Cause of God be exalted amongst His servants and the standards of victory be hoisted upon every lofty mountain. Aid ye your Lord through the hosts of deeds, for these are mightier than all the hosts of the earth, would that ye knew. Be ye trustees of God in His lands and dawning-places of His loving-kindness. Thus doth the Lord of all worlds nurture you from this glorious Station. Be ye so trustworthy that if your trustworthiness were to be distributed among all the peoples of the world it would suffice them, and likewise in forbearance. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted upon that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. He counselleth you with that which profiteth you and adviseth you concerning that which will elevate your stations among His creatures. He is, verily, the Kind, the All-Forgiving.

O My Most Exalted Pen! We hear thy call in the morning and in the evening. Dost thou see anyone who heareth it with ears other than physical ears? Dost thou see any who respondeth, saying:

> "Here am I, O Thou Wronged One! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all things!"

I testify that Thou hast appeared and revealed that which was hidden within the pavilion of infallibility and treasured in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Hosts. The world hath been adorned with the ornament of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the eye that seeth, and woe unto every obstinate infidel.

O Ja'far! We desire to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink thou therefrom in My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden. Confine thy affairs to that which will exalt this Cause—the Cause at whose revelation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save a mere handful who beheld the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Witnessed.

O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! Give thanks unto God for having revealed for every name thou didst mention that which cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth. Recite unto them with the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. Thus doth the Lord of all creation command thee from the precincts of His mighty Prison. Grieve not over the world and what occureth therein. Act in accordance with that which will

preserve thy remembrance throughout the eternity of My most beautiful names. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remind My servants and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness, and acquaint them with the station of this mighty Cause. We make mention in this Station of thy wife who hath heard and turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Give her glad-tidings from Me and glorify her with the name of thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O My handmaidens! Rejoice in that the face of God, the Mighty, the Luminous, hath turned toward you and hath revealed for you that which will preserve your names throughout the eternity of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Mir! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness, and upon thy sons and those who are with thee, both female and male, young and old. End.

What can this evanescent servant say? He perpetually beholds himself bewildered and astounded. I swear by the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance which is risen from the horizon of the Prison that were the people of the earth to hearken unto these verses at the moment they descend from the heaven of divine Will, they would all sacrifice their souls at the feet of the Beloved of the worlds—this, provided they be adorned with even a trace of fairness. The Sun of bounty hath risen in such wise that all tongues and pens are powerless to describe it. Praise be to God that your honor hath attained this greatest bounty, and through you this most great favor hath encompassed the aforementioned souls. In truth, you have been the cause and means of this grace. Well is it with you!

His honor Aqa Mir Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God, your son, hath written a letter to this servant requesting that I should, on his behalf, attain the presence of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. On this blessed night, which is the fifth night of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani, after the revelation of verses from the heaven of the Will of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, I submitted the request of your honored son, and after permission was granted, the visitation and circumambulation were performed. God willing, it hath been accepted. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost. This visitation was most timely. Well is it with you and with him and with me. This servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations to him and to all other sons and relatives and the friends of God, and beseecheth the True One not to deprive any of them from the fragrances of His days and to aid them to achieve that which beseemeth them in His days.

Regarding what you mentioned about his honor Shaykh Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, his words were exactly presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and gained the honor of being heard, and these sublime words were revealed specifically for him and the friends of that land. His word—exalted be His majesty and mighty be His utterance:

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of utterance!

O Hasan! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets and have turned unto thee at one time with the countenance of My loving-kindness and at another with the verses of My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O Hasan! At times We gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, and at other times of My choice sealed wine, the mighty, the wondrous. Be thou

thankful unto God in all conditions. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have found the fragrance of Our love from the direction of thy heart. We have turned unto thee and made mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity in this sublime station.

Convey My greetings to all the friends of that land on behalf of the Wronged One and remind them with wondrous and sublime remembrances. Today the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy are passing, the fragrances of the garment of grace are wafting, and the lights of the Sun of divine generosity are manifest, brilliant and visible. How excellent is the state of the one who hath in this blessed Day attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. The whole world hath been created for this Day. Blessed is the soul that hath become aware and hath attained unto this most great favor. Keep all enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and illumined with the light of His bounty. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

The mention of ʿAli-Khan—upon him be the Glory of God—has been heard. Praise be to God that he has attained unto His grace. He is among those souls whose mention has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and who have been remembered in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may he be enabled to preserve this most exalted station. The entire world cannot equal a single word thereof. We, from this station, magnify him and make mention of him in both stations, and give him these glad-tidings that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. He was content with a dot while We bestowed upon him a Book; he was satisfied with a drop while We granted him an ocean of bounty. For verily every letter of the Divine Words is a manifest book and an evident ocean. Blessed are they who attain and are possessed of understanding, and woe unto the heedless.

This evanescent servant offers greetings and glorification to each one, and beseeches from God—exalted be His glory—the good of this world and the next for each one. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. May the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and our Desired One be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur has uttered before all things: verily there is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH00562: Glorified be He Who hath sent down His Command…

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down His Command and revealed the Book, Who hath spoken without veil or barrier, and hath caused all things to proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Ruler in the Final Return. And glory and splendor, praise and thanksgiving be upon the chosen ones of God, His loved ones and His friends, who have turned towards the Ancient of Days, detached from all else, and have quaffed the sealed wine named after the Self-Subsisting. These are servants who have arisen, spoken, uttered and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, this servant hath been blessed with thy noble utterance and exalted letter, from whose horizon hath shone and gleamed the sun of the love of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your

Goal, and the Goal of them that know. When I perceived its fragrance and became aware of its contents, it was as though I had soared on wings of longing to a station which God hath sanctified above all horizons—a station neither of the east nor of the west, neither of the south nor of the north, neither of the horizons nor of directions. When I arrived and attained unto His presence, I presented its contents after receiving permission, and after it was blessed to be heard, the Tongue of the Lord of Names spoke that which caused the fragrance of utterance to be diffused between earth and heaven. His word, exalted be His majesty and mighty be His proof:

In My Name that is sanctified above all names

O thou who drinkest from the chalice of My loving-kindness, who turnest thy face toward My countenance, and who hast set thy face toward Mine all-highest horizon! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of Names, again and yet again. He hath remembered thee before, and calleth thee in this station with a call whereby bodies have taken flight, let alone spirits. Verily thy Lord is He Who causeth the dawn to break; there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: O concourse of creation! By God, He Whom the Messengers of God have heralded hath appeared, and He Who was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets hath come. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Dispute not the verses of God after their revelation, and deny not the favor which, when sent down, caused the idols to swoon. Say: This is the Day whereon mysteries have been unveiled and lights have shone forth, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil.

Say: O company of divines! Come, that I may show you the ocean of knowledge and its waves, and that which casteth forth, at all times, the pearls of wisdom and utterance from God, the Lord of Lords. Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness in His Cause. He hath come with the truth, with the hosts of revelation and the standards of verses. Cast away vain imaginings, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth in the heaven of manifestation. He guideth you unto the Most Great Name and directeth you to the straight path. Leave behind you the dawning-places of fancy, then advance with illumined hearts and radiant faces unto the Most Glorious Ark, the station which God hath sanctified from all forms and likenesses.

Say: O company of the wise! Come, that I may acquaint you with that which ye have neglected [and] with that which shall profit you throughout ages and centuries. Know ye that the Kingdom is My station, and the Realm of Might circleth round Me at eventide and at dawn. Thus hath the Lote-Tree of the Extremity quivered from the breeze of the Will of the Lord of Names, and there hath fallen from its leaves the dew of revelation and inspiration. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, upon thy children, upon those of thy household who are with thee, and upon those who hearken to thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of creation.

O My beloved! The fragrances of verses have perfumed all regions. Strange it is that the heedless, negligent, and outcast souls have neither been awakened by the cry nor become aware through the call. The All-Merciful hath spoken of them in the Qur'an—exalted be His Word—"As though they were hollow trunks of palm-trees." Evil deeds have debarred mankind from the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted, and

worldly manifestations have occupied and veiled those souls. God willing, thou wilt arise to serve the Cause with perfect wisdom and utterance, and educate the souls in that land, that perchance all may attain unto that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased.

Concerning what thou didst mention of Haji Siyyid Ahmad and Haji Siyyid Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and a wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent specifically for each. God willing, may they receive their portion from His heavenly food and everlasting bounty. This is what was revealed for Haji Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God. His words, exalted and glorified be He:

In My Name, the Speaking, the Trustworthy

O Siyyid Ahmad! Praise be to God, thou hast, by His glory exalted be His glory, attained unto this most wondrous, most holy, most manifest, most hidden Revelation, and hast recognized Him in this luminous garment. All the Prophets gave mankind the glad tidings of this wondrous Day, saying "Lead the people out of darkness into light and give them the glad tidings of the days of God." All sacred Books and Scriptures bear witness and testify to the Revelation of Truth. Nevertheless, most people remain heedless and veiled. The Cup-bearer of knowledge standeth with the chalice of life-giving waters before all faces, yet few turn unto Him—nay, such are rarely to be found. Today the Most Great Ocean proffereth at every moment the pearls of knowledge and wisdom unto all the peoples of the world, yet vision is lacking.

Beseech ye God that He may make the people aware and guide them to the supreme horizon, that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of God's Speaking Book, which is adorned with the seal "Verily I am God." Verily, He is powerful over all things. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee, wherefore have We remembered thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing Remembrancer. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife. Give her glad tidings from Me and glorify her with My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed is the man who hath believed, and the woman who hath believed, and woe unto them that are heedless, both men and women. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Haji Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. He, blessed and exalted be He, saith:

In My Name, the One manifest in the highest horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is verily the Mystery that was hidden and treasured from all eternity. Through Him the Greatest Sign appeared and the Most Exalted Summit was revealed, and the Cry was raised and the Balance was set up. He hath come from the heaven of Command, with the standards of the Bayan on His right and the hosts of revelation and the banners of divine knowledge on His left. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned unto Him, and woe unto him who hath denied God and turned away from the Path. O Siyyid Husayn! Rejoice that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and remembered thee with a remembrance which, when sent down from the heaven of grace, caused the kingdom of utterance to bow down before it.

Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and give thanks unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is with His devoted servants and aideth them as He pleaseth by His command. He is the Mighty, the

Unconstrained. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from God, the Lord of all mankind. The Glory shining from My horizon be upon him who mentioned thee, and upon thee, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

And this is what was revealed for the leaf, the wife of his honor Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon both of them be the Glory of God. He, exalted be His majesty, saith:

In My Name, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and turned unto Him, when the handmaidens of the earth and its men turned away, save whom God willed. This is a Day wherein He saith: "They have eyes with which they see not." All are endowed with eyes, and eyes were indeed created for this blessed Day, for the Greatest Scene hath been honored by the gaze of the Lord of Destiny. Yet they remain deprived and veiled from His presence and recognition, while thou hast attained unto this through the wondrous favor of God. Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it through the Name of the Beloved of the worlds. We testify that thou hast attained unto that which most men have failed to attain.

Convey My greetings to the believing handmaidens and gladden them all with the bounty and favor of God, exalted be His glory. Should all handmaidens offer up themselves and all they possess in the path of their Beloved, it would not equal the words "O My handmaiden." Recognize thou the favor of thy Lord—verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Generous. Reflect upon God's favor—how many were the divines, mystics, and jurists who deemed themselves to be treasuries of knowledge and sources of divine ordinances, yet today remain heedless and veiled from their Purpose; nay, they have become so deluded as to pronounce death sentences against God, exalted be His glory. But thou hast attained a station wherein thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Give thanks unto God for this, verily He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God that through the favors of God, exalted be His glory, these souls have attained unto divine bounties and partaken of the rain from the heaven of mercy. Well is it with them and pleasant it is unto them. O ye gentlemen and friends of God, exalted be His glory, despite the heedless ones, drink ye cup after cup in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn. They are still awaiting the Promised One, even as the Jews awaited before.

As for the Huqúqu'llah, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. According to His command, you should collect it: half to be sent to the Holy Presence and half to be given to the poor of that land. The names of those who have been blessed to pay the Huqúqu'llah should be sent to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Blessed is he whose name is mentioned before the Throne, and joy be unto him who hath attained and will attain unto God's Tablet and His traces. This is the perfection of His favor that He hath shown unto His servants. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Purpose and your Purpose, be upon you and upon your families and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH11773: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing

…In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Mir! The Wronged One remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him through what the hands of those who denied God's proof and testimony have wrought and who disbelieved in His favors. Verily they are in heedlessness and error. Grieve thou not over anything. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, for when it flowed from My Pen, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names remembered thee. Thus doth the Lord of all creation give thee glad-tidings that thou mayest be of the thankful. O My loved ones in Jasb! There hath befallen you in the path of God what hath befallen Us. Soon shall pass away what the people possess, and what is with God, the Lord of the Day of Return, shall endure.

We were with you and heard your cry and lamentation. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled My Covenant, hearkened unto My call, turned unto My Kingdom, and attained unto patience in what befell him in the path of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. We give you glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, and We send Our greetings upon your faces from this station. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My prison be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, who have arisen and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the earth and heavens."

Praise be to God! The outpouring of grace hath reached such a station that it is truly beyond mention and description. None can enumerate the waves of His mercy and the suns of His favors. Verily He knoweth what He doeth and is aware of what He saith, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen….

BH02699: The Most Exalted Pen calleth out at every moment…

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

The Most Exalted Pen calleth out at every moment, yet how few are the ears that are ready to hearken. The diverse colors of the world have occupied them that dwell in the realm of names, although every possessor of sight and hearing hath testified and doth testify to its evanescence.

All the peoples of the earth are astir in this age, yet have failed to discover the reason and cause thereof. It can be observed that the people of the West cling to the most trivial things which in truth yield no fruit, to such an extent that thousands upon thousands have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their lives for their manifestation and advancement. Yet the people of Iran, despite this mighty and evident Cause whose fame and exaltation have encompassed the world, remain listless and dispirited.

O friends! Know ye your worth and station. Waste not your endeavors on the idle fancies of this one and that. Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding and the breezes of the morn. Ye are the living waters upon which dependeth the life of all, and ye are the letters of the Book. Strive with perfect unity and concord that ye may succeed in achieving that which is worthy of this divine Day.

Truly I say, corruption and conflict and whatsoever the mind abhorreth have never been and are not worthy of man's station. Direct all your energies to teaching the Cause of God. Let him who findeth himself worthy of this most exalted station arise to render this service; otherwise, let him choose for himself a deputy to manifest this Cause whereby every firm edifice hath been shaken, the mountains have been crushed, and souls have been thunderstruck.

Were the station of this Day to be revealed, they would seek after a single moment thereof with a hundred thousand lives, let alone the earth and its treasures. In all matters, observe and hold fast unto wisdom. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve that which He desireth and be confirmed in recognizing the stations of His chosen ones who stand firm in His service and are engaged in His praise.

Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth and the glory of those who dwell in the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this magnificent bounty, in that He hath mentioned thee in such wise that its fragrance shall never be cut off from the kingdom. Praise be unto God Who created thee and created all things. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Almighty.

BH03808: In the Name of the peerless Lord!…

In the Name of the peerless Lord! That which is, in the first instance, conducive to the order of the world and the progress of nations has been and will continue to be the Most Great Peace, the particulars of which have been recorded in the sacred Scriptures and Tablets. God willing, in the City of Justice the kings shall assemble to consult regarding this Most Great Peace, and shall carry out that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen. In this way shall the world find tranquility and they themselves find rest. That which is the cause and means of the progress of government and nation is what hath been mentioned. However, hearing ears and penetrating vision are needed, that they may see and hear. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, through the steadfastness and orientation of His trusted ones and chosen ones, will raise up a people who will take heed and arise for the reformation of the world.

Strange it is that the Supreme Pen hath at all times been occupied with loving counsels and still is. In days when the arrows of tribulation were moving and descending from the clouds of hatred like rain, We mentioned the Word of Truth and guided the people to the straight path. Nevertheless, no trace of it appeared in them. We found them struck down as though they were hollow palm-trunks. God willing, may ye be illumined by the light of the utterance of the All-Merciful and arise to serve His Cause. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, and hath arisen to aid the Cause through teaching, which is recorded in My Preserved Tablet.

O people of Baha! Withhold not the pearls of knowledge from others. Through wisdom and utterance, present these precious pearls before the eyes of the people. Perchance an eye may be found that will turn to the Most Sublime Vision. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH04256: The All-Merciful hath testified in the Kingdom of Utterance…

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

The All-Merciful hath testified in the Kingdom of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret through Whose manifestation all things have spoken. By God! The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, before Him march the standards of His signs, and behind Him are hosts which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, can reckon.

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when all people turned away, save those who cast the world behind them and advanced toward Him with radiant hearts. Thus hath the Tongue of Pre-existence spoken in His Most Great Prison—verily He is the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou for having taken hold of My Book through My power and cast behind thee the idle fancies of men. Rejoice thou in this great bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people of this Matter whereby the stars have fallen and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, hath appeared. Beware lest the things of the world hold thee back from the Ancient Beauty. Cling thou to His luminous hem and say: "O my Lord, the All-Powerful! I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all beings and the might that hath surrounded all created things, to disappoint me not from the manifestations of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy loving-kindness. Give me to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of Thy bounty through the hands of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous."

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the Sun of Utterance. When thou hast attained unto it and found from it the fragrance of My garment, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the knowledge of the knowing ones!"

BH04235: The Bayan hath testified to its Lord, the Most…

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

The Bayan hath testified to its Lord, the Most Merciful, and informed all of this Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Mighty, Most Great Revelation. He hath taken the essence of the Bayan, which is a word from His presence, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. He hath spoken, and His sweetest utterance is:

> "I have taken a gem in His remembrance. Verily, He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan from God, the Lord of all worlds."

By God the Truth! This is a gem more precious than all the gems of the world, and all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. To this testifieth every fair-minded and insightful one. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the Most Merciful and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Beware lest the lowing of the calf hold you back from Him Who speaketh at the heart of the world: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." Cast away vain imaginings and hold fast to the cord of certitude, by the command of One Who commandeth, Who is All-Knowing. By God! The promise hath come, the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty.

This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh and commandeth you to that which profiteth you, if ye be of them that know. Take hold of the Word of God with His strength and follow not every heedless doubter. O thou who gazeth toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in the prison of ʿAkka. Verily, He hath heard thy call and answered thee with that which consoleth the eyes of them that are nigh. Set thy foot upon the world and soar with the wings of certitude in this holy, perfumed, mighty and wondrous atmosphere. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved upon the Tablet by My command, and I am the Commander, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the call and answered his Ancient Lord.

BH06112: Some of the peoples of the world have exerted…

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

Some of the peoples of the world have exerted the utmost effort to converse in their native tongues alone, considering this to be conducive to their exaltation and advancement, even as the people of Persia, who are adorned with the ornaments of talent and capacity, have sought to speak their ancient language and to purge it of all that is foreign. However, that which is pleasing in the sight of this Wronged One is that they should regard the whole earth as one country and strive, as hath been previously stated, to promote a single language or two so that the light of unity may envelop the whole earth and its inhabitants may receive their portion from the Sun of Knowledge and the Ocean of Wisdom.

That which is the cause of the unity of the world and its peoples hath flowed forth from the Pen of the Most High in divers Tablets. God grant that all men may be adorned with the ornament of fairness and enabled to observe justice that they may partake of the fruits of what hath been mentioned and bear witness unto that which hath been ordained by the one true God, exalted be His Glory. He is the One Who guideth, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world for having graciously aided thee and guided thee to that which lieth concealed from the eyes of most of the people. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

BH05890: The Tongue of God, the Lord of Destiny, speaks…

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

The Tongue of God, the Lord of Destiny, speaks forth from His Most Great Horizon in this mansion which was built for the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

He who built and constructed it has died, not knowing for whom he was constructing this lofty palace. When his appointed time came, he attained what he had desired in the days of his life. We make mention of him with goodness as a bounty from Us, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The heedless ones sent Us to the Most Great Prison, and God transformed it into this palace despite their wishes, that My power and sovereignty might be made manifest to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily the one who commanded has returned to the fire, while the builder dwells in God’s mercy

and loving-kindness. Thus has His mercy preceded His servants. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. He does what He pleases and ordains what He wills. He is the Single One, the One, the Just, the All-Wise.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner and hold fast to that which thou hast been commanded in His mighty and praiseworthy Book. He makes mention of thee on this night with that which all the riches of the world cannot equal. To this testifies He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Give thanks unto God at all times, and glorify Him with praise at all times.

BH06324: This is the night whereon My Pen groaneth over…

He is the Revealer, the Witness, the Faithful

This is the night whereon My Pen groaneth over what hath befallen the letters inscribed upon His sacred scroll from every oppressor who is estranged from God. We enjoined upon all men to be just and fair-minded and to fear God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet the unjust pronounced sentence against Us and against the chosen ones of God with such cruelty as to cause all created things to cry out and every sound heart to lament. We have sent down unto them the food of utterance out of the heaven of understanding and they have cast it behind their backs turning aside from God, the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

No one of them that were before Us hath endured the things We have endured. Unto this testifieth the Pen of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. Let nothing grieve thee, in all thine affairs put thy reliance in Whose grasp are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation. There is none other God save He, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Proclaim unto my loved ones the tidings of remembrance of Me and of devotion to Me, and of turning unto Me and of My mercy, My favor and My loving kindness which hath encompassed all who are in heaven and who are on earth. My glory that shineth forth above the horizon of My Bounty be upon thee and upon him who beareth witness unto that whereunto God Himself borne witness, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH07594: The All-Merciful hath conferred upon man the faculty…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The All-Merciful hath conferred upon man the faculty of vision, and endowed him with the power of hearing. Some have described him as the “lesser world,” when, in reality, he should be regarded as the “greater world.” The potentialities inherent in the station of man, the full measure of his destiny on earth, the innate excellence of his reality, must all be manifested in this promised Day of God.

The Pen of the Most High hath, at all times and under all conditions, remembered, with joy and tenderness, His loved ones, and hath counselled them to follow in His way. Well is it with him whom the changes and chances of this world have failed to deter from recognizing the Day Spring of the Unity of God, who hath quaffed, with unswerving resolve, and in the name of the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine of His Revelation. Such a man shall be numbered with the inmates of Paradise, in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

God willing, thou shalt taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and shalt abide steadfast, firm, and unwavering in His Cause, with the most great constancy. Verily, He will preserve thee, draw thee nigh, give thee to drink, and guide thee unto His straight Path. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00660: To be typed

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BH10561: After recognition of God, exalted be His glory…

…After recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and steadfastness, there hath been and is no greater matter than teaching. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath attained all three: hath drunk from the cup of recognition, achieved the most great steadfastness, and is occupied with teaching the Cause. Were the effulgence from this station to shine upon the peoples of the earth even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would swoon away save whom God willeth—He Who is our Goal, your Goal, and the Goal of all worlds….

BH02983: In My Name, the All-Seeing from the Supreme Horizon

In My Name, the All-Seeing from the Supreme Horizon

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is verily the Breaker of idols, the Dispeller of vain imaginings, the Attractor of all beings, and the Revealer of what lay hidden in the presence of knowledge from time immemorial. Hearken to the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." We have manifested what was inscribed in the Books of God and have sent down that which is the water of life for all temples and bodies.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The servant who is present has come with your letter and presented it before the Face, and the Wronged One has revealed for you that from which those near to God perceive His fragrance, the Lord of lords. All things have been attracted by the Call of God, the Creator of heaven, yet the people are in strange drunkenness. The Sun of certitude has dawned from the horizon of your Lord's will, the Most Merciful, while the people cling to suppositions and idle fancies. He has appeared in truth from His most exalted horizon and says "Come! Come!" while they hasten to the Evil One morning and evening. They have cast the Most Great Book behind their backs and hasten to the mosques as the Jews hasten to their temples at eventide and dawn.

Say: The Evil One comprises the divines of the earth who have cast the knowledge of God behind their backs and have been seized by their desires which move them however they wish. They are truly among the people of error in the Book of God, the Lord of destiny. The dwellers of the highest Paradise lament their tyranny, while they move their tongues in remembrance of God amongst the people. Say: By God! He is innocent of you and your mention—to this testifies the Mother Book which is with Him.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Say: Hold fast to the cord of unity—it will benefit you and draw you near to a station where the machinations of the wicked will not grieve you.

We make mention of Our leaf and give her the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My favor towards her, and My handmaidens who have perceived the fragrance of My robe and have spoken My praise among the handmaidens. The glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of My grace be upon you and upon her and upon them and upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who have held fast to My Covenant and have not broken the Testament.

BH00196: Praise be to God Who is single in His…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who is single…"

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

Praise be to God Who is single in His might, unique in His grandeur and glory, and Who revealed less than a needle's eye of the light of His Beauty, whereupon the lovers swooned away—they who were the dawning-places of longing, attraction and eagerness. Among them were those who sacrificed the crown of life for His radiance, and among them were those who recovered and exclaimed:

"Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the Covenant, Who hath appeared on the Day of Meeting! I yearn to drink the wine of martyrdom before Thy face, O Beloved of the world and Goal of the nations, and to behold in Thy path and for love of Thee the drawn swords and piercing spears. By Thy glory, O Beloved of those near unto God and Goal of the mystics, I desire not that my body be cast upon a bed and my soul be wasted in Thy days, O Sender of verses and Manifestation of clear signs! By the fragrance of Thy lock suspended upon Thy back, I long that from me might be diffused the fragrance of martyrdom whereby every dead one riseth, every bone is quickened, every motionless thing stirred, every tongue loosened, and every sorrowful one made glad.

By Thy glory, O Sovereign of existence and Knower of the seen and unseen, this servant knoweth of a certainty that martyrdom in Thy sacred court is the greatest of all deeds, yet Thou hast forbidden it through Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy most manifest, most firm, most great, most glorious Command. I beseech Thee, O Water of existence, Fire of hearts, Life of the mystics and Light of them that are near unto Thee, to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones the reward of those who were martyred in Thy path.

Then cause us to be among those who have cast aside their own wishes, clinging to Thy will and holding fast to Thy good-pleasure. Decree for us through the Pen of Thy decree that which will preserve us from the schemes of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and who have risen to harm Thee and frustrate Thy Cause. O my God and God of the world, my Goal and Goal of the nations, I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which every treacherous one is shaken and every oppressor feareth, to gather Thy loved ones beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy nearness that they may hear Thy sweetest call and circle round Thy throne, O Thou Who holdest the reins of all things! O Lord, forgive me and Thy loved ones and dear ones, then grant us the best of each world among Thy worlds. Verily Thou art He

Whose generosity hath not been withheld from created things and beings. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And further: the letter from that honored beloved one dated the twenty-fifth of Safar was received, for upon the head of every letter thereof were raised and fixed the banners of the mention of the Beloved of the world. Exalted be this most high station which giveth life and bestoweth spirit! Should all the world attempt to enumerate the delight that the sincere and the pure-hearted derive from the mention and praise of God, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so. After reading and becoming informed thereof, he proceeded to the praiseworthy station and, after receiving permission before the Throne of the Intended One, he submitted it. He, exalted be His grandeur and magnified be His majesty, said:

> "We, from this station, send Our glorification upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, who have not violated them and who have held fast unto them until he ascended unto God, the Lord of all men."

O Samandar! This blessed word has flowed from pen and tongue beyond all reckoning, yet the realm of utterance ever seeks its repetition, for most men are heedless and occupied with their own fancies and imaginings. How often does it happen that through a single letter of the Mother Book they become deprived, and through a single drop of the Most Great Ocean they remain unaware. Fidelity to God's Covenant is a mighty matter. Well is it with him who holds fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. God willing, may all the friends be adorned and achieve new and fresh life through the spirit of the Word, for whosoever has truly found life through it remains firm and steadfast in the Covenant, inasmuch as faithfulness walketh before him, trustworthiness is at his right hand, truthfulness at his left, the light of certitude shineth above his head, and the spirit of detachment moveth with him.

The tranquil and steadfast soul hath conquered and will continue to conquer the realm of hearts through these hosts. In this Most Great Revelation, the hosts of Truth have turned to the reformation of the world without weapons. By My life, by My life, the weapons of God's hosts have been and are more penetrating and sharper. Consider how a single word hath conquered and continueth to conquer the world. He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land. All must arise to serve the Cause and, with perfect unity, steadfastness, wisdom and utterance, offer the Kawthar of divine knowledge to the servants of the All-Merciful. Last week a Tablet was sent to Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they recall from its fragrance the days of attainment, and through the Kawthar of God's mention, may they adorn lifeless temples with the garment of life. Glory be upon him and upon you and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

O my beloved! This evanescent servant had no hope of being enabled to make this mention, but God's Will preceded my will and my volition was nullified. In the morning, while engaged in preparing tea before His presence, the Ancient Beauty proceeded to another chamber, and after my arrival and attendance He said, exalted be His bounty: "O servant, bring pen and paper." This servant is powerless to describe what he heard from the Kingdom of Utterance. I swear by the Beauty of the Desired One and the Sovereign of

the unseen and the seen that in most times during revelation, joy and sorrow encompass this servant to such extent that none save God, exalted be His station, knoweth its measure—joy from hearing the wondrous and sublime melodies of God, glorified be His majesty, and sorrow from fear lest the verses be neglected and memory fail to preserve them. By the very truth of His Being, if a drop is able to perfectly describe the waves of the sea, then this servant too would be able. By the life of the Desired One, He is the Powerful and we are powerless. We beseech Him for assistance in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

As to the mention of the beloved ones, Aqa Mulla Abdu'r-Razzaq and Mulla Abdu'l-ʿAzim, upon them be the Glory of God and His bounty, and likewise their degrees of longing, yearning and steadfastness in God's Cause which you have written about—they should indeed be thus, nay even more exalted and sublime. In that same place where they reside, let them hold fast to the cord of service and engage in teaching the Cause. Their noble father, upon him be the Glory of God, His mercy, His bounty and His grace, has been and continues to be remembered in the Most Holy Court from the earliest days until now. God willing, may they walk in his footsteps.

O beloved of my heart! If the joy and delight of this servant and that eminent one and other friends be confined to these outward limited things, then by the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, we and they would be in manifest loss. Today the Fountainhead of seas is manifest and the Dawning-Place of the Sun is evident and radiant. The Choice Wine is present before all faces and the Kawthar of life is bestowed by the hands of grace. We must, with wisdom and utterance, grant a portion to the dead of the earth and, with the utmost joy and fragrance, engage in the education of the people of creation. It is hoped that the breathings of divine verses—which every fair-minded one confesses his inability to reckon—will set all atoms in motion and raise them up to service. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Concerning what was mentioned about several volumes of books that arrived in that land in the name of the chief of customs, and likewise what was written about certain allusions being contained therein under the veil of counsels and admonitions—such unclear indications and allusions that neither nourish nor satisfy should not be attributed to the Truth. That beloved one has observed the Book of the King and noted what was revealed to the monarchs. London too may be an island. Many a counselor deserves counsel greater than what he counsels, and many an admonisher is disowned by his own admonition. This brief explanation suffices for that detailed account. By the life of God, the people are in strange delusion. Would that the world knew, would that the people understood!

Regarding what you wrote that His Honor Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God, also desired to see that book—this was due to his good faith, as he thought perhaps it might be from the Truth. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Convey from this evanescent one greetings to his honor and mention that some time ago these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of God's Will. His word, exalted be His majesty:

> "O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! The Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, suffice thee. When but a single verse thereof is revealed, all the books of the world bow down before it, and around it circle the Kingdom of Utterance. The Concourse on High bear witness to this, as do they who circle round the Throne in this forbidden station. He hath

> appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in the treasury of knowledge and preserved beneath the seal of protection and recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of what was and what will be. Through knowledge of Him, all existence can dispense with the knowledge of the world, and through the light of His Name the earth and heaven were illumined, would ye but know it. He hath opened the gate of meeting through the key of power and guided all unto Him, yet most of the people do not understand."

Such utterances have flowed from the Supreme Pen in such wise as to quicken decayed bones and teach flight to weighty forms. The purpose of mentioning these divine verses and this servant's submission is that his honor and other friends may rest assured in the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and know with clear certainty that through Him the world of existence can dispense with all else. He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

And regarding what was written that His Honor Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, the aforementioned, upon him be the Glory of God, requested that mention be made of him in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence—this petition was granted, and after its submission and hearing, these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of verses. His word, exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O Abraham! We have made mention of thee when We heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us—and before these, verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Once did We make mention of thee in the Tablet of Ism-i-Mihdi, and again in other Tablets—verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed be thine ear for having heard My verses, and thine eye for having turned to My horizon, and thy hand for having taken hold of My perspicuous Tablet. Thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in such wise as nothing can equal it, to this doth this Wronged One, this Exile, bear witness. Hold fast unto it and cleave unto that which hath been sent down in the Book from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the light of recognition and hast been honored with the mention of the True One, exalted be His glory, which is greater than all good. Now strive that perchance thou mayest succeed in quickening a soul. We have aforetime said:

> "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind."

Hold fast unto the means and become the cause of the enkindling of hearts. The fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is manifest and ablaze, and the light of the countenance is radiant. By the name of the Beloved of the worlds, keep ablaze that fire and illumine the world with this light. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have cast aside the idle fancies of men, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 2: "Praise be to God! They have in this…"

Praise be to God! They have in this year been repeatedly favored with the divine verses and His remembrance. It is several times in this servant's sight, and not a word of that which hath been revealed

can the world and whatsoever is therein equal or match. Blessed be his honor and may it prove wholesome unto his presence!

And as to thy mention of Jinab-i-Tahmasb Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted before the Sacred Threshold of the Most Inaccessible and Most Holy, whereupon these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Desire of all the worlds—His Word, exalted and glorified be He:

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Hidden

Today hath the Sun of inner meanings cast its radiance upon the earth through the Lote-Tree of utterance in the form of these words. This is the Day the meeting wherewith was the ultimate hope of the near ones and the believers. Seize ye the opportunity thereof and be not of them that tarry. Well is it with the soul that in these days hath been favored with the light of divine knowledge and been a worker of that which We have commanded. God willing, through the grace and bounty of the True One—glorified be His glory—mayest thou be favored with that which abideth and endureth throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He it is Who seeth, and He it is Who knoweth.

He witnesseth and He beholdeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Not one atom of deeds performed in His path—exalted be He—hath been or shall be lost. By the life of God! He shall behold the recompense thereof in all the worlds and shall be favored therewith. Strive ye that ye may deposit the treasures of pure deeds with the faithful Guardian. This treasure hath been and is protected from the treacherous and the thieves. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been favored with the remembrance of the Wronged One, and there hath flowed from His Pen, in thy name, the choice wine of utterance—He Who is the Mighty, the Wondrous. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and upright one.

And this is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Mulla Ja'far, upon him be the Glory of God—His Word, glorified and exalted be He:

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O youth! The Lord of Names remembers thee from this horizon and calls thee to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He heareth the call of him who hath turned unto Him and answereth him through His grace. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of the unseen. Every elder who in this divine springtime hath inhaled the fragrance from the rose-garden of inner meanings is recorded and inscribed before God as one of the youths of Paradise. The station of this Day is evident from what hath been mentioned. Blessed is the soul that hath found His fragrance and recognized His station. Such a one is accounted among the people of vision in the Most Sublime Vision. Blessed is he who hath heard and beheld the signs of his Lord, the Most Great, and woe unto him who hath gone astray and erred. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Faydu'llah, upon him be the glory of God. He—blessed and exalted be He—saith:

In My Name, the Protector over all names!

The glance of Our favor hath ever been directed towards thee and the gates of utterance have been opened before thy face. Thou hast attained unto that which the leaders of the earth, its great ones and learned men have been deprived of. Exalted is thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and exalted is thy Master, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Strive ye today to kindle the lamp of unity in the assemblage of the world and preserve it from diverse winds through the name of the Lord of Oneness. In this way, the light of justice shall dawn and all shall be observed as free and unfettered. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in serving His Cause and to send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Ustad Musa, upon him be the glory of God, and his brother. He, exalted be He, saith:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

The Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, remembereth thee—He upon Whom hath befallen that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament. How many nights wherein sleep fled from eyes because of what the hands of the people of idle fancy had wrought—they who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the ways of the corrupt ones. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One and this Perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Lord of the nations, for having remembered me while Thou art independent of me and of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all things and by the lights of Thy countenance to strengthen me to be steadfast in this Great Announcement.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Mashhadi Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, and his brother. He—exalted be His grandeur and His bounty—saith:

He is the Protector over what was and what shall be

O Taqi! Samandari, who hath quaffed the choice wine of My love and soared in My atmosphere, hath made mention of thee. We make mention of thee from My Most Exalted Pen, through whose movement the mystics have sought the station of sacrifice. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. The Intended One calleth them that seek Him, and He Who is Remembered remembereth him who hath remembered Him and hath attained unto His mighty Cause. O concourse of men! The Lord of Destiny hath come and commandeth you to that which draweth you nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto My call and arise to make good what hath escaped you in this wondrous Day.

By the life of God! Nothing of all things shall profit you this day, nor shall the treasures of earth and heaven avail you save through this Name, before which, when it was manifested, the Kingdom of names

bowed down, by the command of One mighty and powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and varied them as We wished, and I am verily the Gracious Revealer. The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon all who have turned unto God and have testified to that whereunto testified the creation before them, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Peerless.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Javad, upon him be the glory of God. He, exalted and mighty be He, saith:

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

O Javad! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which shall cause thy name to endure amongst the worlds. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people have turned away, following every heedless doubter. Blessed is he who hath held fast to God's covenant and His testament, and woe unto every misbeliever and infidel. We have manifested the pearls of the ocean of utterance before the faces of the servants. Among them are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who recognized and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!" We counsel thee to justice in all circumstances and to trustworthiness, which God hath made among the most excellent of deeds. They who have attained today unto the recognition of God are assuredly among the people of Paradise in the Books and Tablets. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of utterance that thou mayest rejoice and thank thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Blessed is he who possesseth a heart, a mind, and vision to reflect upon the oceans of God's bounty. Specifically for each of the mentioned names, the ocean of grace is surging and from the Lote-Tree of utterance and knowledge He hath planted that which is the cause of wealth and independence of all in the world. God willing, may eyes attain unto recognition. Greetings and salutations are conveyed to all. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through His revealed verses He may kindle the fire of unity among the loved ones in such wise that all may be seen as letters of one word and be accounted as leaves of one tree. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Answerer.

A new and glorious tiding is this, that the prayer of that beloved one—wherein was mentioned the renewal of the Covenant, the renewal of the Testament, the renewal of remembrance, the renewal of praise, the renewal of thanksgiving, the renewal of glorification, the renewal of turning unto God, and the renewal of forgiveness—attained the most holy, most exalted Presence and the supreme heights, reaching the hearing of the Lord of Names. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "O Samandar! What thou didst submit before hath been heard and hath been granted acceptance. The matters mentioned in thy petition have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father and mother and brother, and the leaf thy wife, and the other leaf, and their children, and My leaves, and those who love you purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then blessed art thou for having renewed thy covenant and thy testament, and for having expressed thy thanksgiving and praise, and for having revealed what was in thy heart during the nine days, for the sake of God, the Single, the

One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily thy sins, both past and future, are forgiven, and We shall aid thee through Our grace, for We are the Bountiful, the Generous."

God willing, protect the people of that land from the smoke of doubts and vain imaginings through the Name of the Beloved of all creation. Beseech the True One to reveal the condition of the world as it truly is, that all may shun that which perisheth and cleave unto that which endureth. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Trustworthy.

End. Praise be to God that that beloved one hath attained unto what he submitted, and this servant wisheth, on behalf of that beloved one, to render thanks and praise to the Beloved of the worlds with a hundred thousand tongues and utterances. However, if it be accepted in the presence of the might of the True One, exalted be His glory, He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Strong, the Powerful.

Convey this ephemeral one's expression of sincere devotion to His Honour, the beloved of the heart, the noble Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, may he ever remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of creation and be engaged in service, that all atoms may testify to his presence. They are ever before the face of God. And convey greetings and glorification to His Honour, the beloved of the soul, Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. God willing, may he at all times drink from the immortal Kawthar and be engaged in the remembrance of the True One. Likewise to the noble ladies who dwell in that house, and the noble lady ʿIzziyyih Khanum, upon them and upon her be the Glory of God—I convey glorification to all.

God willing, through the grace and favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, may they be confirmed and assisted in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The people of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur convey glorification to all. The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of our Lord be upon you all and upon those with you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in this mighty and glorious Day.

The servant 27 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1300

The petition of ʿIzziyyih Khanum, upon her be the Glory of God, arrived when there was no opportunity to present it. Therefore, God willing, it shall be presented and afterwards a reply will be sent according to what God willeth. Likewise the petition of Shaykh Baqir.

BH00806: Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above mention…

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

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above mention and utterance, and exalted beyond description and explanation—the Goal of all worlds—Who hath caused the pearls of the ocean of knowledge to appear and presented them to the people of possibility. Those possessed of penetrating vision who attained the Kawthar of awareness recognized and sought them with their whole being. But diseased and afflicted eyes remained veiled and deprived, neither attaining His recognition nor seeking to grasp it. Few indeed are the buyers of this merchandise, for it is sanctified and exalted above the foods, garments, precious

objects and varied ornaments of this world. Praise be to God that through His Word, souls have emerged from nothingness into the realm of existence who both recognized and earnestly sought Him.

These are the possessors of insight and vision, and these are the servants whose lofty stations and exalted ranks all divine Books, both past and future, have testified to. The earth is made fertile by their presence, the heaven illumined by their light, and the sun rises in their name. These are the Hands of the Cause among mankind, and these are the souls who, having abandoned their own will and desire, have held fast to the Will and Purpose of God. They harbor no thoughts of self, and stand firm in service and in offering praise and glorification to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Theirs is the glory and majesty, theirs the loftiness and beauty in all the worlds of our Lord, the Bountiful….

Beseech thou the True One to manifest, through His perfect power, souls who are worthy of His days and capable of serving Him, whom worldly concerns shall not debar from even a single purpose—that purpose being to act solely for God's sake. The world needs one who will remind, and requires an educator, for most of humanity is observed to be immature. Souls who are well-pleased and pleasing must arise to educate, first offering milk whose taste has not changed, then wholesome and delicate nourishment, until they attain the station where they may "eat what they desire." Thus must one first mention such words as will cause and promote acceptance—that is, concerning the stages of wayfaring and turning toward God, and whatsoever induces eagerness and kindles the fire of divine love, that one may attain the station wherein he hearkens to the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and acknowledges without doubt or hesitation that which has flowed from the Supreme Pen….

It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will raise up souls who are worthy to promulgate His verses. The teacher must perform all his deeds for God's sake, turn toward Him, fix his gaze upon Him, return unto Him, speak by His leave, be adorned with His attributes, and act according to His laws. The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly set forth the conditions for teachers—that which causeth the penetration and exaltation of God's Word amongst His creation. In one instance, this exalted Word shone forth from the tongue of the Lord of Names—exalted be His glory: "It behooveth him who desireth to journey for the sake of God, to deliver His Word and quicken the dead, to cleanse himself with the water of detachment and adorn his temple with the ornament of resignation and contentment. Let his armor be reliance upon God, his provision trust in Him, his garment the fear of God, his helper patience, his succorer virtuous character, and his hosts righteous deeds. Then will the Concourse on High sustain him, and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names will move with him…

Regarding the ranks of the refinement of souls and detachment and what behooves the Cause and what befits man, there has been sent down from the kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance that which, had the friends of God acted upon it, all would have turned to the Law of God. They have likened man's life in this world to a bird that alights upon the wall of a palace, warbleth a melody, and taketh flight. Despite this evident insignificance and swift evanescence, the world hath held mankind back from the Truth, and its affairs have so veiled the people that they have clung to hellfire and passed by the Kingdom of Divine mercy. By God! By God! Were they to truly inhale the fragrance of but a single utterance and comprehend it, a hundred thousand worlds and their tribulations would not grieve them nor veil them from the Truth. Its joy is like unto the joy that children derive from puppet shows….

We beseech God—exalted be His glory—to raise up, through His Most Exalted Word, such souls as will not be preoccupied with outward conditions nor held back from the straight path. All commandments and matters that are conducive to the exaltation of the Cause, the elevation of being, the refinement of souls, and the education of humanity have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and have been proclaimed before the faces of the world. That which is the cause of elevation hath been exalted. Neither the oppressors nor the Pharaohs have been able to prevent it. By oppressors and Pharaohs is meant, in all instances, those divines who have become the cause of people's veiling and who have pronounced judgment against God, exalted be His glory. Yet they remain heedless of where their affairs shall ultimately lead them.

Ere long, position and glory shall be found for a dog, while for such souls there shall never be any.

Were man to gaze with the eye of truth upon the revealed Tablets and ponder thereon, he would comprehend all future events.

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BH01174: Praise be to the Most Holy and Supreme Sanctuary…

Praise be to the Most Holy and Supreme Sanctuary of the Beloved who favored the Afnan of His Tree with this great bounty and supreme honor. God willing, in all conditions, days, centuries, ages, and worlds they shall hold fast unto the Tree and move with the winds of His will. Blessed are they! Happy be they! This servant confesses his powerlessness and shortcoming to mention this station, and beseeches his Lord to grant them success, draw them nigh, and assist them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He doeth whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp is the Kingdom of Creation. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention and unto your steadfastness.

A detailed petition was submitted by this servant to your presence several months ago (15 Safar) along with numerous exalted and glorious Tablets specifically for you and for her eminence your mother—upon her be all the Glory of God—and three other Tablets, as well as a Tablet of Visitation specifically for the Most Exalted Leaf—upon her be all the Glory of God and His most exalted Splendor. Every letter thereof testifies to God's favor and grace towards His Most Exalted Leaf. No acknowledgment of receipt has reached this servant, which is most strange. I beseech you to provide details. For this reason, this servant has submitted this most brief petition.

The letter from the honored and beloved Aqa Mirza Ashraf—upon him be the glory of God and His favor—arrived last week, and likewise this time what you sent, the blessed handwriting which was presented before His presence. These exalted words descended from the heaven of grace, His word, exalted and mighty be He:

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

Whatever the friends of God submit to you verbally or in writing should be presented to the Most Holy Court. Rest assured that all will receive a response. He is the Answerer before, during and after the

question. O My Afnan! Be steadfast in service to the Cause and speak in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Night and day the Supreme Pen, despite the hardships endured in prison from the beginning of arrival until now, has not ceased from movement nor halted in utterance, save for limited occasions as a wisdom from Us. Be as thy Lord has been. Verily thy Lord knoweth and judgeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. One must with complete might and power hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and bestow new life upon the dead of the earth through the commanding Word. The power of speech and utterance was created for the mention of this station. Hold fast unto it and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto hearing the Word of God, the Lord of the worlds.

His honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, previously sent a letter to this servant and wrote that they had sent a petition from Abadeh which his honor Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was to forward to the Most Holy Court. Due to lack of time they gave it to this servant to forward to the Most Holy Court, and they themselves would later provide details. After these matters were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and mention was made of his honor Khan and the petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, several firm and blessed verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will especially for them. God willing, may they be refreshed and revived by the fragrances of the verses of the True One, glorified be His majesty, and from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and may they bestow that which they have attained. Likewise, the promise of bounty was given in response to the petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous Giver.

Those aforementioned blessed verses have been recorded in the letter which this servant wrote to his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. Your honor and the honored Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, should peruse the letter and then forward it to his honor Nazir wherever he may be. His honor Nazir sent a petition from someone (named Ali Effendi) and likewise made mention through someone (Haji Muhammad Ali). A response to both was graciously given—God willing it will reach them and they will attain.

The true submission of this servant is that I present greetings, nothingness, humility and submissiveness to his honor the illustrious Khalil, the promoter of the Cause of God, and likewise to their honors the Afnans, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained the special heavenly table. This is the essence, and whatever else is said is secondary. The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Lord and our Beloved be upon you and upon those who hear your words and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant. On 27 Rabi'al-Thani 1300.

The petitions that were received this time with your honor's signature—however there was no opportunity to present the petitions. God willing, after they are presented and gain the honor of being heard, whatever shines forth from the horizon of grace will be sent. The command is in His hand—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH01923: In the Name of Him Who shineth…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of proof! The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to His manifestation and His establishment upon the throne, and His dawning from the horizon of the world, yet the peoples remain veiled. The eye of creation hath never witnessed His like—to this testifieth He Who walketh and speaketh that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: O heedless ones! By God, He Who was recorded in the Books of God hath appeared, He Whom His chosen ones, His trusted ones and His messengers heralded—to this testifieth He Who hath spoken that which the Scriptures and Tablets encompassed. O peoples of the earth! I desire naught from you. I summon you for the sake of God, the Lord of Names, unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Fear ye God and be not of those who went astray and led others astray. This is a Day wherein all things cry out: blessed be the ear that heareth, and woe unto him who followeth every doubting ignorant one. O peoples of the earth! Fear God, then turn unto the horizon of certitude and follow not those who disbelieved and denied by following the manifestations of idle fancies.

O ʿAli-Akbar! He Who was wronged remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, by reason of that which caused the fragrance of the All-Merciful to waft throughout creation and the river of life to flow among the people of divine knowledge. Exalted is He Who hath appeared with the truth and manifested through His power whatsoever He desired. We have heard mention of thee and witnessed thy turning and orientation toward the Dayspring of Revelation on a day wherein hatred appeared from all directions. We verily delivered thee through the truth and saved thee from the depths of idle fancies and taught thee that which most lands were veiled from, and We heard thy lamentation and cry in the love of God, the Lord of the Final End.

O ʿAli! He hath appeared that all who are in earth and heaven might attain His presence, yet the oppressors have interposed between Us and them—they are indeed among the wayward. Blessed is the land which His feet have trodden, and the habitation wherein the fragrance of His raiment hath been diffused, and the city wherein His call hath been raised at morn and eventide. We called them unto life while they called Us unto death. What aileth these people that they comprehend neither utterance nor Book? The first to deny God and His party were the divines of the age who broke God’s Covenant and His Testament and disbelieved in Him when He came to them with the standards of light and the banners of verses.

Days passed and We withheld the Pen from thy mention, in wisdom from Us. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He pleaseth. He is indeed the Powerful, the Unconstrained. When the appointed time came We released it by Our command and revealed for thee that which delighted the eye of the world and drew the righteous nigh. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the Most Great Handle when the Lord of all came, and woe unto every denying infidel.

Remember thou on behalf of the Wronged One God’s friends and loved ones, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness and the lights of My countenance whereby the horizons were illumined. Say: O My loved ones! This is a Day wherein from the waves of this Ocean is heard that which the ear of Moses heard on the Mount of Knowledge and the Beloved on the Night of Ascension. Say:

Seize ye the opportunity in the days of God and hold fast to that whereby your mention shall endure throughout ages and centuries. Thus did the ocean of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness surge, as a grace from Him unto thee. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the beginning and the end! The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of My prison be upon thee and upon those who attained unto the Choice Wine when its seal was broken by the finger of might and power.

BH07542: At first dawn We arose and turned Our face…

In the name of the One True God!

At first dawn We arose and turned Our face toward a garden which was known by the name of the True One. When We entered therein, We found all things rejoicing in the Kawthar of attainment unto His presence. From each of the trees and flowers and leaves and fruits We heard the cry "The Kingdom is God's!"

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon! The intoxication of the divine utterance hath so seized the things of that garden that every atom of its dust is engaged in wondrous and sublime songs in praise of God, exalted be His glory. This is the Day for which all those who were nigh unto God and were sincere sought His presence, exalted be His glory, and the divine Books bear witness unto this truth. Blessed are they who have attained unto the hearing of the call and who have been honored to behold the horizon. The eye was created for this Day and the ear for these times, inasmuch as the call of the Beloved of the worlds is raised aloft and the horizon of Beauty is illumined with the light of His countenance. The traveler mentioned thee, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, with which the entire world cannot compare even with a single letter thereof, hath been revealed that thou mayest rejoice thereat and speak forth the praise of God, exalted be His glory. The command is in His hand, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. If thou shouldst find a friend, convey to him greetings from the Wronged One and say:

> "Beware, beware lest thou deprive thyself in the days of God. Leave the world through the Most Great Name. Verily, He will protect thee and guide thee unto the path of God, the Mighty, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing."

BH05220: In the Name of the one true God! O…

In the Name of the one true God! O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The Wronged One of the world has turned towards thee from this Most Great Prison and desires to make good what has been lost. Although there was consummate wisdom in the delay of this remembrance.

Say: O friends! Ye too must arise to make good what has been lost and exert your utmost endeavor. Ere long will the scroll of life be rolled up and return to nothingness. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto the word of contentment and ordain for them an enduring remembrance and an eternal word. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

At all times they must strive with the utmost diligence to achieve unity and concord, that all regions may be illumined with the effulgent rays of the sun of unity and all may be seen as a single soul. The Supreme Pen hath, both aforetime and in this age, voiced this most exalted word:

> "Power and might are in unity, and glory and majesty are in concord."

We have counseled all, in the past, with that which will exalt the Cause and manifest the station of man. Blessed is he who hath hearkened, and woe betide the heedless. If they move according to the divine will and act upon that which hath been sent down in the Book, ere long will the world and its peoples turn towards the Dayspring of Revelation and quaff the choice sealed wine.

Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens and maidservants who have recognized Me, uttered My praise, and held fast unto My Strong Cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05572: O my handmaid! Hearken thou unto My call…

He is the All-Seeing from the horizon of eternity

O my handmaid! Hearken thou unto My call from the precincts of My prison on this Day wherein the handmaidens of the earth and its men have turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Verily, We desired their glory, yet they desired Our abasement, as doth testify he in whose possession is a perspicuous Book.

When God adorned the Ridvan and made it the seat of the Throne, clamorous voices were raised from every direction, and each faction arose to extinguish the resplendent and shining Light of God. The leaders of these factions were the divines of various religions who rose against Us with such tyranny as caused the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and those who circle round the exalted Seat to lament. They perpetrated that which none among the servants had ever perpetrated—to this beareth witness the Lord of creation, even as He testified aforetime, though most men remain enwrapped in a thick veil.

They have cast behind them the Dayspring of Revelation and have clung to the cord of every ignorant and remote one. O concourse of the earth! Open your eyes! By God, the Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with such sovereignty as none in the heavens or on earth can withstand. Abandon the books of idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Book of God hath been sent down; verily it guideth you unto His straight Path. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06295: Your letter was received and the fragrance of love…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Your letter was received and the fragrance of love was diffused and spread from it. May you be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation and occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The Sun of Truth is shining, yet vision is rare. The call of God is raised, yet hearing is lacking. God willing,

the Hand of Divine Bounty will bestow the power of hearing and will not deny this Most Great Bounty to those on earth. He is the Bestower, the Mighty. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast illumined all created things with the light of Thy Cause and hast subdued all existing things through the manifestation of Thy Name! I beseech Thee by the Source of Verses through which appeared the Kingdom of Thy utterance and the signs of Thy power, might and sovereignty, to aid me to arise to mention Thee and serve Thy Cause in such wise that the imaginings of the learned and the doubts of those who have denied Thy right, broken Thy Covenant, and disputed Thy verses shall not hinder me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06889: In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

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O My Leaf! O My handmaiden! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precinct and maketh mention of thee in recognition of thy turning and orientation toward God, the Lord of all worlds. How many a learned one hath been deprived of recognition, and how many a heedless one hath heard and answered his Lord, the Perspicuous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Hearing, the Answering. We made mention of thee before, and make mention of thee at this time, as a token of grace from One Who is mighty and ancient. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Creator of heaven.

Preserve thy station through the name of thy Lord, the Preserver, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We make mention of My handmaiden who emigrated in the path of God and traversed land and sea until she attained My presence in My prison. We give her the glad-tidings of My grace and My bountiful reward. And We make mention of him who was with her and turned toward the spot wherefrom was raised the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory rest upon thee and upon them both, and upon thy sister, and upon whosoever hath turned toward God on this wondrous Day.

BH07437: In My Name, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

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O Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! Reflect upon the ocean of bounty of the Beloved of the worlds. In the Most Great Prison, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him, He maketh mention of thee with such remembrance that all the world cannot equal even one letter thereof. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Generous. All the treasures of earth and whatsoever is with the kings cannot and will never equal the blessed word “O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory!” wherewith thou hast been favored.

Verily He giveth thanks unto Himself before His servants and handmaidens. And verily He cannot be described by any description save His own, nor can He be mentioned by any mention save His own. For

were all the world to arise in thanksgiving unto God until the end that hath no end, it would be as naught compared to one word of His words and one favor of His favors. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee from the precincts of His mighty Prison, and sendeth unto thee that which shall never perish through the eternity of My Name, the Ancient, the Everlasting.

BH07434: He remembereth and is remembered

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O My Leaf! The Great Announcement makes mention of thee and asks thee whether thou hast recognized that which We revealed in the Qur'an concerning this Wise Remembrance. The Supreme Pen testifies that thou hast turned to the Great Announcement and art oriented toward the Most Exalted Horizon, which is the station of the dawning of that Most Great Luminary. Today the Sun of Truth is His dawning—that Announcement wherewith all the Prophets gave glad tidings to the servants, and wherewith the divine Books, Scrolls and Psalms were adorned and embellished. The land of Syria hath been perfumed by His advent, and Sinai hath attained to His appearance, while the people remain in a mighty veil. Ere long the station of those servants and handmaidens who have turned unto Him shall become manifest to all who dwell on earth. Verily, the heedless on that Day shall be in grievous sorrow. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Informed. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation be upon thee and upon every servant who hath attained, and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto this Manifest Cause.

BH09067: This is the day wherein the All-Merciful betook Himself…

In the Name of the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

This is the day wherein the All-Merciful betook Himself unto the garden. And when He entered therein, the pomegranate proclaimed:

> "The Lord, the Sovereign King, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath come!"

Blessed is he who hath attained His presence when He seated Himself upon the throne through His Name whereby He hath subdued all that are in the worlds. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things.

The fragrance of loving-kindness hath been wafted, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branch of the Divine Lote-Tree that which the Tongue of Oneness spoke ere the creation of earth and heaven:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Loving."

Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him—it shall be a light unto thee in thy Lord's worlds, the Lord of all existence. We have made mention of all who have turned unto the Countenance, and We make mention of those whom the verses have attracted unto this exalted Station.

BH09657: O Shirin! Reflect upon the grace and bounty…

In the name of the one God!

O Shirin! Reflect upon the grace and bounty of God, glorified be His majesty. He who was considered by people to be among the greatest scholars of the age descended to the lowest depths, while you ascended to the highest heights. He was veiled from the Day of God, while you attained unto it. He was deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge, while you were nourished by it. Thus did We make the highest lowest, that what was spoken before might be fulfilled:

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

The learned one is he who guides people to My path and teaches them My straight way. Glory be upon My handmaiden and upon you and upon the handmaidens of God, before and after.

BH09596: This is a Day wherein all things…

He is the One Who rules over whatsoever He willeth.

This is a Day wherein all things in the garden have been stirred to motion, for the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted over it with spirit and fragrance. The Kawthar of reunion hath so inebriated it that every thing among all things hath been moved to speak. By God! The highest horizon hath been illumined, and the Lord of all beings hath come with a light that hath enlightened all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the hearer who hath hearkened to My call, and the one who hath turned towards My court with My leave, and the one who hath arisen to serve My Cause, and My loved ones who have forsaken their homes for the sake of God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while stationed in this glorious and wondrous station.

BH09252: We entered the garden while the water was flowing…

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches.

We entered the garden while the water was flowing and the willow was swaying and the roses were diffusing their fragrance and the trees were speaking:

> "He hath come, the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations for the manifestation of His mighty Cause and filled the realms of names. He hath come, the Creator of heaven, with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world, nor the weapons of the nations, nor the oppression of any cruel oppressor can stand. Verily those who have attained on this day are among the people of the highest Paradise—to this doth testify He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. Glory be upon the people of glory who have held fast to the Book of God when it was sent down in truth from His holy, mighty and inaccessible dominion."

BH10268: Glory be to Him Who hath sent down…

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

Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He ordaineth as He pleaseth, even as He ordained aforetime, and hath counselled all with that whereby His binding and all-wise Command may be upraised. We entered the garden, whereupon the shadow prostrated itself before the Lord of all worlds, and We heard from the murmuring of the water that which My Messengers had testified to aforetime when We revealed Ourselves unto them through this Great Name. And the flowers bowed down before the Revealer of mysteries, and the leaves spoke forth My beauteous praise. Thus have We mentioned what We witnessed, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Merciful.

BH10491: I am seeing through the horizon of knowledge: O…

I am seeing through the horizon of knowledge: O people of the earth! We desired the garden, and when We established Ourselves therein upon the throne, We heard it cry out and say:

> "O thrones of the world, rejoice ye, for the Beauty of the Ancient One hath been established upon me. Then give thanks unto my Lord, the Great, for this wondrous favor. This is a day wherein grace hath encompassed all religions, and the Divine Lott Tree hath called out from the Most Exalted Horizon: 'Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing.' Whoso hath turned and beheld, he hath attained unto this grace, and whoso hath turned away, he is accounted among the ungodly in My perspicuous Book."

BH10669: This is a day whereon the garden was honored…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the world

This is a day whereon the garden was honored by the advent of its Lord, the All-Merciful. And when He descended therein, He revealed verses in such wise that the realities of all things were drawn unto them, and the sincere ones bowed down before Him. All the trees were stirred with rapture, and from their rustling was heard that which the ear of Moses had heard aforetime. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled, but most of the people perceive it not. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and found its fragrance, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!

BH11311: Whosoever detacheth himself from that which he possesseth…

…Whosoever detacheth himself from that which he possesseth and turneth his gaze toward that which is with God—that is, who becometh not the plaything of his own idle fancies but holdeth fast to the will of Him Who doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth—he is accounted among the martyrs, even though he walketh the earth and eateth….

BH00014: Praise be to God, a praise whereby the clouds…

Section 1: "Praise be to God, a praise whereby…"

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

Praise be to God, a praise whereby the clouds pour forth their bounty and the near ones inhale the fragrance of the garment of our Lord, the All-Bestowing; a praise whereby the lovers seek the presence of God, the Lord of the Covenant; a praise whereby the sincere ones hasten to the station of unveiling and meeting, and the believers to the supreme heights; a praise whereby rivers flow and trees yield fruit. I testify that there is none other God but Him, alone with no partner. Glory and splendor, remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones and chosen ones, whom no blame of the blamer held back from God, no oppressor's might deterred, and no ignorant one's clamor frightened. These are honored servants, no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.

To continue: the letters of that beloved one are in truth like successive rains pouring from the clouds of love. This servant thanks Him Who strengthened you, assisted you, and caused you to know Him, and beseeches Him to exalt you in His kingdom and honor you among His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

One letter from that beloved one, dated the 12th of the month of Safar, adorned the heart with the fragrances of joy and illumined the eye with the lights of love. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of all the worlds, for He has granted success and His aid reaches us every moment; otherwise, existence would return to nothingness. After its observation, consideration and reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Station and Most Supreme Dwelling. After permission was granted, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names. This is what was revealed in response, His word, exalted be His majesty and universal be His bounty:

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Utterance

O Amin! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who enabled thee to turn unto Him, to mention and extol Him, and to serve His Cause. Verily, He made thee know His path, guided thee to His way, enabled thee to serve His Cause, and raised thee to a station wherein the Supreme Pen makes mention of thee from the Most Glorious Horizon—the station which all beings acknowledge their inability to describe. Rejoice thou in this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

O Amin! In most of the Tablets to the loved ones, mention of thee hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who guided thee, showed thee, caused thee to hear, directed thee, and praise be to Him Who strengthened thee and enabled thee to recognize Him Whom most of the servants have been prevented from recognizing. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in this exalted station. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, and make mention of them on behalf of this Wronged One, that they may be set ablaze with the fire of remembrance and may

occupy themselves with the promotion of God's Cause through wisdom and utterance. The people are deeply heedless. This Wronged One at all times summoneth them with the most exalted utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful, yet all are deprived of hearing and sight, save whom God willeth. Veils have prevented eyes from beholding, and the cotton of idle fancies hath stopped ears from hearing. God have mercy! Of justice and fairness naught remaineth save the name—the name existeth but the reality is lost. The Cause is in God's hands, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O Amin! The ocean of utterance hath encompassed all possibilities, and the Call of God hath been raised from the most exalted horizon of the world. Nevertheless, none hath become aware save a few. Yet this hath caused, and causeth, no harm. Ere long shall appear that which hath flowed from the Pen of God in His Tablets.

The rain of the mercy of our Lord hath poured upon you and upon us, and the Sun of His bounty hath shone before our faces. Who is able to make mention of Him as He deserveth to be mentioned, or describe Him as He deserveth to be described, or praise Him as He deserveth to be praised? I turn unto Him in repentance and seek His forgiveness for whatsoever hath passed through my mind, been uttered by my tongue, or written by my pen.

The mention of that Well-Beloved hath ever been manifest through the dawning signs of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. A hundred thousand praises and thanks that in these days the fruit of that Most Exalted Word which He spoke at the time when news arrived of the imprisonment of the Most Great Name and those who were with Him—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God—hath become manifest and apparent. His blessed and exalted Word was:

> "They seek victory over Us through the hosts and cannons, while We seek victory over them through the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful."

The horizons of the human world are today adorned and blessed with a new attire. The prayers of the sincere ones, the devoted ones, the hopeful ones, the supplicants, and the seekers have been answered. All had sought deliverance for the prisoners and captives, especially for His Name (Ism'u'llah), upon him be all the most glorious glory, and those who were with him—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God that that which is the cause of joy and gladness hath appeared.

O beloved of my heart! The people are heedless. Were they to reflect for but a moment, they would witness the transience of the enemies and likewise the manifestations of God's might and power. Despite imprisonment, captivity, and a hundred thousand evident afflictions, He seized the mischief-makers of the land of Sad with the grip of the Mighty, the Powerful, yet none became mindful. Likewise did He deal with the hard-hearted ones of the land of Ta, from the liar known as Sadiq, then the one who intended the most great calamity for the people of Baha. Now both dwell in hell, yet the people have not awakened even to the extent of a needle's point. Were this servant to mention such matters, he would need to compose a book. One marvels at the intoxication and heedlessness of the people. What has become of their consciousness? Where has their understanding gone? Wonder upon wonder!

Indeed, regarding the incident in the land of Ta, one must be thankful. The divines who consider themselves leaders and count themselves as guides and chiefs are at every moment inflamed with the

fire of enmity. Each day its flame groweth higher, its blaze more evident, and its harm more intense. A thousand times have they attacked the people of Baha, yet their rancor hath not subsided even to the extent of an atom, nor their hatred abated. If one of those malicious souls had found manifest power or become a prince, what would he not have done? Now consider the leaders of the people and His Majesty the Sultan: although they had no satisfaction with this community, and the enemies, seeking to demonstrate their service, were constantly engaged in fabrications day and night, nevertheless His Majesty the Sultan, of his own pure inclination and without any intermediary, granted freedom to the prisoners and bestowed deliverance from captivity.

Although the sincere ones would not exchange a single moment of imprisonment and tribulations in the path of God for the whole world—I swear by the Lord of both worlds that every moment of imprisonment for the sake of God is a bounty for which there hath been and can be no likeness or equal. In all circumstances must man observe justice and speak with fairness. This evanescent servant beseecheth God—exalted be His glory—to aid and assist His Majesty the King at every moment, for verily He is powerful over all things.

As to what was written concerning the Tablets of the sons of him who brayed in the land of Kaf and Ra, this was presented before the Most Great Countenance in the presence of the Lord of Destiny. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted and mighty be His words: From before and after it was decreed that whenever any soul sought wondrous and exalted Tablets, they would be sent down from the heaven of divine grace, that perchance the heedless might become aware and the slumbering be awakened. We previously entrusted their disposition to the Hands of the Cause in every locality, permitting them to act according to wisdom and expediency, that the principle of consultation might be firmly established in the world.

They said: "Well done!"—meaning the Afnan and that loved one. The Tablet which was specifically requested for the friends of Bahram was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these resplendent verses shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

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

O people of Bahram! The Lord of all beings remembereth you from His Most Great Prison and summoneth you unto Him. Verily He is the Overseer of whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath come with the Kingdom of verses and the standards of clear proofs, yet most of the people are heedless. The Call hath been raised, and all things have been attracted by it, yet most of the people are fast asleep. This is the Day wherein every seeker hath sought the Purpose of earth and heaven, and every fair-minded one the Most Exalted Horizon, and every sincere one the direction of his Most Glorious Beloved.

Blessed be this Day and blessed be he who hath recognized it and who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel you to remain steadfast in this Cause in such wise that the braying of those who have denied God and turned away from His straight path shall not deter you. We counsel you to remember and praise God and to turn unto Him with illumined hearts and with that which

will exalt His firm and mighty Cause. Verily the Trusted One, upon him be My glory, mentioned you, wherefore We make mention of you in truth. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O friends! We have forewarned the people of the divine cities, both past and present, of the barking of the dogs, the denial of the deniers, and the plots of the transgressors. Now in some cities, that which the Most Exalted Pen foretold has become manifest and evident, and with a hundred thousand tricks and plots they are occupied with leading souls astray.

Those souls who are illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Truth and have drunk from the Kawthar of inner meanings and the Salsabil of utterance have attained such steadfastness that all the peoples of the world are and were powerless to prevent them. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of grace and held fast to the hem of divine bounty.

For twelve hundred years the divines of those regions and the ecclesiastics of those parts summoned the people to the Promised Qa'im, and with utmost longing beseeched the Lord of all creation for His presence. Yet after all their striving, seeking, yearning and waiting, they denied His appearance and with complete tyranny cut down that blessed Tree, which is neither of the East nor of the West. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers!

Now too, these same souls have girded up the loins of wickedness to lead the people astray. O party of God! Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance—an arising that will neither be moved nor slip by the winds of discord. Know ye the value of these days and occupy yourselves with that which is befitting. This Day hath no peer or likeness; in the divine Books it is known as the Day of God. The Throne of the Lord, exalted be His glory, hath been established upon the white spot.

With illumined hearts and radiant faces, be ye occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings, and be free and detached from the world and all that is therein. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive you from the ocean of His Revelation and the sun of His grace, and to confirm all to that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant new sight to the eyes and fresh hearing to the ears, that they may hear His verses with new ears and behold His evidences with new eyes. Today the enemies of truth, namely those who count themselves among the people of the Bayan and are the cause of leading the servants astray, appear in every garment and form—some with turbans, staffs and cloaks, and in the guise of piety and devotion, some with utmost love and affection, and others with different means, have set out to entrap God's helpless servants.

All the divines of Persia, save a few, despite their piety, devotions, sermons and asceticism, pronounced the death sentence upon the Lord of the world—may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of Revelation and creation be sacrificed for Him. The field of Adhirbayjan beareth witness, and beyond that every possessor of sight and hearing, and beyond all, God, exalted be His glory. By the decree of these tyrannical souls, they suspended and martyred that Divine Countenance. Now too, some of the same kind have appeared with devilish whispers and satanic deceptions. May God slay them and protect us and you from the evil of these people.

A Tablet hath also been specifically revealed for the handmaidens of that land and region. His word, exalted be His grandeur and glory, is:

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

O handmaidens of God in the land of Ba and Ha and its surrounding regions! Ponder the waves of God's ocean of grace. He dwells in prison, yet calls you, for the sake of God, to the highest horizon and guides you to the straight path. He has come from the world of the unseen to the visible realm that He might cause all to attain the outpourings of the True Bestower of abundance. Hold fast to the mighty cord of God and turn your faces to His horizon of manifestation. Today, whosoever has attained the recognition of the Beloved has attained all good. Pass ye beyond the plane of this world and enter with utmost joy and delight into the court of the Lord.

Every soul who today gazes toward the highest horizon and is engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of Names is accounted before God as one of those admitted to His presence. All that is witnessed shall soon pass away. Strive ye that ye may achieve deeds from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. Give thanks to the One desired by all the world, Who has enabled you to recognize a Cause from which the world is veiled. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Him.

Section 2: "Praise be to God! The light…"

Praise be to God! The light of the Sun of divine bounty has encompassed His handmaidens. The whole world yearns to hear the words "O My servant," while the handmaidens of God have attained unto the blessed words "O My handmaiden." This is a great and mighty bounty. Blessed is the one who has recognized and known, and woe unto the heedless!

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Ustad Ahmad (K.F.), upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence of the Lord of all beings. This is what was revealed in response, His Word, exalted be His majesty and all-embracing be His bounty:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ahmad! The Desired One of the world makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the face that has turned unto Him, the heart that has turned toward His court, the eye that has beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and the tongue that has proclaimed before all faces that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have renewed the world through the breaths of revelation and have manifested the springtime of inner meanings, yet most of the people understand not. The ocean of utterance has surged, and the All-Merciful is seated upon the throne of evidence, yet the people recognize not.

They have forsaken their God and taken their vain desires for gods. Verily, they know not. Blessed is he who has shattered the idols of idle fancies and believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Ahmad! A letter has come from the Trustworthy One wherein mention was made of thee and those who have believed in that land. We have remembered you from this praiseworthy station. Know thou this

most exalted station. By the life of God! All that is seen and witnessed cannot equal My remembrance. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is the Sealed Wine.

O Siyyid before Hashim! Hearken unto the call of God which hath been raised once in Ta, again in Zawra, at another time in the Land of Mystery, and in this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by God, the Lord of all beings. To this testifieth He Who hath testified that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then speak forth the praise of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid before Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Verily We have made mention of them that have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and We mention them as a mercy from Us, that their remembrance may endure through the continuance of God's most excellent names and His most exalted attributes. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God hath made His mention a treasure for His loved ones who have turned unto Him with faces luminous and who have acted in accordance with what was commanded in His perspicuous Book. O friends of the All-Merciful! We counsel you to preserve your treasures.

Thus doth He admonish you, from Whom is the knowledge of all things, and around Whom circle the Concourse on High in His noble station. And We make mention of My friends in that place who violated not the Covenant when the clamor was raised. They, verily, are of them that are firmly established. Blessed is the servant whom the doubts of the wicked have not caused to slip, and whom the signs of them that err have not hindered—they in whose breasts the cauldron of hatred boils and from whose faces is reflected the gloom of hellfire. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O people of God in that place, and upon them that circle round the Throne in My exalted station.

This is that which was revealed for Jinab-i-Ustad Baqir, upon him be the glory of God. His word—exalted be His majesty and glory and greatness:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Glorified be He Who hath subdued the Kingdom and the Realm through His command. He is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Baqir! We have mentioned thee before and at this time. By My life! Wert thou to know the station of My mention, such joy would seize thee that neither the conditions of men nor the might of the heedless would sadden thee. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and articulate in His beauteous praise. This will profit thee and My loved ones in the hereafter and in this first life. He Who is established upon His mighty throne doth testify to this. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause and turn with thy heart toward My horizon. Verily He aideth him that hath turned toward Him with an illumined heart. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee—know thou this and be of the thankful ones. Beware lest the conditions of the wicked who speak according to their desires and hinder people from My straight path veil thee. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard the call and answered the Lord of the exalted Throne.

This is that which was revealed for his honor Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God. His word—exalted be His majesty and glory:

In My Name, the Speaker, the Trustworthy

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee in a station round which circle the Concourse on High, and counseleth thee to fear God. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. He maketh mention of him who hath turned toward Him and desireth him who hath desired Him. He hath created faithfulness and made it one of His most excellent names in His perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath clung thereunto—he is among the knights of the arena of utterance before the All-Merciful. To this testifieth every knowing, discerning one. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then thank thy Lord Who created thee, aided thee, and guided thee to His luminous horizon. We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of Our mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Trustworthy One mentioned thee; We made mention of thee. Be thankful unto Him Who saved thee and delivered thee and revealed for thee that from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This is that which was revealed for his honor Mulla Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. His word—exalted be His signs and His sovereignty:

He is the Straight Path

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down, wherein He maketh mention of them that have turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and responded when His call was raised from this Station which He hath made the most exalted of stations. Eyes have been created to behold Mine horizon, ears to hearken unto My call, and tongues to make mention of Me, through which the horizons have been illumined. O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush in this Revelation, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize this Cause whereby feet have slipped. We have named this Day in the books of old as the Day of God, yet most of the people remain heedless and veiled.

The veils of glory have prevented them from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, and doubts have barred them from Him Who hath come from the heaven of might with the standards of His signs. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Books and Tablets. Blessed is he who, being athirst, hath hastened to the Kawthar of My presence, and he who hath turned his face toward God, the Lord of all religions. Say: Cast aside your idle fancies and vain imaginings, hastening unto the Kingdom of certitude with joy and radiance. Thus have the rains of My mercy showered from the heaven of My bounty. Well is it with him that hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon those whom the veils of the divines have failed to shut out and whom the tyranny of those who have turned away from the Source and Ultimate Goal hath failed to deter.

And this is what hath been sent down for His Honor Ghulam-Rida from God, the Lord of Names. He, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance, saith:

In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names

O Ghulam-Rida! The smoke of doubt and the dust of idle fancies have debarred the world from the Lord of all men. The veils of self and desire have so seized the people that they cannot distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong. They are unbelievers yet account themselves believers, idol-worshippers yet reckon themselves among the people of high station. Heedlessness hath reached such a degree that they have exchanged everlasting blessing for transient pleasures. They have forsaken that which the All-Glorious Truth desired for all and are occupied with the promptings of self and passion. Fie upon them and upon that which their hands have wrought! Praise be to the Goal of all creation Who hath aided thee to turn unto Him. Know thou the value of this great bounty and through His Name preserve the pearls of divine love from treacherous eyes and thieving souls. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen on this darkest night. Hearken and be of the thankful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And this is what hath been sent down for His Honor ʿAli-Akbar (SMS) from God, the Lord of Power. Blessed and exalted is He Who saith:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

O party of God! Today it is incumbent upon all to make mention of God—glorified be His majesty—and to serve His Cause. Throughout centuries and ages people awaited this blessed Day, yet when the door of the grace of the All-Merciful was opened by the key of utterance, and the Promised One and the One Who converseth on Sinai manifested Himself for the salvation of the world and the guidance of all nations, all were found to be veiled, nay, thunderstruck, nay, dead, save for a few souls who are mentioned among the letters of the countenance in God's Book. O friends! Be not content with words. This is the Day for deeds. Know ye the value of these days and occupy yourselves with that which is befitting.

Say: Let not the transient, varied colors of these fleeting days prevent you from the enduring favors and perpetual bounties of God. Ere long all shall witness that of which they are now heedless. At that time regret will be of no avail, and remorse will bear no fruit. This is the Day of service. Strive ye, that perchance ye may achieve that which is meet and seemly. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things, and He is the Protector of all who are in the invisible and visible worlds.

This was revealed for Jinab-i-Mirza Mihdi, son of him who ascended. Upon them be the glory of God. His word—exalted be His grandeur and glory:

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

This is a Tablet which the All-Merciful hath sent down and from it the fragrance of utterance wafteth upon all creation. Exalted is He Who hath sent it down, and exalted is He Who hath manifested it, and exalted is He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but He, the

Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Call hath been raised, and the tongue hath spoken, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Their own selves have debarred them from the Most Exalted Paradise and their desires have kept them back from the Lord of all creation. These are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

He Who was mentioned by the tongues of the chosen ones and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath come. Among the people are those who heard and denied, and those who heard and hastened until they attained unto the Kawthar of utterance and drank therefrom in His Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the luminous Spot and the white Land. He, in truth, summoneth you and giveth you glad-tidings of God's favor, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Beware lest love of the world hold you back from the Lord of all creation, or the intimations of the heedless sadden you.

Be ye so steadfast in the Cause that the doubts of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the Truth when it came unto them with manifest sovereignty shall not cause you to slip. By God's life! They have not attained unto the Bayan nor have they drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the hands of the All-Merciful's bounty, and they have denied Him for Whose service they were created—His decisive and mighty Cause. O concourse of the Bayan! By God, neither the books of the world nor the kingdom of names will profit you today except through this Book which speaketh during nights and days and announceth unto all what lieth with God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, yet most of the people are heedless. Glory be from Us upon those who have cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with God. These are indeed among those who are firmly established. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 3: "This was revealed for Jinab-i-Baqir, son of Mulla…"

This was revealed for Jinab-i-Baqir, son of Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli. His word—exalted be His glory and sublime be His utterance:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the world through His Most Great Name

In commemoration of those who seek the Face, from Our presence, and I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer. We have remembered those who have believed in God, and We have shown them Our most exalted horizon, caused them to hear Our sweetest call, and guided them to My straight path. O people of Baha! By the True One, the Lord of all beings remembers you from His Most Exalted Station, which was once named the Prison and at another time the Heaven of heavens, which was raised up by My command, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earths. Aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, through deeds and virtuous conduct, wherewith We have commanded you in Tablets sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Baqir! One of My servants who circled round Me, attained My presence, drank the choice wine of My love, and devoted himself to serving My Cause, made mention of thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beware lest anything keep thee from God or the allusions of the heedless prevent thee—they who claim to have faith yet have made the Bayan

a snare for the people of certitude. They are indeed among the godless, as recorded in a clear Book. Say: Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. The world shall pass away, then shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while most of the people were fast asleep. The waves apparent from the ocean of My loving-kindness are upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament and who have circled round His wondrous Cause.

This was revealed for him who was named Husayn (ʿAttar). Upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. His blessed and exalted Word:

In the name of the Peerless Lord God

O Husayn! Arise to serve the Cause through divine love and the flame of heavenly affection. Today, whosoever desires to render assistance must detach himself from all save God and fix his gaze upon that which is with Him. O Husayn! Today the ocean of generosity is surging and the effulgences of the Sun of bounty have encompassed all existence. Whosoever has arisen for God's sake shall not be seen to sit, and hesitation shall not overtake him. With the hosts of utterance, in a spirit of joy and radiance, he shall guide the wayward and strengthen the weak. Let none marvel at this exalted word. The Son of Mary—upon Him be God's peace and the peace of His Prophets—observed a fisherman busy catching fish and said:

> "Leave thy net and come, that I may make thee a fisher of men."

After this word, the tongue-tied gained speech, the ignorant entered the ocean of knowledge, the poor found their way to the kingdom of wealth, the lowly aimed for the summit of glory, and the wayward became illumined by the light of the dawn of guidance. For he had detached himself from all else and joined with the Truth. He consumed his desires in the fire of love and rent asunder the veils with the finger of certitude. Throughout his life in this world, he spoke in remembrance of the Spirit of God, and when he turned toward the next world, he attained a station which the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed are they whom neither the doubts of the deniers, nor the hints of the rejecters, nor the clamor of the people of the Bayan have prevented from the Purpose of all creation. Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Strive that perchance ye may attain to that which is mentioned with God and recorded in His Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

This supreme bounty can be likened neither to the oceans, nor to the rains, nor to the leaves of trees, nor to the sands of the desert, nor to the atoms of creation. How can the receptive servants, the believers, and the sincere ones adequately render thanks for a blessing whose reckoning is difficult? Its gratitude, like His grace and mercy, surely transcends human understanding. As His grace and mercy took precedence, He granted permission, and this became the great cause and supreme reason for those who remember Him, the sincere ones, and the believers. Otherwise, what relation hath dust to the pure spirit? What connection, what resemblance, what conformity? We are utter nothingness, and by His will we exist. Whosoever that Beloved One mentioned has attained to infinite bounties; for each one specifically, an ocean of verses hath flowed. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One to aid those mentioned to achieve that which is befitting and praiseworthy today.

And concerning what was mentioned about the friends of Nayriz, upon them be the Glory of God, both men and women, and likewise the mention of those souls who have attained to the payment of the Huqúqu'lláh—all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and each was honored with the mention of the Goal of all the worlds and adorned with the effulgences of the Sun of Grace. His word, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

We convey Our greetings to the friends of God and give them the glad-tidings of the ocean of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. O people of Nún! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you, for from the beginning of the Cause ye attained unto that of which those on earth were heedless. There befell you in the path of God that which caused the Concourse on High to grieve. Whatsoever hath occurred and whatsoever will occur in the path of God—all hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. This is a great glad-tiding for you. No deed hath been lost, and its reward is preserved with God. Soon shall the recompense and reward of all be made manifest and evident.

Jinab-i-Amín hath made mention of you; ye have been and are honored with the mention of God, both in the past and now. We counsel you to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. With perfect unity and harmony, be ye engaged in the remembrance of God and in His service. The service of God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever will be the teaching of His Cause and the guidance of the people. And this cannot be achieved except through praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, and kindness and love. We beseech God to aid all to that which is pleasing unto Him.

Know that previously a Tablet was especially revealed and sent to Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', as well as a visitation tablet for His Holiness Vahid and the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty. Today is a day of joy and gladness, for the Truth is manifest, His call is raised, and the horizon of the world is illumined and adorned with His light. Seek steadfastness from God. Soon shall the cawing of the raven be silenced. This is news that the Supreme Pen has given before and after. Some followers of the Bayan are engaged in plagiarizing divine verses, while others lie in wait with feigned humility and submissiveness, assuming any guise that might ensnare the loved ones. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness, such that none in the world can prevent them. Take hold of the Book of God with His strength; verily it suffices you in truth. Beware lest anything prevent you from this straight path and this momentous news. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Generous.

The people of that land have ever been and continue to be blessed with God's favors. In these days a letter arrived from Aqa Mirza Jalal and his brother, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, this evanescent servant will be enabled to respond both outwardly and inwardly. I beseech God not to cut off His assistance. He is the One Who oversees and encompasses all things.

As for what they wrote mentioning F.T. and Aba, each of the steadfast, assured souls has been blessed with the mention of God. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. When these matters were submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these supreme words were uttered from the tongue of the Will of the Lord of creation, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! Your letter to this servant calls to mind this blessed verse of the Qur'an: 'It leaves out nothing small or great.' You mentioned God's loved ones wherever they dwell and sought bounties for all. Blessed art thou, for thy goodness has encompassed all. Each has attained what is befitting."

And concerning their mention of Mulla Mihdi and the loved ones of Khuy, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Presence. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of our Lord's and your Lord's will, the Lord of the mighty throne. He says, exalted be His glory:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

O Mihdi! The eye of the world has been illumined by the appearance of Him Who conversed with Moses in this Manifestation, while the peoples remain veiled by a thick veil. He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, has appeared and come today. He has come with truth and called the people to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who denied and turned away, those who heard and said Here am I, O Goal of the mystics,' those who were prevented by the might of princes, and those who were veiled by the allusions of the divines who cast the truth behind their backs and were among the transgressors in a clear Book. These followed their vain desires and pronounced judgment against Him at Whose mention they used to say may God hasten His relief.' Thus did their souls entice them. Verily they are among the oppressors. By their oppression the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden have lamented, and smoke has overtaken the inhabitants of earth and heaven. To this bears witness He Who speaks: 'There is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed."'

Say: O people of the Kha' and the Vav! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Creation on the Day of Return, then remember Him at all times. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Beware lest the insinuations of the oppressors hold you back from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Leave the people to what they possess, placing your trust in God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Soon shall the sincere behold what they were promised in the Book of God, and the idolaters their station in hellfire. Rejoice in the mention of My Most Exalted Pen, for it draweth you nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those whom the cawing of the cawers—who profess faith in the Bayan while denying Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty—hath not held back.

Praise be to God! The lights of the Kingdom of Divine utterance have encompassed the people of that land. God willing, may they be assisted to achieve unity and concord, and to aid the Cause through mention and utterance. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to his honor Aqa Mulla Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God, and the other friends of that land, and seeketh confirmation and assistance for each one.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad (T.B.) Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the Lord's Will. His word—exalted be His majesty and glory:

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over all names

A remembrance from Us to him who attained unto the lights of faith when the Furqan ascended and the Bayan came, and who gave glad-tidings of the appearance of the All-Merciful in days wherein trembling seized the inhabitants of earth, save whom God, the Lord of lords, willed. Blessed is the soul whom neither the doubts of the people nor the insinuations of every sinful doubter could cause to slip—they who cast the Book behind their backs and took their vain imaginings as lords besides God. They are assuredly the companions of the fire. Blessed is the tongue that acknowledged God and confessed what He hath truly revealed. He is among the righteous in the Book of God, the Lord of all men.

The Trustworthy One presented a letter wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with a mention before which all mention boweth down. By the life of God! Nothing in all things can equal My mention. He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. Blessed art thou and those who broke not their covenant with their Creator and turned with radiant faces toward the horizon which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. Take My Book with a strength from Me and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name mysteries were revealed, verses sent down, clear proofs brought forth, standards raised, and banners unfurled, that Thou mayest write from Thy Most Exalted Pen for this servant who hath turned unto Thee, O Lord of all men, that which shall be as a lamp unto him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

Section 4: “Praise be to God! Divine favor is beyond…”

Praise be to God! Divine favor is beyond reckoning and mention. It behooveth all to occupy themselves with praising and glorifying the Lord of Names at all times, and to beseech with utmost humility and supplication the acceptance of the Lord of all destiny. For when man observeth his own station and rank and praise, and likewise witnesseth the infinite favors of the True One, he becometh bewildered. Yet we have not been, nor are we, in despair of the All-Bountiful Lord. I beseech Him—exalted be His glory—to assist and enable the aforementioned Mirza in what is meet and fitting.

At this time, having purposed to lay a matter before the Most Exalted Station, I set my face toward that sublime Court, until I attained unto the Most Holy Presence. Thereupon were heard these exalted words from the Tongue of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His Word—glorified and exalted be He—said:

O servant who stands before Me! For some time now the fragrance of love from Abdul-Wahhab has been restrained. Glory be to God! He was among those souls mentioned before the Throne and witnessed the grandeur of the Truth and His Manifestation through the banners of verses and standards of clear proofs. What has happened? Have the oppressors’ assaults become a veil, or the doubts of atheistic divines? Say: O Abdul-Wahhab! The All-Bountiful Lord declares: “Leave them to their vain disputations.” Were you granted a hundred thousand years of life, it would not equal one step taken today in the path of God, or one word uttered for His sake. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons and occupy thyself with utmost determination in the remembrance and praise of God. Whatever has been mentioned and is mentioned is due to the favors of God, exalted be His glory, which have been extended to you. Arise and say: “Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy Beauty. I

beseech Thee to make me so enkindled with the fire of Thy love that it befits Thy Manifestation and Thy days."

Know thou with certitude that caution and prudence add not to life, nor do steadfastness and uprising diminish it. Stand for God and speak for God, but with wisdom and utterance, being mindful in all conditions. Know the value of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. Verily, He is the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In truth, for some time no news of him has reached the Most Holy Court—neither a trace of fragrance has passed nor a sweet scent diffused. Since they were previously mentioned in prison for successive years, we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them with such confirmation that the fragrance of steadfastness may be inhaled therefrom. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

According to the command, if deemed appropriate, that which has descended from the heaven of Will should be conveyed. He said: "Verily, We desire to find in him what We found before."

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Abdullah (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]). It was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the bounty of our Answering Lord. His Word, exalted be the ocean of His utterance and the encompassing lights of the sun of His grace:

He is the One with power over all who are in earth and heaven. O Abdullah! Thou wast mentioned before the Wronged One, and thy petition reached the Most Holy Court some time ago and was heard. Praise be to God, thou art gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and art adorned with the love of God, exalted be His glory. What thou didst mention became known before the Throne. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm thee in steadfastness. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, steadfastness is today among the most great attributes before the Face. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it. The souls mentioned in the petition have each attained to the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to open before thy face the door of blessing. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this wise remembrance.

They and their brothers who were in Shahrud, as well as other souls, were repeatedly blessed with God's favors. This ephemeral one conveys greetings and salutations to each one and seeks divine confirmation for all.

O Amin! For years We made no mention of the Huquq, although this provision hath ever been a means of divine protection and blessing and hath yielded other effects. How many were the souls who, of their own accord, sent their wealth to Our presence, yet We accepted it not and returned it, for it was not needed. Now thou art well aware of the conditions in this land, and likewise of the means required for the exaltation of the Cause. Yet none should solicit from another. Should anyone be moved to pay the Huquq, it may be accepted; otherwise, nay. The loved ones of God must in all conditions safeguard the dignity of the Cause. Until now, none hath been commanded to make such demands. Verily, He is independent of all that was and shall be.

As to what was written concerning certain ones who collect and spend funds, claiming authorization—no such permission hath ever been granted to anyone. The loved ones in that land must ever keep their gaze fixed upon whatsoever will cause the Word to be exalted. These days are fleeting; the friends must act with justice, fairness, truthfulness and sincerity, and hold fast to that which will dignify the Cause. This hath been repeatedly mentioned so that thou mayest know that no such thing hath been ordained.

When the beloved of Our heart, Haji Mirza H.Y.A. and Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon them be the glory of God and His favors, attained Our presence, the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of thee, saying: "Praise be to God, thou art favored by His grace and adorned with the word of His good-pleasure. Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou." At this moment, as I was engaged in writing this letter, I attained the presence of the Goal of all the world, Who spoke these blessed words—exalted be His glory and all-encompassing be His grace: "O servant present! We love to make mention of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in that land, as a token of Our grace, for We are the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Generous. We mention them while concealing their names, in Our wisdom, for We are the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have mentioned the Sad with a mention that hath diffused the fragrance of Our favor throughout Our mighty and impregnable Kingdom, and We mention him now with a beautiful mention. The Glory shining from the horizon of My favor be upon those whose names We have not mentioned and upon those who have quaffed My sealed wine."

Every atom in existence hath testified and doth testify to the grace, mercy, compassion and favor of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech Him to adorn this servant and His loved ones with that which pleaseth Him and to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause. This is the station that the chosen ones of God, past and present, have ever sought from Him, glorified be His might. This lowly one, with utmost humility, seeketh for all what he seeketh for himself, and for the friends what he deemeth himself unworthy of. The waves of the ocean of divine mercy have appeared in such wise as though the tree of despair hath been cut down and the saplings of hope have been raised up in all directions. Exalted, exalted be His bounty, His grace, His sovereignty, His might, and His remembrance. Glory and praise be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the dominion and power, His is the might and authority. He exalteth whom He willeth and abaseth others. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, regarding that beloved one's previous letter, due to the multitude of occupations and affairs, the reply was delayed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist this servant to compensate for what was missed. The letter arrived, opened the gate of reunion, and the fragrance of nearness wafted. Praise be to God, the showers of remembrance and utterance flow from the pen and tongue of His loved ones. In truth, remembrance and utterance are keys to the gate of nearness and reunion.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida (of Muhammad-Abad), upon him be the glory of God, and likewise his degrees of longing, yearning and enthusiasm were presented at the Most Holy,

Most Exalted Court, and these manifest verses were revealed especially for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. His mighty utterance and holy station declare:

In His Name, the One Who Rules over all who are in earth and heaven

O Muhammad-Rida! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having opened before the faces of Thy loved ones the gate of meeting, and glory be to Thee, O Lord of all names, for having opened the gates of understanding through the keys of utterance, and splendor be to Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having illumined the world with the lights of Thy Most Great Name, and majesty be to Thee, O Dawning-Place of Beauty, for having guided Thy loved ones to the straight path, and grace be to Thee, O Dayspring of Justice, for having called the servants to Thy most exalted horizon in both beginning and return, and light be to Thee, O Speaker of the Mount, for having made known to the people of inner meaning the horizon of Thy manifestation, and revelation be to Thee, O Bestower of spirits, for having made us to be attracted by Thy verses, turned toward Thy horizon, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and speaking in Thy beauteous praise.

Say: O my God, my Lord, my Worshipped One, and my Desire! Thou hearest what the tongues of all created things utter and seest what all beings do. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded Thy creation and Thy servants, and by Thy hidden mystery and Thy treasured Name which manifested itself in the kingdom of creation and established itself upon the throne amidst humanity, that Thou shouldst send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy and protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones through Thy power and might and the hosts of Thy hidden realm, even as Thou didst assist them before. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine who hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness and to that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen in the kingdom of creation, and who beareth witness to that which Thy tongue hath spoken, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, holding fast to the hem of Thy loving-kindness, and hoping for that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy generosity, grace and favors. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Hearing, the Answering.

These verses, each letter of which is a gate of mercy for creation, were revealed especially for the aforementioned person. God willing, he will attain unto them. Its fragrance shall renew the world of utterance and freshen the trees of existence. Previously too he had attained the mention of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will assist him in all conditions. Verily He hath power over all things.

And likewise did he make mention of Jinab Haji Muhammad Ṭahir—upon him be the glory of God. This lowly one submittteth: Whosoever, in this day, hath turned—even in the least degree—unto the Countenance of the Desire of all the worlds, his remembrance is made manifest from the Tongue of Grandeur. Such bounty pertaineth to a station and rank whereof the world is powerless to number, and

unable to recount. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God in His Day! This is that treasure which, beneath the shadow of the Throne, is hidden and safeguarded for its possessor. The people of the earth are heedless thereof. By Him Who is the Beloved of the world! Were they poets, they would lay down their lives for a single letter that might descend from the heaven of the Will of the Desire of all. This is the truth, whereof there is no doubt.

This matter also, at one time, was submitted before the Countenance, and the ear was honoured by the hearing thereof. This is that which hath been sent down for him from the Kingdom of our Lord, the All-Merciful—His Word, blessed and exalted be He:

In His name, the All-Hearing, the Responding One

O Muhammad-i-Tahir! He Who is circled round by the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the angels drawn nigh, makes mention of thee on this night. Give thanks unto God and make mention of Him throughout the nights and days. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and fidelity and that whereby the Word of God, the Lord of all being, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted.

Section 5: "When thou hast received My verses and perceived…"

When thou hast received My verses and perceived the fragrance of My utterance, say: "Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the Imprisoned One! I testify that Thou hast chosen tribulation for the salvation of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and Thou hast dwelt in prison for the deliverance of all who are on earth. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

> "I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence and O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of the hidden and the manifest, to assist me in that which befitteth Thy wondrous Cause and beseemeth Thy glorious Day. Then write down for me, through Thy bounty and Thy favors, that which will preserve me from the croaking Thou hast foretold and from its transgression. O my Lord! I am the helpless one, the wretched one, standing before the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which is with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

Regarding that which hath been mentioned concerning the traces of His Holiness Afnan, upon him be the glory of glories, Tablets wondrous, impregnable, sanctified and blessed were specially revealed for him and dispatched aforetime. And concerning the services ye had written of him, these are known and evident. In that land there exist souls who are accounted in the sight of God among the Hands of the Cause. By reason of wisdom, outwardly they have been concealed, yet among the denizens of the Concourse on high they possess complete recognition, for mention hath been made of their relationship to Him in divers Tablets. All that was recorded in praise of them hath been submitted. The Tongue of Grandeur gave utterance to these exalted words: "They are mentioned in the presence of the

Countenance”—His glory be glorified—“and are inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Crimson Leaf.” End.

And mention was made of that veiled handmaiden, Amatu’llah Bibi Sahib, upon her be the glory of God. “This is that which hath been revealed for her from the Kingdom of the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful”—His glory be glorified and His bounty be universal.

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

O My handmaiden! God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Merciful, His grace encompasseth all things, as doth His knowledge. No cry is raised but that an answer descendeth from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful’s utterance. He hath adorned the female believers with the blessed word “O My handmaiden” and hath distinguished the men with the wondrous and sublime word “O My servant.” How many among the first and last have sacrificed their lives upon hearing these words! This word is like unto a sapling planted by the hand of divine power—it must be watered by the waters of love and steadfastness, and protected in the name of God from poisonous winds. Know thou the value of this word. By the life of God! Were all the peoples of the world to comprehend it, they would all be set ablaze and turn towards the supreme horizon. We send greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel all to sanctification, detachment, and adherence to that which We have revealed in the Book. Blessed are they that act, both men and women.

Mention was made of Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His mention was accepted in the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for him from the presence of the All-Wise Revealer. His words, exalted be His mention and sublime be His utterance:

In My Name which shineth forth from the Supreme Horizon

Whosoever hath today attained recognition is mentioned in the Kingdom of utterance before the All-Merciful. The whole world was created for the Day of God, yet when the Most Great Name rent asunder the veils through His conquering might, all were found heedless and veiled save whom God willed. This is the Day whereon whatsoever lieth hidden in every soul shall be made manifest. This is the Day whereon “secrets shall be tried” and the Day whereon “the mountains shall pass away.” Every hidden thing shall be revealed and every concealed thing made manifest. Blessed is the soul that hath been set ablaze with the fire of divine love—a blazing that neither the might, power and glory of the people of creation, nor the doubts and allusions of the divines could prevent from the Lord of Names or deprive of the ocean of inner meanings.

Every deed performed today in the path of God—its effects shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. O people of God! Strive that ye may attain to that which beseemeth this Day of God, exalted be His glory. Know the value of the All-Merciful’s utterance and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not frightened by the might of the aggressors nor weakened by the power of the opposers.

Mention was made of Aqa Siyyid Sadiq, Aqa Siyyid Yusuf, Aqa Abu’l-Qasim and Aqa Siyyid ʿAli-Rida, upon them be the glory of God. It was presented before His countenance and there was revealed specifically

for each that which shall endure as long as the most beautiful names endure. This is what was revealed for Siyyid Sadiq, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Sempiternal, the One

This is a mention from Our presence for him whom the Trustworthy One hath mentioned, that he may rejoice in his Lord's bounty and be of the thankful. Verily, he who hath today attained unto My verses hath attained unto all good, as attesteth He with Whom is the mighty Book. O Sadiq! We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have revealed for thee that which guideth the servants unto My straight path. Say: O people! Set aside what ye possess. That which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Thus have We sent down the verses, expounded them in truth, and dispatched them unto thee as a gift from thy Gracious Beloved.

We make mention of Yusuf as a bounty from Us, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Yusuf! Put aside what the people possess and take what thou hast been given from thy Lord, the Ancient Bestower of Bounties. All the treasures of earth cannot equal a single letter of My verses—to this every seeing and discerning one beareth witness. The glory from Us be upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament—verily they are among those firmly established in a perspicuous Book.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Abu'l-Qasim. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

He is the Compassionate, the Merciful

O Abu'l-Qasim! Know thou the value of these days and arise to that which behooveth thee. Today a goodly character and pure deeds are the means for exalting the Word of God. All the friends must render assistance to the Wronged One through these, and in all conditions strive for the elevation of the Cause. This is Our counsel from before and after. We beseech God that He may set all ablaze with such fire that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the clamor of the ignorant may quench it. Whosoever hath attained unto a drop from this ocean, the hosts of the world and the defenses of nations have not been, nor ever shall be, able to prevent him. God, the All-Knowing, beareth witness and uttereth this most exalted Word: Blessed is every hearer who hath responded.

And this is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Siyyid Ali-Rida. His word, sanctified and exalted is He:

In My Name, which shineth forth from the Most Exalted Horizon

A Book sent down by the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison for him who was mentioned by one of My loved ones who hath arisen to serve My mighty Cause. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth you unto the All-Informed One. The Day of Return hath come, yet most of the people are heedless. The Hour of Resurrection hath arrived, yet most of the people are sleeping. They have cast the commandments of God behind their backs—verily they are among the most lost. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to acknowledge that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, then make mention of Him at all times. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. The Promised One hath come, the Hidden One hath been revealed, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the choice

wine of My utterance from the hands of My bounty, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee.

The sprinkling of the ocean of meanings and utterance hath encompassed the world. Were all atoms to offer praise with the tongues of the first and the last, they would never be worthy of this bounty nor deserve this generosity. Praise be to God! The friends of this age have attained unto that for which multitudes of the first and the last grieved in their longing to attain its presence. This most great joy hath been allotted to the people of the most great vision. This evanescent one beseecheth the Eternal Truth that He deprive not any soul on earth from this everlasting bounty and heavenly sustenance. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And concerning the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli Simsar, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the countenance of the Ancient Lord. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. His word—mighty is His utterance and great His proof:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared and hath guided all to the straight path, and hath summoned them to the Most Great Announcement which was promised in the Books and Scriptures of the past and future. Some souls were prevented from the Dayspring of Divine Unity by their selfish desires, while others were deprived of recognizing the Lord of Names through following the ignorant. The primary cause and reason for all this were the divines of the age. They are the dawning-places and daysprings of self and passion. Few indeed turned away from the world and all that is therein and set their faces toward the supreme horizon. These are the treasures of the earth and its repositories. Whosoever in this day is not hindered by the veils of the doubtful ones is recorded and inscribed among the people of the supreme Paradise in the Book of Names. The honored Amin mentioned a number of those who have turned towards God, and each hath been blessed by the favors of the Wronged One. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous, verily He is the Kind, the Merciful.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Truth, exalted be His glory, to aid them and the other friends to preserve that which He hath bestowed. He is, verily, powerful over all things. The servant submitteth that each of those who have drunk from the sealed wine and attained unto the new life should keep before their eyes the word “steadfastness”, for many are the satans and deceiving souls. We hope that each one may be assisted in that which beseemeth the Day of God.

Furthermore, mention was made of Aqa Siyyid Javad-i-Pusht-Baghi, upon him be the Glory of God. After this matter was submitted before the presence, these verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose bounty hath encompassed all:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Javad! The Wronged One declareth: We have accepted all the tribulations of the earth for the exaltation of the people to the sublime summit and the supreme horizon. When the call was raised and the fire of divine love was kindled, the heedless souls arose to quench and prevent it, and with complete

tyranny and utmost effort strove to extinguish the divine light. However, the hand of power preserved His Cause and made the sanctified souls aware. Say: O friends! The satans are lying in wait and expectant. Each one of you must, like a piercing flame, prevent the satans from ascending to the heavens of hearts. This is the primary station and the first rank that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Under all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed on the Truth and hold fast unto Him. Verily, He is with His successful servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for the son of him who ascended unto God (Aqa Mirza Muhsin), upon them both be the Glory of God.

In My Name, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting

O Husayn-i-ʿAli! Hearken unto the Call: Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I created creation for the knowledge of Myself and the recognition of My Day. Yet when I came with the banners of signs, they turned away, following every heedless and rejected one. Say: O people of Baha! Abandon that which ye were forbidden in the Book and take hold of that which ye were commanded by God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Sanctify yourselves from all that your desires command you; thus did We command you before in My inscribed Tablet. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings, clinging to the mountain of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is he who hath held fast to My hem and acted according to that which was commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Remind those who are with thee on My behalf, say: Fear God and be not of those who know not. The proof hath come and the way hath been made manifest, yet most of the people perceive not. Say: By God! The Day hath appeared and He Who conversed on Sinai speaketh from the throne of Revelation. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The glory from Us be upon thy father who ascended unto My horizon and attained My grace, My mercy and My bounty which have encompassed the seen and the unseen, and upon thee and those with thee who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have witnessed that which God did witness when He came with manifest sovereignty.

Section 6: "As for the mention of the brethren…"

As for the mention of the brethren from A. and R., Jinab-i-Nasru'llah and Husayn and Muhammad-ʿAli, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before the presence of the Lord of Revelation. This is what was sent down for them from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He says, exalted be His utterance and His station:

He is the Ruler in truth and He is the Commander, the All-Wise

O servants of the All-Merciful! The Purpose of all creation mentioneth you in this Most Great Prison and counseleth you with that which is the cause and source of true greatness and nobility. The world hath been seized by the power of extinction, and its signs are manifest and evident at every moment. The friends who are associated with the Truth and are mentioned by His Name should, through the might and power of the One True Object of Desire, arise to perform such deeds that every person of insight may

perceive therefrom the fragrance of sanctity and detachment. Today is the day of service and pure deeds. We beseech God to sanctify all from the defilement of rejected deeds and to enable them to attain true repose. Praise ye the Desired One Who hath illumined you with the lights of the Sun of utterance. The Trusted One made mention of you, We have mentioned you as a favor from Us, and verily I am the Bountiful, the Generous.

And this is what was revealed for the loved ones in D. and H. He says, exalted be His majesty and His utterance:

He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing

O people of God! The Wronged One summons you from the precincts of the prison to that which draws you nearer to God, the Lord of all worlds. The ocean of utterance has surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, yet most of the people remain heedless. The river of mercy has flowed among creation, yet most of the people remain deniers. They have turned away from the Supreme Horizon, turning instead to every ignorant remote one. Blessed is he who has shattered the idols of vain desire and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who turned to the Supreme Horizon and traversed land and sea until he arrived in a valley wherein was raised the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He presented himself and stood before the Gate, and was blessed to hearken unto the words of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We testify that he attained and gained the presence, and drank the choice wine of his Lord's bounty, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We make mention of his son who was named Badi', and We counsel him with that which befitteth man, and I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. O Badi'! Thy Lord makes mention of thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have attained this exalted station.

We make mention of ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar who perceived the fragrance of the Revelation and turned to Him from Whom every doubting ignorant one turned away. We make mention of his brother who was named Musa and give him the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel all with that which shall exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants and with that which befitteth this glorious, wondrous Day.

The Trusted One hath mentioned you; We mention you that ye may thank your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O people of Dal and Ha, rejoice in that God hath manifested from among you His Name, Who was imprisoned in His path and bore hardships out of love for His beauty, and spoke His praise when the people were behind a manifest veil. We make mention of My male and female servants there and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and bounty, and We counsel them to perform pure deeds and to observe that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. The glory be upon them and upon every steadfast, upright one.

Thus endeth the matter. Praise be to God! Every one who hath turned unto Him hath attained his reward, nay more than that, and every steadfast one is adorned with his recompense. Most of the friends remain

secluded in their homes and gatherings while God, exalted be His glory, in prison, despite incoming sorrows and the manifestation of unpleasing matters, is occupied day and night with the mention of His loved ones—a mention that shall never perish nor be altered. In the words of the renowned Shaykh, may God's mercy and forgiveness be upon him:

> "From hand and tongue what praise can come that would suffice for His thanksgiving?"

I swear by the Sun of Truth that if all the world were to voice praise and thanksgiving throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, they would not be capable of matching a single letter that floweth from the Supreme Pen. Were the station of divine mention to be made manifest, all would speak that which this ephemeral one hath mentioned. The call is raised, but few are the ears. The steed is present, but the field is narrow. The day shall come when the veils shall be rent asunder and the hidden stations shall become manifest and evident.

Regarding what was written about Khan Sarkar Sir, may the glory and loving-kindness of God be upon him, and the mention of what was placed in his saddlebag, these matters were presented before the countenance of the Ancient King. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Amin! Verily, We have been with him. Thy Lord, in truth, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath ever arisen to serve the Cause and hath attained unto a remembrance that shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today from the murmuring of the Water of Life and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of utterance, this most blessed and exalted Word was heard:

> "Blessed is he who hath attained, and found, and recognized, and arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds."

Every created thing hath testified to his faithfulness to the Covenant and Testament. This station is most great. We, from this station, glorify him and those who are with him. Shouldst thou meet him, convey to him My remembrance and gladden him with the tidings of My loving-kindness, and that which hath flowed from My Pen, and that which My tongue hath testified to in this exalted station. Glory be upon him and upon every steadfast, firm and upright soul.

In truth, the fragrances of the verses in this station have detached this servant from all mention, thought and imagination, to such extent have the verses of God been revealed and are flowing at this hour that a hundred like this evanescent one could not and would not be equal to describing and recording them. I truthfully declare this and God sufficeth as witness. What joy was attained when it was observed that the glance of loving-kindness was directed towards the Khan, upon him be the glory of God. This servant conveyeth to him greetings, glory and praise, and at all times implore divine confirmation from the True One, exalted be His glory. They are worthy of the love of all. Should God will, that which is ordained for him shall be made manifest. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As to what was mentioned regarding his arrival in Sirjan and his meeting with Haji Siyyid H.S., upon him be the glory of God alone—these matters were honored to be heard in the presence of the Lord of Names.

His word, exalted be His glory: “Some of the friends should journey through the villages and, with the utmost wisdom, engage in the refinement of heedless souls, that they may not remain deprived in the Days of God. Today the greatest bounty is manifest; it is incumbent upon everyone to occupy themselves with guiding souls.

> “Blessed is the Afnan who was mentioned in My presence and attained unto My meeting when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. For Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, mentioned his propagation of his deputyship, and likewise the visitation of this passage was truly victorious and accepted by God.”

The aforementioned Haji hath attained unto the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Convey My glory to him on behalf of this evanescent one. They must strive to spread the Word of God in that land. How many souls who had not heard a single word of outward learning have, through the enkindlement of the fire of love, opened their tongues and been assisted in promoting the Cause and refining souls. Today the Holy Spirit confirmeth. All friends must deal with the entire world in love and friendship. In this way love will be generated and hearts will become receptive—that is the time to impart the Word, but with joy and fragrance. The Cause is in the hand of God, our Lord, the All-Merciful.

Mention was made of the Land of Shin and the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God. Each has been blessed with divine favors, and especially for Haji Shukru’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and given to the beloved Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, to deliver. At this moment the Ancient Tongue speaks these blessed words, exalted be His glory:

> “O Abu’l-Hasan! O Trustee! Thou hast made mention of the divine friends. Praise be to God, thou hast been assisted by the grace and favor of God. Time and again thou hast drunk from the ocean of reunion, partaken of the Kawthar of the Merciful’s utterance, beheld the supreme horizon, and been enabled to make gracious mention of God’s chosen ones, His elect and His friends. We beseech God to aid thee forever and to confirm thee in that which will exalt His Cause, exalted be His glory. By the life of God! Should someone sacrifice all the treasures of the world, or offer up all souls, yet diminish an atom’s weight from the glory of God’s Cause, this was not and is not permissible. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon the exaltation of God’s Cause, the upliftment of God’s Word, and the elevation of His station. This is what We counseled thee before, in Our presence, and on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.”

This servant conveys a hundred thousand greetings and glorifications to that beloved one and the friends of God, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to confirm all in rendering victorious assistance and grant them success. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory, praise and honor be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Another matter: Repeatedly letters arrived from the spiritual friend Aqa Muhammad Tahir, upon him be the Glory of God, and some friends, containing that which brought joy to this servant, for they spoke in

praise of God, exalted be His glory, and were adorned with acceptance, humility, submissiveness, and arising to serve for the sake of God, our Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth. I convey greetings and praise to all, and it is hoped that, God willing, all shall attain His special favors.

The mother of Aqa Muhammad Tahir, upon them both be the Glory of God, in these days when the Mansion has become the seat of the Throne, has attained the honor of His presence. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The queens of the world, despite their seeking and waiting, did not attain, while this noble lady has, by the wondrous grace of God, attained that for which most people of the world died in yearning.

Likewise in these days a letter arrived from Haji Aqa Muhammad (ʿAlaqih), upon him be the Glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted threshold, and they were blessed with mention by God, exalted be His glory. Happy is he! It is hoped that hereafter too there shall be sent that which is as the spirit of inner meanings for the temples of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, and glory be upon those who are nigh and sincere.

The revealed Tablets, as commanded, have been sent separately in this servant's hand, except for one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for the physician. If there could be found there someone with fine handwriting to transcribe the sent Tablets, taking utmost care in comparing and checking them, this would be most beloved. Likewise, they should be preserved in a secure place, for divine verses are scattered in various regions. Therefore, in that land and every land, whatever is received therein should be gathered together—this is beloved and acceptable.

The servant, On the 2nd of Jamadi'ul-Avval [1302]

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BH07903: In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One! O…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One! O My handmaiden! God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Merciful. His grace encompasses all, and likewise His knowledge. No cry is raised but that an answer descends from the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

He hath adorned the female believers with the blessed word "O My handmaiden" and hath distinguished the male believers with the wondrous and exalted word "O My servant." How many among the peoples of old and of more recent times have sacrificed their lives upon hearing this word!

This word is like unto a sapling planted by the hand of power. It must be watered with the water of love and steadfastness and preserved in the name of God from poisonous winds. Know thou the value of this word. By the life of God! Were all the peoples of the world to comprehend it, they would all be set ablaze and would turn toward the most exalted horizon.

We convey Our greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel them all to sanctification, detachment, and to act in accordance with what We have revealed in the Book. Blessed are they that act, both men and women.

BH01103: The primary purpose of God—exalted be His…

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

The primary purpose of God—exalted be His glory—in creating creation hath been the manifestation of bounty, mercy and loving-kindness, that all might be nurtured by the hands of grace and be adorned with the ornament of goodly character. The cause of ease, tranquility and assurance in the world of existence hath ever been and shall continue to be virtuous conduct. This station is an unfathomable ocean—were this evanescent one to attempt to make mention of its fishes, pearls and hidden treasures, he would need to compose a book equal to the books of the people. Every discerning mystic beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned, and every informed scholar doth testify thereto. Blessed are they who observe with fairness and hold fast to justice. In such case no matter shall remain obscure, nor shall doubts and imaginings veil them. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God—exalted be His glory—to aid this servant and His loved ones to achieve that which is the cause and means for the manifestation of true humanity in the world. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

To continue: two letters were received from your honor, and as they indicated and bore testimony to the well-being of that esteemed friend, they bestowed the gift of joy and granted the food of gladness. However, that honored one should not be saddened by the delay in reply, for as you know, this servant is surrounded by diverse occupations, especially in these days when he must attend now to the garden, now to the ornamental grounds, and now to the farm, regarding certain matters pertaining to the garden. Otherwise I would have considered it necessary to reply to that friend, and God sufficeth as witness. God willing, may we arise with pure hearts, sanctified souls, and steadfast feet to serve humanity. Rancor and hatred beseemeth not the people of truth, even if it be toward those who have gone astray. This is the straight path, the mighty cord, and the command of God, the Just King, the Manifest Truth.

You wrote mentioning the esteemed Sabri Effendi and his displeasure. God is my witness that this servant has heard nothing about this until now. For some time I have been residing outside the city at Bahji. When Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli came, after receiving permission he attained my presence and met with this servant for about ten minutes before departing. And when Sabri Effendi came, this servant was at [Zeib], and after arriving at the garden I heard that he had come. This servant went specially to Akka just to see him, but they said he had left early in the morning. However, in Akka there were certain statements attributed to Haji Aqa—God knows the truth—and this servant immediately returned to the garden. In truth, in these days the planting of trees is dearer to this evanescent one than the planting of souls, for faithfulness, like the phoenix, is rare.

Glory be to God! Sabri Effendi became friends and acquainted with these souls here through love—how could they abandon what came before and cling to that which lacks it? This servant denies this matter unless proven by clear evidence. When news arrived from Beirut of Sabri Effendi's coming, God is my witness that great joy and delight appeared and I was awaiting his arrival so that I could inquire about his

days of travel and journeying through the lands. However, after his arrival they specially summoned him to Mazra'ih with the intention of meeting him there in the evening after tea, but it became known that he had asked permission and departed, and afterwards went to Nazareth. This servant was greatly surprised, but considering that all matters are bound to their appointed times, remained silent and waiting for the time when the sweet fragrances of love and fellowship would waft. This servant remains firm upon the ancient covenant and pact, and God willing shall remain steadfast.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine his departure with the light of return, for at the time of his leaving he was very loving and enkindled. And if any slanderer has spoken, they surely had no purpose but to cause mischief. God willing this too shall become evident, for the rays of the Sun of Truth have endless manifestations, and when its light appears, convey on behalf of this servant greetings and salutations to him. God willing may he be confirmed and assisted in that which God loves, and be adorned and blessed with divine favors. The cord of this servant's friendship does not appear to be weakened by such things. Although human beings have not been and are not free from mistakes, through God's grace—exalted be His glory—there is hope that He will not make this servant a cause for extinguishing the light of love. And I beseech Him to graciously grant me the appearance of that which increases His light and radiance. Verily He is the Powerful, the Hearer, the Responder.

I convey greetings to my honored friend, son of him who ascended to the Supreme Companion. May he be confirmed and assisted in that which leads to the exaltation and elevation of his station. From Alexandria his honored brother has sent a letter which was forwarded—let it be delivered. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist those who have turned towards Him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. May his honor Aqa Ali Muhammad be engaged, God willing, in joy and fragrance, and be protected from pain and illness. May the saplings in his garden, God willing, be verdant and flourishing from the rain of divine favors in this spiritual springtime. Convey greetings on my behalf to his mother. Peace and Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

The servant 12th of Jamadi'l-Avval 1300

BH01676: Praise be to God Who illumined the horizons…

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

Praise be to God Who illumined the horizons with the light shining forth from the heaven of Hijaz, whereby the world was illumined and nations were enlightened, and that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, was made manifest. Oceans of prayers and peace, and seas of mercy, glory and praise be upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom was established what the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan, and through whom were raised the banners of guidance among all peoples, and upon those who followed Him and acted according to the Book of God, Master of the beginning and end.

To continue: This servant was attracted by your mention, praise and exposition, and what flowed from your pen in praise of God and His chosen ones, His pure ones and His ambassadors. I beseech Him,

exalted be He, to enable this servant to remember Him Who remembered him, and praise Him Who praised him, and to confirm him in steadfastness in His love, His remembrance and His Cause. He is the One to Whose power testify all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and to Whose sovereignty bear witness all who are in the unseen and visible realms. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Your love has ever dwelt in my heart and your remembrance has flowed from my tongue. I beseech God to assist you in all conditions and to aid you in your works, deeds, commerce and endeavors. Truly, humility, submissiveness, seeking and supplication are from the servant, and the answer is from God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth.

If they desire news of this land: Through God's grace, exalted be His glory, all enjoy the bounty of well-being. One group has attained the greatest steadfastness and drinks from the pure chalice of submission and contentment, while another group rises at times and falls at others, and as for the rest—knowledge is with God, the Lord of all beings. However, we beseech God to assist all in what is intended and to enable them to act according to what is in His Book.

Today in truth the people of God are seen to be encompassed while others are encompassing. As you have observed, they have taken over Islamic lands under various pretexts. The time has come for all to turn to the Self-Sufficing Lord with utmost lamentation, crying and supplication, that perchance the ocean of mercy might surge and the sun of grace might shine forth, and abasement be changed to glory and weakness to strength. Indeed, whatever has befallen and continues to befall the favored community is from themselves, as has been said: "All this is from our own ill-fitting, ungainly form." Consider the former glory of Islam, what station it had attained, and now what abasement has come upon it. I seek God's forgiveness for what I have said and say. Verily He exalts whom He wishes and abases whom He wishes. He gives and withholds. His is the creation and the command, and He is the Strong, the Predominant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

If wisdom permits, convey greetings and praise to the friends of that land on behalf of this ephemeral one. This servant has sought and continues to seek confirmation and success for all. The command is in His hand. He does what He wills and decrees what He desires. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Peace, mercy, glory and splendor be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The paper, rose seeds, narcissus and hyacinth bulbs that were sent have arrived. God willing, the former will be honored with writing and the latter with planting. The decree belongs to God, Master of destiny.

The servant 23 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1300

BH02455: Praise be to Him Who through His Most Exalted…

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

Praise be to Him Who through His Most Exalted Word revealed the Kingdom of Creation and caused the Divine Lote-Tree to speak in the Most Exalted Paradise that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of names—verily there is no God but Him, the Creator of heaven. And peace and blessings be upon Him by Whose advent the ungodly wailed, the deniers were dismayed, and honored servants who speak not before Him and act by His command rejoiced. And upon His family and companions through whom the horizons of the heavens of utterance were illumined for all creation and the banners of unity were raised among religions.

Thereafter, the gate of reunion was opened through the key of your remembrance, utterance and praise of Our purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who attained to this praiseworthy station and acted according to what was revealed in the Book of God, the Sovereign of existence. When I drank the wine of love from the cups of your words, I approached until I attained the presence and heard in response that which diffused the fragrance of the garment in all directions. Soon you shall hear when you attain the presence. The command belongs to God, the Sovereign of the invisible and visible.

In these days, praise be to God, the sea of reunion is surging and the cups of attainment are each in melody and joy. Beyond the birds, to Him belongs praise and favor in all conditions. And we beseech Him to enable all to attain to pilgrimage to the House this year—"Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind." The intoxication of this blessed word's Kawthar has so overtaken the servants that throughout ages and centuries they have turned towards it from near and far regions, such that chronic illnesses, great hardships and trials did not prevent them—they hastened with their lives and reached their goal. Blessed is he whose deeds are adorned with acceptance, and woe to every heedless and veiled one.

What was written was seen. The response to all depends on attainment to presence. As the promise of reunion drew near, therefore the response was not presented. To the honored master, his eminence Afnan—upon him and upon them be the Most Glorious of all Glory—I present my utter servitude and nothingness. Praise be to God, they are blessed and sustained with what God loves. And likewise to my beloved, Aqa Muhammad Mustafa—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—and those with him, and to the spiritual friend Haji ʿAbbas and other friends I convey greetings and salutations, and I beseech confirmation and success for all. Verily our Lord is the Confirmer, the Helper, the Succourer. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The servant, 24 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1300

BH00613: O Ismail! Blessed art thou for having turned unto…

He is the Evident, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Ismail! Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and attained the presence of the Wronged One, from Whom all have turned aside except such as God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former generations, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He will assist thee to recognize Him and hath drawn thee nigh unto Him at a time when

every learned one hath objected to Him. Let not the circumstances of the prison sadden thee. Be thou confident in the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The names which thou didst send have been presented before the Wronged One, and We have revealed for each one of them that which will bring solace to the eyes and tranquility to the hearts. Yet most of the people remain heedless.

We make mention of Ha preceding Sin, and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner. He maketh mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the ornaments of the world nor by that which the nations possess. He Who possesseth the mighty Book beareth witness unto this. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with His power and sovereignty, and with that wherewith every trusted Messenger hath come.

Beware lest the veils of the divines shut you out from the Creator of heaven. Cast away what ye possess, turning unto 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." Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having hearkened unto My sweetest call and having turned thy face toward thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and for having taken hold of His Book in His Name while every ignorant doubter cast it behind him. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, through you have the sighs of the Prophets ascended and the tears of the sincere ones been shed. Cast away what ye possess, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth in this Revelation. He guideth you unto the straight path of God.

And We make mention of Mihdi and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and bounty, and guide him unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee and caused thee to know Him and enabled thee to hear this wondrous call. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto His resplendent hem. Let not the affairs of men sadden thee. Leave them to themselves, turning unto the One, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of Ahmad, whom We have mentioned before with verses that cannot be equaled by the books of the world, and from which everyone possessed of a sense of smell can detect the fragrance of the garment of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And We make mention of him who hath been named Abdu'llah and give him glad tidings as We gave him tidings before, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. O Abdu'llah! Be not grieved by the people and their utterances and that which proceedeth from their mouths. God shall soon return them to the lowest station, and ye shall behold yourselves in an exalted station. Read thou what We have sent down unto thee before and remind the people with wisdom and utterance of this Cause whereby the earth hath been cleft asunder and the heaven hath been rent and every lofty mountain laid low. Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the Truth, ye are the tyrants and the idols, and ye are they by whom the Maiden hath lamented in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Apostle in the Supreme Concourse, and by whom the eyes of them that are nigh have shed tears.

Through you hath every possessor of a heart wailed, and every possessor of eyes wept, and every possessor of a tongue cried out, and the pillars of a lofty throne have quaked. Soon shall ye know what ye have wrought and shall recognize what hath escaped you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Say: Where are the divines of the Torah and the idols who pronounced judgment against Muhammad, the Apostle of God, of old? And where are the Pharisees who pronounced judgment against the Spirit when He came with a light that illumined the horizons and every noble station? Ye have forsaken what is right and chosen what is wrong. Thus have your souls enticed you. He, verily, is the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of Shaykh-Qabil-Muhammad and counsel him to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. O Muhammad! The One, the Single, maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God and thy station. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby the world hath been illumined that Thou disappoint me not from the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And We make mention of him who hath been named Ilyas and cast upon him of the verses of his Lord that he may arise to make mention on this Day wherein clamor hath been raised from every quarter by reason of what the transgressors have wrought against the loved ones of God, the Goal of the sincere. Beware lest the sayings of men hold thee back from the truth. Leave what they possess, holding fast unto the cord of God, the Most Strong.

And We make mention of him who hath been named Ghulam-Qabil-Rida and bid him to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty, ancient. This is a day wherein the wrongdoers have denied the right of God and His Cause, and have broken His covenant and His testament. Thus have the vanities of this world deluded them. Lo! They are in thick veils. O Ghulam! Rejoice thou in that the Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and commandeth thee to manifest beautiful patience in this mighty Cause.

O Kingdom of Utterance! Make mention in the Tablet of My servants who have detached themselves from all else but God, clinging to the hem of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O people of Baha in the kingdom of creation! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. He, verily, maketh mention of you and giveth you glad tidings of what He hath ordained for you, and consoleth you concerning what hath befallen you at the hands of those who have denied the proof of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O ʿAziz! Hearken unto that which the Dove of the Cause warbleth in the Supreme Paradise: He is, verily, none other than the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets, and likewise of those whose lamentations We hear in the land of Ta by reason of what hath befallen them in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of him who was named ʿAli, who held fast to My cord in the earliest days and spoke My Name among My servants. He is, verily, of the people of Mine Ark, as attested by the Mother Book with Me and every inscribed Tablet. Rejoice thou in the sweet savors of My Revelation and in the fragrance that hath wafted from the raiment of thy wronged Lord. That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence, and We have heard thy call and found the fragrance of thy love in this praiseworthy station.

We make mention of Kazim, who believed in God when the world turned away save whom thy Lord, the Lord of creation, did will. We have remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and in other lands with verses that draw nigh the honored servants. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Supreme Horizon and attained My Preserved Tablet.

O people of Kha! Rejoice in that the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of the verses of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, hath turned towards you. We have remembered every city that hath been illumined by the lights of remembrance, and every village wherefrom hath wafted the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have praised every spot wherein the mention of God was raised, and every servant who hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the One Who doeth what He willeth through My word “Be” and it is.

O concourse of loved ones! We make mention of My Name, the Wronged One, Who was imprisoned in the land of Ta for having summoned the people unto God, the Lord of all kings. And We make mention of ʿAli-Akbar who spoke the truth when questioned about this Most Great Announcement concerning which all are in dispute. And We make mention of My chosen ones and My loved ones who turned toward the Prison through that which the hands of every heedless one had wrought. By God’s life! These are the people of the Crimson Ark, though the people perceive it not. They are servants whom the blame of the blamer hath not deterred in the path of God, nor have the veils of every unknown scholar hindered them—they who warred against God and pronounced judgment against His chosen ones without any clear proof or manifest Book.

O Most Exalted Pen! Conclude this Tablet with the mention of him who turned to My horizon and set his face toward My countenance, who arose to serve My Cause and traveled through the lands to exalt My Name and raise My Word aloft, and who bore in My path that which none knoweth save My all-pervading Self, the Witness of all that is seen and unseen. Blessed is he, and blessed is his father who cast away the world in his longing to attain the presence of the Ancient King, who traversed land and sea until he reached the Prison and stood before the Gate, and heard the call from the Dayspring of Glory, and received from the hand of His bounty His sealed nectar.

O ʿAli-Muhammad! Behold and remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, and didst witness His most exalted horizon and drink from the ocean of His hidden favors. We were with thee when thou didst speak My Name and guide the servants to My straight path. Convey My greetings to those who have turned with radiant faces toward their imprisoned and lonely Lord. By My life! Soon shall all that the people possess perish, while the dominion of earth and heaven shall remain with the chosen ones of God, the Lord of this frequented House.

We make mention of the handmaidens who turned away from the dawning-places of ignorance and faced the Dayspring of knowledge. Blessed are ye, O My handmaidens, for having inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Robe when every mighty one, puffed up with pride, turned away therefrom. The glory shining from the horizon of My heaven of grace be upon My loved ones and friends, and upon My handmaidens and leaves who have held fast to the cord of My firm decree. And praise be to God, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02577: Praise be to our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who made…

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

Praise be to our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who made the Furqan a light for the people of possibility. Verily it is the enduring blessing, the heavenly table, the Primal Word, the Mystery of Oneness and the Emblem of Unity. Whoso holdeth fast unto it is saved, and whoso turneth away is lost. And the prayer and the peace and the remembrance and the glory be upon Him Whom God sent unto the nations—He Who was the first light that shone from the horizon of grace and the last spirit that adorned the world of justice—and upon His family and His companions who walked in the Way, through whom the luminary of proof and evidence shed its radiance.

And now, the letter of that honored beloved one arrived. Praise be to God, it dispelled grief and brought joy. The essence of our capital and trade and affairs hath been and is the mention of God and His praise and arising to serve God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, in these matters no loss hath occurred, rather there hath been profit upon profit. The rest too, God willing, shall by His will become firm and solid and blessed. The command is in His hand. For those who have committed their affairs to Him in trust and reliance and supplication, He will carry out whatever is for their good. This is the truth, there is no doubt in it. God willing, may that honored one ever be adorned and illumined with the ornament of the name "Trustworthy". Verily He is sufficient unto me and unto you and unto whosoever placeth his trust in Him in all matters.

The letter of the honored master, his eminence the Afnan, upon him be from all nine [Baha], which he had sent previously to this servant and afterwards to his eminence the son, this servant was honored to read both. A reply was written and sent—may that honored one deliver it. Permission to come was also granted. To the beloved honored one, his eminence Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 9 66[Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, and those with him, I convey greetings and glory, and likewise to the other friends who dwell in that land. This evanescent one remembereth them all and seeketh for all from God, exalted be His glory, success and confirmation. And concerning the mention of the arrival of the honored friend, his eminence Mulla Muhammad ʿAli, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]—if he hath departed then may he be accompanied by safety, and if he is still present in that land then welcome to him and glory be upon him. Peace and mercy and glory be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 3 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1300

BH07687: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose light…

In the name of the One Whom the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged!

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose light of countenance all created things were drawn, and through the fire of Whose Tree all contingent beings were set ablaze! I beseech Thee by that revelation whereby Moses the Interlocutor was struck down, and by Thy most sweet call which the Beloved was blessed to hear, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will shield them from all else save Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! My tongue, my pen, my outward being and my inmost reality all testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou hast no partner in the realm of dominion and sovereignty. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, standing before the door of Thy grace, hoping for the manifestations of Thy favors and gifts. I beseech Thee not to make me of those who denied Thy Revelation and disputed Thy signs. Write down for me, then, that which is best in this world and the next. Verily, Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08173: Praise be to the sanctified Lord of all creation…

Praise be to the sanctified Lord of all creation, Who is worthy and deserving, Who hath adorned every age, era and century with that which His consummate wisdom requireth…

And further: the letter of that spiritual beloved was as a healing remedy for the seeking soul, adorned as it was with mention of the Afnan and the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God. Likewise was it adorned with praise and glorification of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that findeth the fragrance of the garment of love. How fitting is this verse in this connection:

This breath hath caught my garment's hem; The scent of Joseph's robe I ken.

The very breath of the letter is fragrance itself; the remembrance of the friends is as the water of life. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized and partaken, and woe unto the heedless!

BH00129: Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath manifested His…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, perfected His proof, and completed His testimony in such wise that the dwellers of the realms of might and the denizens of the kingdom have borne witness thereto. Blessed is he who hath been just in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, and blessed is the learned one who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is the one endued with understanding who hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of all things.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Aid Thy servants unto that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and will cause them to recognize that which will profit them in Thy worlds. O Lord! The suns of understanding have been eclipsed by the veils that have come between Thee and them from Thy creation, and the moons of acknowledgment have been darkened by the clouds that have come between Thee and them from Thy creatures. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulation after Thy power to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify the eyes of Thy servants and cause to grow in their hearts the roses of equity concerning Thy Cause and Thy Manifestation. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed and dominant over whatsoever Thou hast created. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

To continue: His Holiness's letter dated the first of Jamadi'l-Avval transformed the smoke of sorrow into the light of joy, for in these days successive letters indicating the arrest of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, had arrived from His Holiness the Name of God—upon him be all glory most glorious—and his honor, the beloved of the heart, Ali-Qabli-Akbar—upon him be the glory of God, Lord of Power. However, all correspondence before and after spoke of the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of the Cause without any veil or covering. Both from His Highness the noble prince and likewise from another prince, satisfaction was expressed. They attended multiple gatherings and recited some of the verses and passages. As soon as His Holiness the Name of God learned that His Highness the Crown Prince, the Regent, was seeking him, he himself wrote and sent a letter to him, the substance of which was:

> "I have heard that you have summoned this servant. I am at your service and will present myself whenever you specify."

Subsequently, His Highness the Most Noble received him with utmost love at the appointed time. All manner of subjects were discussed and the meeting passed in complete joy and delight. Similarly, another meeting took place, and with his honor Ali-Qabli-Akbar—upon him be the glory of God—repeated meetings were held and detailed discussion of divine verses and evidences occurred. The true effect and fruit of this is not known. This much became clear and evident to them: that God, exalted be His glory, has in this Most Great Revelation strictly forbidden killing, plunder, corruption, and conflict and contention in the Book. However, the ignorant ones of that land who are known as divines arose in clamor. The dust of their suppositions and imaginings surrounded that holy and blessed city.

Glory be to God! Until when will they turn away and object and say what they do not understand and speak of what they do not comprehend? The cause and reason for these matters in the first instance was the lack of observance of wisdom. His Holiness the Wronged One, meaning the Name of God—upon him be all glory most glorious—in correspondence sent to this servant has greatly complained about the unwisdom shown in the Land of Ta. In one letter he wrote that "this servant was invited to a place, but upon arrival it was observed that fifty or sixty of the friends were gathered. I said: 'Have you not heard of wisdom, that it has been ordained that gatherings should not exceed nine persons?' Similarly, other gatherings were observed.

If I did not attend it would cause offense. When I went, it was observed that the word of wisdom had no effect and the number exceeded the known rule." And he wrote: "Praise be to God, the Land of Ta is adorned with the presence of the chosen ones, the saints and the beloved, and all are enkindled with the

fire of love. The only thing observed contrary to this was that they did not observe wisdom, and out of complete sincerity, they would consider anyone who claimed belief to be a believer and confidant." As such, one of the hypocrites, claiming belief, attended gatherings and assemblies and afterwards related all details to his chief, who has returned to hell.

And afterward all details were conveyed to their chief who has returned to hell, and that wicked one became the cause of uproar and corruption, issuing a decree for the shedding of pure blood. However, the hand of God's wrath gave him no respite and returned him to the worst abode, that is, to the lowest of the low. Nevertheless, his like have not been warned, and the uproar has grown more intense. In all ages and centuries, the ignorant ones who were known by the name of learned have been the cause and source of corruption. His Holiness Ismu'llah had written that the government was in no way interfering, but the clamor of the ignorant has risen to such a degree that the state is compelled to arrest and imprison.

In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to awaken those who sleep, grant sight to the blind, bestow awareness to the heedless, and adorn the learned of the age with fairness. In truth, these people have been and continue to be sightless, heedless, sleeping, ignorant, agitators, corrupters and oppressors. God protect us and you from the evil of these people who have sought to extinguish the light of God in every age, as attested by traditions and accounts, and beyond them the Book of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect the Wronged One and all who are wronged from the evil of oppressive, treacherous, and deceitful souls. Verily, He has power over all things. This was a summary of the events in the Land of Ta that was submitted. Surely His Holiness has by now been informed of the events in that land.

Concerning what you wrote about the Feast in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory, and the marriage ceremony—praise be to God, it has been accepted with favor. He says, and His sweetest utterance is:

> "O Zayn, God willing, may you be a pillar of the House of Justice."

And the dawning-place of the manifestation of Rida Ismu'llah and Ali-Qabli-Akbar and a group of friends are caught in the claws of hatred. Although outwardly the state authorities have shown consideration and tolerance and have conducted themselves with love, yet the uproar of the ignorant, namely the clergy, has risen with wickedness and audacity. It behooves you to beseech God, your Lord, night and day to protect His loved ones and chosen ones from the evil of those who have denied the rights of God, before and after.

You know the Shi'ih clergy—despite the ignorance that encompasses their outer and inner being, they are so proud that they count themselves the highest, most learned, most ascetic and most God-fearing among the peoples of the earth. May God destroy them! Blessed is My Name who spoke the truth, and he who spoke before him and after him, and he who was named Ali-Qabli-Akbar in thy Lord's Book, and he who was named Rida in the Kingdom of Names, and he who returned from prison, and those who were imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining resplendent from the

horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon them and upon My loved ones in the Hunchbacked [City] and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

These days news has arrived that some have been released. A letter has arrived from his honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, wherein it is written that they have requested from the friends a covenant not to gather in meetings. Whatever news has outwardly arrived, from before and after, has been submitted so that His Holiness may be informed. However, the true news and real knowledge is with our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

As regards Ali and his brother Haydar, upon them be the Glory of God, and the Huqúqu'llah, concerning which you wrote, these matters were submitted and He said:

> "We magnify Ali and beseech God the Most High to aid him in that which He loves and is pleased with. We remember his brother and counsel him with that which God has revealed in the Book. Blessed is he who holds fast to God's commandments and trusts in Him in all conditions. Verily you have spoken the truth, and others should follow in your footsteps. Blessed is he who has heard and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

It is most evident and clear that payment of the Huqúqu'llah has been and will always be the cause of bounty, blessing, honor and protection. Blessed is he who has recognized and acknowledged, and woe unto the deniers. This applies when one acts with complete joy and fragrance and desire to fulfill the laws of the Book. It is incumbent upon you to enjoin what is right. Whoso hearkens, it shall be to his own benefit, and whoso turns away, verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

Regarding what you wrote about the basis for the Huqúqu'llah, this servant has previously mentioned it. As for Haydar, since you mentioned him, half of those Rights were bestowed upon him and the other half should be delivered to you, after which its decree will be issued. This too is beloved, provided it occurs with joy and fragrance; otherwise even its mention is not permitted.

Concerning what you had recorded about His Honor ʿAli-Akbar Bey—upon him be Baha'u'llah—this servant hath been informed by His Honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan—upon him be Baha'u'llah—that it will apparently be one year more or less since he last wrote to this servant. Praised be God, it was accepted, and in these days it hath been sent from the Land of Ya and is on its way. The aforementioned Mirza hath mentioned this servant repeatedly. Verily, the reward of the righteous shall not be lost.

Concerning the mention you had made of the spiritual beloved, His Honor Mulla Ali-Jan—upon him be Baha'u'llah—it was submitted and He said:

> "We have accepted whatsoever he hath wrought in the path of God and whatsoever he hath sent, as well as what was sent by him who is named Aqa-Buzurg. It behooveth them both to thank their Lord for this great bounty. We have mentioned them aforetime, and from this station We magnify them both and counsel them to show goodly patience and that wisdom wherewith We have commanded all aforetime and in this time. And We have commanded the servant to send unto Ali that which will make clear unto him in the most eloquent utterance

the mention of the acceptance of what he hath sent, that he may rejoice and give praise and be among the thankful."

Thus endeth the command. According to the order, it was received and dispatched. And concerning the mention you made of the beloved ones of Zarrin-Kala, it was submitted. This is what the Master uttered in reply. He said—and His word is the sweetest:

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Wise

O thou obedient one! God willing, through the bounty of the True One, mayest thou drink from the Kawthar of His love in all conditions, and be a herald of His remembrance, and act according to His Book. We beseech Him, the Exalted, that He may protect thee and draw thee nigh unto Him and acquaint thee with that which every ignorant doubter hath denied. Today the dark smoke of the oppression of some quarters hath taken hold. God will soon change it by a command from Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

O servant of God, say: O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand are the destinies of all existence! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to cause me in all circumstances to hold fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy knowledge nor to disappoint me from the lights of the suns of Thy favors. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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

O Ali! Beseech God that He may draw thee to such a station wherein the clamor of men and the oppression of those in the land shall not prevent thee from Him. Today the limbs of the world are trembling and the tribes of the earth are quaking and disturbed. The recompense of the unseemly deeds of various peoples hath encompassed them. In every land He appeareth with a different name and manifesteth Himself in a different form. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him. Verily He heareth and respondeth, and He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Let His Honor write and send forth these words that perchance the fragrances of the perfumed garment may be diffused and that fragrance may become the cause of guidance and may draw the heedless people to the ocean of awareness. His Honor Mulla Alijan, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, hath been the cause of the exaltation of the Word in the land of M. Praise be to God that they have been blessed with this great bounty. Repeatedly their mention was heard from the Blessed Tongue and numerous Tablets were sent. God willing, through the light of their sincerity, souls that are firm, steadfast, content and well-pleasing will appear in those regions and will arise to educate the people, so that all may become free and detached from corruption, conflict and bestial traits, and may be adorned with human virtues.

The people are unaware and have entertained corrupt imaginings about the Cause of God. If they would truly sanctify themselves from self and passion and turn their attention to the Will of God, exalted be His glory, all would turn in complete humility, submissiveness, resignation and contentment, would cleave unto His Holiness the Well-Known One and would turn away from all else. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, the Bestower, the Giver, to answer this supplication. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers.

Your Honor's second letter, which was dated the 16th of Jamadi'l-Avval, brought joy to the heart and gladness to the breast. God willing, may the breeze of your pen never cease and may it ever continue to waft and diffuse its fragrance. Regarding what was mentioned about the horse colt and its price, it shall be carried out and implemented exactly as has been arranged and as Your Honor has written. In any case, the matter is referred to Your Honor, and likewise the small remaining sum.

Section 2: "And regarding what you wrote about His Honor…"

And regarding what you wrote about His Honor Mulla Ahmad A.T., upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: Verily We make mention of him who was named Ahmad, who turned toward the Wronged One aforetime, and We mention him now with such a mention as is not equaled by aught that pertaineth to the world and its conditions, and We counsel him with that which behooveth man and that whereby the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be manifested. O Ahmad! Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. No one should proceed to the Prison except with His permission. Verily He commandeth every seeker according to what is best for him. To this testifieth every discerning one who hath knowledge. Be thou aflame with the fire of the love of thy Lord and occupied with that which profiteth thee and those servants of God who may come unto thee from among the assured ones. In all circumstances be thou mindful of wisdom and say:

O God of the land and sea and whatsoever is therein! I beseech Thee by the Repository of Thy knowledge, the Wellspring of Thy command, the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, to preserve me from all that Thou hast forbidden in Thy Book and to strengthen me in that which Thou hast commanded through Thy decree. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, setting my face toward the horizon of Thy grace, the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no decree can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

According to His command, should they return and engage in that which is reckoned as worship, it would be most beloved and still is. How many souls have turned toward the divine Kaaba from distant paths, yet after bearing hardships and difficulties were not counted among the pilgrims in the sight of God; and how many have remained in their homes yet attained the outpouring grace of the True One. The Command is in His hands and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. This servant conveys greetings to them and seeks divine confirmation for them. In all circumstances they must hold fast to wisdom, for the people have not found the fragrance of utterance and are deprived and forbidden from the ocean of knowledge. They interpret the words of God's loved ones and chosen ones according to their own desires

and engage in dispute and conflict. They have taken as guides those who are unworthy of mention, and have considered the Dawning-Place of God's names as one who leads astray. By God's life! Were they to understand, they would lament, but consummate wisdom has been veiled from them and revealed to others. Blessed are they who have attained, and woe unto those who have denied God's favor, the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about the leaf, the wife of His Holiness the Exalted One, Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, whom the Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned, it was presented, as were his verses and expressions of gratitude, praise and glorification. Blessed is she! Once these sublime words were heard from the Blessed Tongue: The loved ones of Truth must be mindful of the relatives of His Holiness the Exalted One, who was named Abu-Talib, and consider their care obligatory. Verily he hath a station in the Book. O Zayn! Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee and will love thee and hearkeneth unto thy word. We have found thee grateful, patient, content in hardship and ease, in calamity and tribulation.

Thou art he who hath aided thy Lord with thy tongue, thy hand, thy pen and thy sight. He hath adorned thee with the ornament of forgiveness and ordained for thee that which hath made the countenance of creation beam with joy. Were what hath been ordained for thee to be revealed, thou wouldst behold the world in manifest gladness. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. O Zayn! Convey My greetings to My handmaiden whom thou hast mentioned and to those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. We counsel her and every handmaiden who hath believed in sanctification, detachment, trustworthiness, truthfulness and fidelity. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven.

Concerning the mention made of Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, from the people of Ham, they had mentioned Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad and Aqa Mahmud and their degrees of recognition—these matters were presented. Thus surgeth the Most Great Sea. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

O Muhammad! All servants have sought knowledge and understanding, and pursued the cities of wisdom and utterance. When the blessed and goodly City appeared and the Nightingale of Faithfulness warbled upon the branch of eternity with the Most Exalted Word, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. They have regarded the Dayspring of divine unity as one with the people of misbelief, and have mistaken the River of divine wisdom for a mirage. They cling to fancy and idle imaginings, deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of certitude. The fruits of the servants' deeds have appeared in the form of cannons, rifles and swords, as all have seen and heard. Each day a new affliction appeareth and a fresh severity is witnessed.

The wronged community is observed beneath the lashes of the heedless. The earth hath become strait unto them despite its vastness. Beseech ye God to illumine their eyes and grant them attentive ears, that perchance they may return unto the truth and attain the ornament of forgiveness. Until now, they have not known and do not know the cause and reason for this great abasement. We beseech the Exalted One to make them aware and teach them, and aid them to return. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. If thou findest a friend, convey My greetings and salutations and say: Arise and make good what hath escaped thee. Verily, the Wronged One summoneth all unto the Supreme Horizon and counseleth them with that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Zayn! Give glad tidings to all who turn unto My turning unto Him, to all who remember My remembrance of Him, and to all who are attracted by My attraction to His countenance. Say: Fear not, neither be ye sorrowful. Answer Him Who calleth you unto goodness, forbiddeth wrong, and counseleth you with that which profiteth you in every world of the worlds of your All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. Two souls have been mentioned. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them and grant them the greatest steadfastness. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Your honor must observe great wisdom. The sending of letters to those regions, namely the land of S-L and the City, is not permissible except by chance, for they are exceedingly fanatical and heedless of the essence of knowledge. It seemeth the zeal of the Age of Ignorance hath raised its banner in those lands and established its dominion there. However, since they have attained the presence and been perfumed by the breezes of grace and the fragrance of the Garment, assuredly the effects thereof shall later become manifest and the fruits of the planted trees shall appear. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what was asked concerning the nine stations of the manifest verses, they said that his honor Zayn, upon him be My glory, should reflect, and he will attain to the purpose.

And your other letter, dated the 15th of Jumada'th-Thani, through its wondrous breath made fresh and verdant this ailing frame. This servant beseecheth his Lord to recompense your honor with the best of rewards and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. This is a prayer which hath in truth already been answered, as your honor and this servant bear witness, and behind us our Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Regarding what you wrote about the attention of His Holiness Ism-i-66 [Allah], the Beauty—upon Him be all Glory of Glories—praise be to God, through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, he arrived safe and sound with his family and children in the Most Great Prison. Later, a special place near the well-known palace was designated specifically for them, and that place is connected to the palace. Now, praise be to God, they reside in the vicinity and are blessed with the honor of attaining His presence. How pleasant, wholesome and blessed this is for him. Upon his first arrival, He inquired about his condition. None but God knows the measure and extent of His favors. The whole world has been and remains incapable of limiting it. All must give thanks to Him throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad Kazim, Aqa Muhammad and the son of Jinab-i-ʿAli Nur—upon them be the glory of God—it was conveyed, and this is what the Beloved uttered:

> "We send them greetings and praise, and We beseech God to open before their faces the gates of goodness and blessings, and to send down upon them that which will gladden their hearts and bring tranquility to their souls. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

O My Name! The True One, exalted be His glory, has been and is the Trustworthy, the All-Informed. He has known and knows His loved ones, and whatever He deems expedient, He causes to flow and appear. Nothing escapes His knowledge. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answering. O Zayn! In this Most Great Revelation, the True One, exalted be His glory, has in every instance seized the oppressors and

transgressors. Nevertheless, no one has become aware. Observe what occurred in the great city and the land of Sad, and likewise in the land of Ta, where He seized with His conquering power the source of evil and its manifestation—namely Siyyid Sadiq—and similarly another soul. Yet all are observed to be heedless and veiled.

And He will seize yet another soul. Verily, He has power over all things. In no age has there occurred what has occurred in this Revelation. The abominable and displeasing deeds of the people have prevented them from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Continuously does the Herald call out and the cry is raised above heads. What cry could be greater than the seizure of the mentioned evil one—namely the liar who was called truthful? Wonder upon wonder! In any case, since mercy has taken precedence, beseech the True One to guide the misguided to the straight path, to awaken the heedless, and not to deprive them from the ocean of His favors.

We make mention at the end of the Tablet of My Most Truthful Name and My Holy Servant who has attained to that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Another matter to submit is regarding the daughter of Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli—upon him be the glory of God. For more than two years he has been seeking permission to bring her, until in this instance permission was granted and he was informed by telegraph. All these matters must, according to the Command, occur in accordance with the Divine Book. Blessed is he who fulfills God's covenant and acts according to what He has commanded in His Clear Book.

And likewise regarding the daughter of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God: Last year the mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, came to this servant and requested that something be written. Since no word indicating this matter had been heard from the Most Holy Presence, it was therefore delayed until this time when it was honored with the adorning of permission and they sent word to Tel, and this matter was accepted in His presence. And she has also taken a place near the mansion which is good for both parties in every way. We beseech God to unite them and draw them near to Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The people of the Name of God "Jamal" have, in service to the Haram, conveyed a word from the wife of Jinab-i-Shatir Husayn regarding his daughter, and that word was presented before His presence. According to His command: if she wishes to proceed to the Most Holy Court in accompaniment with the daughter of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, there is no objection. All these matters must, according to His command, be carried out with spirit and fragrance and means and contentment. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Oft-Returning, the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Generous.

And likewise according to His command, they should write with wisdom and utterance to certain quarters regarding the Huquq, that which is the cause of confirmation of the servants, that perchance they may be enabled to act according to what the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in the Book. And of whatever is received, half should be given to the friends of God in that land. And previously it was commanded that funds be sent to that quarter. It is strange that until now they have not arrived. The servant beseecheth his Lord to send down upon the beloved ones of the All-Merciful and its captives that which will make

them wealthy in His lands and chosen ones among His creation. Verily our Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Another submission: Previously according to His command it was written regarding the Book that one volume should be sent to Jinab-i-Aqa Shahvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God. Until now news of its receipt has not arrived. And likewise Jinab-i-Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, has given ten tumans so that His Holiness might write and send some of the wondrous verses specifically for him. If a copy of the book which the beloved Jinab-i-Nazim, upon him be the Glory of God, was carrying could be written and sent specifically for him, it would be most beloved. God willing it will arrive soon, as Jinab-i-Shahvirdi has repeatedly expressed this. Although this evanescent one knows that His Holiness is occupied and has not had and does not have opportunity beyond what he has already done, nevertheless God willing they will give priority to this matter and complete it.

This evanescent one's submission is that greetings, peace and congratulations are offered to all the gentlemen and friends, and he begs from the Truth that He may illumine all with the light of unity and concord. The Glory shining and effulgent from the horizon of the heaven of the providence of our Lord and our Desire be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you and recognize your station and hear your words and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded by God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

On the 28th of the month of Rajab 1300. The servant.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—expressed special bounties toward your honor and conveyed such greetings as are sanctified above this evanescent one's mention and writing.

BH00403: O beloved of my heart and the one remembered…

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! The decree of destiny has brought me joy while the imprisonment of the righteous and chosen ones has brought me sorrow. I praise God for his patience and forbearance, and for the mercy that preceded His servants. However, this servant sees what he dare not mention and knows what he does not wish to reveal. In this Revelation, God has seized His transgressing and oppressive servants after there descended from the kingdom of His utterance that which would sacrifice the spirits of those drawn nigh. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "Do not transgress against those who have transgressed against you, so that your grace and kindness may be manifest among the servants."

Thus was it sent down before from the heaven of our Ancient Lord's will.

Glory be to God! Despite witnessing with their own eyes what has befallen the deniers, transgressors and oppressors, they remain heedless and veiled. How long will this heedlessness continue? By God's life, the intoxication of worldly ornaments and bounties has made people heedless and prevented them from the Truth, exalted be His glory. What has occurred in these regions has occurred, and every possessor of

hearing and sight has seen and heard it. What appeared in the Land of Sad is known to all, and that which is in the Land of Ta is not far from them. The liar was seized with great might, then he who spoke with oppression was taken with severe punishment.

More than this cannot be expressed. In this Most Great Revelation, the Truth has not given and will not give respite. Despite this, people's heedlessness increases daily and the veils grow thicker with each passing day. Reflect on God's compassion, grace and mercy, and likewise on the oppression of the rebellious tyrants. In most Tablets He says that if an oppressor transgresses against you, hold fast to the cord of patience, and if he harms you, forgive him. They have forbidden conflict, contention, corruption, killing, plunder and pillage to such an extent that most servants are aware and bear witness to this.

Nevertheless, they have imprisoned His Holiness Ismu'llah Mihdi—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory—without any proof or evidence. He is among those souls who sought only pure good for all from the Truth, exalted be His glory, and not even a mustard seed's worth of harm came from him to anyone. He moved for God's sake, and from this movement had no purpose except endearing creation, unifying souls, and bringing harmony and agreement among the servants—this too in a spirit of possibility and joy. Despite this, such a soul and other friends who for nearly thirty years have borne trials and tribulations in God's path and have not transgressed against anyone, they have seized with utmost oppression and tyranny and placed in prison. By God's life, this imprisonment has become and will become the cause of glory, elevation of station, exaltation of worth, spread of knowledge, and expansion of the carpet of justice.

However, this servant has been and remains utterly perplexed by one thing among all that has occurred, and that is the fear of some of the friends of God. Now must one reflect and speak with equity: Was the crown of thorns upon the blessed head of His Holiness the Spirit of God—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—better in the path of God, or if Herod, who was governor and ruler, had placed upon it a crown of jewels? The rebellion of the stubborn Jews and their shameful deeds and abominable acts became the cause and reason for the exaltation of the Word, the manifestation of the Cause, the elevation of station, and the sublimity thereof, even as these stations are manifest and evident unto all the people of the world.

One must, as commanded, act with wisdom—that is, speak to each soul according to their capacity and station, and strive to refine souls, improve existence, and manifest kindness and affection to all creation for the sake of God. In this state, when his heart is illumined and his deeds are pure and sincere and his face is turned toward God, the water of life and the heavenly feast have been and will be his portion. If people were aware of the sweetness of death, they would seek this cup with a hundred thousand yearnings and joy.

Today is the day of dying. By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, the springtime of ascension and rising has been and is in these days, for one attains infinite divine bounties and likewise the mention of the Supreme Pen, which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth, and likewise the mention and attention of all things. Who can describe this most exalted, most sublime station or detail what lies therein? Most wondrous of all is that from the Supreme Pen has been revealed the preservation of all, yet sorrow and fear have seized some. And if something should come to

pass, it would be for the sake of the life of the world and the manifestation of what is hidden therein, and this is the ultimate hope of all who hope.

God is witness and testament that this servant, many nights when verses of protection were being revealed, observed himself in sorrow, fearing lest I be deprived of the blessing of martyrdom and prevented from His grace, although I was not and am not worthy of this most exalted station and supreme pinnacle except through His wondrous grace and His all-encompassing favor. The servant asks, in weakness and supplication, and He is the Answerer, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Where can these days be found, and when do such times fall to everyone's lot? A single moment thereof cannot be equaled by centuries and ages. Any deed that is performed for God's sake is recorded as the king of deeds in God's Book. Thus did my ear hear from my Lord, the Speaking, the Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist this evanescent one and other friends to arise to accomplish what has been missed. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

O beloved of my heart! Every person of insight and knowledge has loved and loves patience, but sometimes the oppression of aggressors reaches such a degree that one involuntarily cries out. Therefore I present to you what was sent down from the heaven of our Lord's will in a Tablet He revealed to His Name, the Generous—upon Him be His most glorious glory. He said—and His word is the truth:

> "O My Name! You were with Me and witnessed the cord of My tranquility and the ocean of My patience. Consider what caused Me to cry out between the heavens and the earth"

to the end of His exalted words. This blessed verse was revealed in the Land of Mystery.

Thus far scattered matters have been presented. Now I venture to present the main subject.

O my beloved! The exalted letter dated the seventh of Jumada II was received. Praise and gratitude be to God that in such days, amidst the clamor of the ignorant and the burning flames of passion and desire, they have arrived in that land, trusting in God and clinging to the cord of His service. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one in all conditions and to grant him success in all that He desires for His path. Verily, He has power over what He willeth. What joy and delight was experienced from the presence of that beloved one and His Honour Mirza and His Honour Haji Siyyid Asadu'llah, upon them both be the glory of God. The servant beseeches the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all nations to prepare for your honour the means and to manifest for your eminence the affairs in such wise that you shall see them in your right hand and within your grasp. And after being apprised of what was in the Kingdom and presenting it before the Throne, thus spoke the Lord of the worlds—His word is the truth:

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne and inscribed in the Book! Convey from Me My greetings, My glorification and My loving-kindness to My Name who was imprisoned without evidence and without any command from God, the Lord of the worlds. Then to him who spoke with justice when questioned about this mighty News. Verily, We have remembered him and those who were imprisoned, as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. O thou who gazest toward My horizon and standeth firm in the service of My Cause! Gladden the fearful and

sorrowful souls with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and give them to drink from the chalice of assurance in the name of the Beloved of all creation.

There hath befallen them in the path of God that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and the people of this noble station. We found some in seclusion and some in evident agitation. God hath pardoned them and recorded for them the reward of what befell them on this straight path. Say: Beware lest anything prevent you from God or the might of the heedless cause you to fear. Do thou beseech God, thy Lord, to aid those who have been wronged and to grant them success in turning back and returning. Verily, He is the Oft-Returning, the Merciful.

And We make mention of Haydar who confined all matters to the mention of this Most Great Remembrance. Blessed is he and those who followed him in this firm and impregnable Cause.

We make mention of him who is named Asadu'llah who traveled with thee. Convey My greetings unto him and gladden him with this gracious remembrance. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to all the friends in that land and say: Martyrdom is like the supreme elixir—rare, nay unobtainable—and hath not been and is not destined for every soul save by His binding and wise command. Let them not be perturbed nor fear the doings of the oppressors. Let them move and speak with the utmost joy and fragrance. He verily protecteth them in truth and He is the Protector, the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful. Let them pray for the heedless and the oppressors and beseech God, exalted be His glory, for their guidance. And if they prove unworthy of guidance, He verily is the Stern, the All-Compelling, Who will seize them as He hath seized others in this Revelation. Brief was and is the respite.

Say: Reflect on that which hath been sent down in this Revelation and hath been manifested by His penetrating, mighty, triumphant and powerful command. Gather together the sheep of God and remind them. Say: Beware lest the doings of the heedless frighten you, and beware lest ye cling to the flimsiest of houses for your protection. Put your trust in God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. He is with you and will protect and help you, and if He ordaineth martyrdom for you, this is of His great bounty. He desireth it for you only after your acceptance and your seeking it. All things bear witness to this, if ye be of them that know. We have adorned Hasan and Husayn and Kazim with a garment that will never wear out and with a glory that will never be followed by abasement, through the eternity of My Best Names.

Blessed be the letters Ha and Sin who attained the supreme martyrdom and that which none knoweth save every tried, truthful and trustworthy mystic. Say: Fear not, neither be ye grieved. Be as mountains in the Cause of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom neither commerce nor trade nor might nor wrath nor clamor hath deterred from the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O my beloved! Blessed are they whom neither the might of the world nor the assaults of the nations have deterred. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to preserve all through His complete power from that which was and is unworthy, and to give them to drink at all times from the cup of awareness. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The reply to this letter was submitted and sent in haste, and likewise previously multiple correspondences were dispatched to your presence along with two packages of passages in the blessed handwriting of the

Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps. God willing, all have arrived and will arrive. And regarding the two letters from that beloved one dated before this letter, due to considerations of wisdom and timing, no reply was submitted. God willing, they will be sent later as appropriate. I convey greetings and salutations to the honored beloved, His Holiness Ha before Dal, and likewise to Haji who shares thy name, and to all other friends. May God, exalted be His glory, cause them all to soar on the wings of freedom in the atmosphere of inner meanings.

May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon and have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH10940: O Abdullah! Today refinement of character and virtuous conduct…

…O Abdullah! Today refinement of character and virtuous conduct are necessary for everyone. Each one must be mindful of all, not only of themselves. From the horizons of all hearts must shine forth the sun of kindness and grace. Love for one another has been and will ever be the cause of the descent of infinite bounties. To this testifies every learned one, every seeing one, every possessor of a heart, and beyond them all, with Him is the Mother Book….

BH05776: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose call all…

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 call all things were attracted in the kingdom of creation, and through the fragrance of Whose robe every ignorant one attained to the ocean of knowledge, every lover to the Beloved, every seeker to the ultimate goal, and every aspirant to the highest horizon! I beseech Thee by the sweetness of Thy utterance, the manifestations of Thine infallibility, and the evidences of Thy power and might, to protect Thy chosen ones beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Cause. O my Lord, these are days wherein the heedless have imprisoned Thy loved ones and chosen ones, and have prevented them from reforming the world and educating the nations. Thou knowest, O my God, that they desired not corruption in the land nor the shedding of blood.

They desired only to illuminate the world with the lights of trustworthiness, chastity, truthfulness and fidelity. Thou art the Lord of all creation—Thou dost witness and behold what hath befallen them at the hands of Thy creatures. O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names! O my Lord, deliver them through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou didst promise me in these days that Thou wouldst extinguish the fire of corruption and wickedness and manifest the light of righteousness and godliness. I beseech Thee to bestow upon Thy loved ones the heavenly manna and the water of steadfastness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Powerful.

BH03681: In truth, all must turn their attention, remembrance, utterance…

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

In truth, all must turn their attention, remembrance, utterance, humility, submissiveness, lowliness and supplication with a single essence to the True One, exalted be His glory, seeking victory for the manifest Faith. For the Moon of Batha has been eclipsed and the Sun of Hijaz is darkened. The enemies of the Faith lie in wait, and each day they cling to a new cord and rise up against the radiant Faith, snatching away one part after another.

Glory be unto Thee, O King of Kings, Merciful to the downtrodden, Remover of doubts, and Helper of the poor! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy mercy, the fire of Thy love, the rain-showers of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy generosity to protect the blessed community from the evil ones among Thy creation and the oppressors among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest Thy righteous servants beneath the claws of the wicked, Thou hearest the rumbling of their cannons, and Thou seest their scheming. I beseech Thee by Thy power which encompasseth all things, and by Him Whom Thou hast made the Manifestation of Thy Name, the First and the Last, the Outward and the Inward, through Whom Thou hast sealed the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to ordain for these weak ones that which will make them strong in Thy kingdom. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thereafter, your letter arrived. Praise be to God, it contained two glad tidings: one of health and the other the fragrance of love. As the poet says:

> "When I have thee, I have all; naught else do I need."

Today, in truth, whosoever attaineth unto the love of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath possessed and possesseth every excellence and every good thing….

BH03644: By the Day-Star of the heaven of unity!…

…By the Day-Star of the heaven of unity! The tongue of the world's heart uttereth these words: "I am most good and beloved, most subtle and ethereal, most holy and sanctified, yet my burden is heavy, dense, impure and abhorrent, save whom God willeth. My likeness is as a gilded throne usurped by an ape." This is the day of repentance and return, the time for seeking forgiveness and showing humility. Enemies have surrounded from every direction and with utmost hatred strive and continue to strive against the resplendent Faith. Hath the stupor of heedlessness seized us, or have our unseemly deeds imposed sleep upon us? Glory be to God! If we be dead, where are our graves? And if we be alive, where are our traces? The earth is transformed. The saplings of justice and fairness, planted through God's grace and nurtured by fostering hands, have been consumed by the fire of tyranny and oppression. From the right hand death calleth out, and from the left extinction showeth its face. The glorious herald proclaimeth before all: "Depart! Depart!" Nevertheless, the people soar on the wings of vain imaginings, heedless of all that causeth and bringeth about divine bounties and heavenly favors….

Today, whoever acts according to the Book of God and whose heart is purified and sanctified from doubts, hatred, enmity and all that is unworthy of man—such a one is counted among the Concourse on High. And if they attain the lofty station of martyrdom, this is the ultimate bounty for them. However, all these matters depend on the will of God, exalted be His glory. For a long time, the preservation of the servants has been revealed and recorded by the Pen of the Divine Purpose. Therefore martyrdom is rarely granted, and that only for the life of the world and the manifestation of crafts, sciences and arts. The existence of this station is like the existence of the phoenix in the regions of the world—mentioned in words but absent in deed. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to so attract all through the Kawthar of utterance that they see all else as non-existent and know it as void. A hundred thousand lives be sacrificed for His will, and a hundred thousand eternities circle round His Word….

…the friends must leave the deeds and actions of the oppressors to God and in no wise interfere. In times of hardship and tribulation they must hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation. God, exalted be His glory, Himself giveth victory and seizeth the oppressors through His all-conquering, overwhelming power. However, the friends must not be assured by any soul and must not believe every claimant to a cause, and until they find a receptive place they must not open their lips, and they must not be saddened by whatever may occur. The enkindled fire in the surroundings hath been and will be extinguished by the water of God's will, exalted be His glory. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, as a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful….

BH00153: The spring of remembrance and utterance has come, yet…

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!

The spring of remembrance and utterance has come, yet most people do not understand. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs, yet they perceive not. The servant laments by night and day when He sees the people behind a manifest veil. Every possessor of insight and vision is bewildered, for he observes that the people of the world attribute themselves to the Truth while remaining veiled from Him. They await the days of the Manifestation, yet are deprived of the very Manifestation Who calls out with the most exalted call. They speak of truth while clinging to creation; they speak of light while following fire. This servant knows not toward what countenance they turn, to what name they cling, what horizon they face, by what cord they move, or to what hem they hold fast.

The ocean of utterance is surging, the heaven of bounty is elevated, the Purpose is manifest—yet those souls are occupied with their own imaginings and are drowning in the seas of their vain fancies. They don turbans in the name of Truth while engaging in warfare against Him. Some turn to the synagogue while others to the mosque. If these attachments and orientations were truly for God, where are their effects? They have in truth abandoned the Synagogue of God and are occupied with the synagogues of their own souls, heedless of the circling-place of the Concourse on High, clinging to their own rejected desires. Like silkworms they have spun around themselves, yet they perceive it not. Woe unto them and away with them!

By Him Who has caused the atoms to speak His praise and glorification, if they were to reflect even less than that, they would cry out “Would that we were dust!” and exclaim “Would that we had never been born!” The smoke of heedlessness has encompassed all. At one time, the Tongue of the Lord of Names and Attributes spoke these words while revealing verses—exalted be His Word:

“O servant in attendance! Do the divines of this age imagine that in the times of the manifestation of the Daysprings of Truth, the people of the earth freely accepted the Cause of the Beloved of all creation? Do they not reflect upon the tribulations, afflictions, hardships and trials of those holy souls? Do they not ponder the blessed word ‘No Messenger cometh unto them but they did mock at him’? What was the cause that led the Jews to rise against the Spirit (Christ) and the divines of that age to pronounce the verdict for His death? And for what reason did they rise against the Seal of the Prophets and count His companions as infidels, heedless ones and mischief-makers? Ever have the Manifestations, Daysprings and Rising-places been afflicted at the hands of enemies. Yet whatever befalls one in the path of Truth is most sweet to the soul.

“O servant in attendance! Some are observed who cling to the divine religion yet consider as false and heedless the One through Whose word the religions of the world appeared, inflicting upon Him every kind of oppression. And some believe only in what their outward senses perceive, denying all else. God curse them for their unbelief! Had they been born blind and tongueless, they would not have acknowledged the existence of anything. O servant present! The foolishness, lack of understanding and want of insight of those people has reached such a degree that one is bewildered. Say: If divine worlds were limited to this world and its manifestations, then all the Prophets, holy ones and chosen ones would have suffered loss. By Him Who caused the Tree to speak and sent down the Table! Had they known what they had done, they would have lamented in this world until they returned to their stations.” End.

They do not reflect sufficiently upon this truth, that the Prophets and holy ones and chosen servants of the Almighty have, to what end, opposed themselves unto all them that dwell upon the earth. Can it be that a single soul would arise in opposition to a Cause whereto nations and governments stand arrayed in enmity, save by the command of One Who is the Mighty, the All-Powerful? This lowly servant doth beseech and implore the one true God that He may guide mankind and draw them unto the straight Path. Were they to ponder, if only for a moment, they would become enlightened; yet the smoke of heedlessness hath obscured their vision and altered the light of the heart. No person possessed of reason would abandon the eternal for that which perisheth. All bear witness to the transience of this world, yet do they cleave unto it; they observe how all return unto dust, yet remain unmindful thereof, soaring upon the wings of self and passion. Whither was I bound, and whereunto have I fallen!

My purpose is to offer reply unto that blessed epistle, and that too with brevity, lest it should prove the cause of trouble. Yet what is decreed is decreed, and the command belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the Throne on high and of the earth beneath.

May my spirit be offered up for your steadfastness, and may my soul be a sacrifice unto your uprightness! That blessed tablet, which was inscribed upon the second day of Rabi’u’l-Avval, hath been received—praise be to God! From every word thereof was inhaled the fragrance of sincerity and love for the Beloved of all the worlds. Blessed is the leaf that is adorned with the remembrance of God, and wherein

are mentioned the stations of certitude and love of the friends and loved ones for the sake of God. This servant doth not account himself worthy of mention before any of the friends, how much less in the presence of the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, whom God hath related unto Himself and made them branches of His Tree. And after gaining knowledge of this matter, I purposed to attain unto the presence of the Lord of creation, and in that most sacred and exalted court was it submitted. This is what the All-Merciful hath spoken forth in the kingdom of utterance. He said, and sweeter is His word:

In the Name of the Wronged One

Praise be to God! Thou hast inhaled the fragrances of the divine days and hast turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. By the life of God! Thou art indeed under the glances of His favor—grieve not over anything. Preserve this most holy station. Hold fast unto wisdom by My command and My will. We have verily recorded thy mention in a Book which no obliteration or extinction can reach, and from which the Concourse on High shall inhale the fragrance of eternity. To this beareth witness the Mother Book. His honor Amin, that is, Abu'l-Hasan, hath arrived and repeatedly made mention of thee. He is truly adorned with love for the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree and expresseth great satisfaction with thee.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this Most Great Day, and the Ancient Beauty hath, throughout nights and days, summoned all unto the Horizon of the appearance of God, exalted be His glory. Repeatedly hath this most exalted Word been revealed from the Supreme Pen:

> "O people! Abandon wickedness and iniquity, and follow not your desires. Follow that which your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, hath revealed in His perspicuous Book."

We have forbidden all corruption, strife, contention and unseemly deeds, and have commanded that which God loveth. These matters are evident and clear to all. Nevertheless, the Name of God and His loved ones remain imprisoned in the prison of the oppressors. There hath befallen them that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven to weep. The oppression of the people hath reached such a degree as to exceed all bounds. Glory be to God! They are awakened by no event and enlightened by no punishment. A million souls in these parts have perished, yet they remain heedless. All that was revealed in the Tablet to Ra'is hath come to pass, yet they have not awakened from their slumber. The false claimant descended into hell, yet they paid no heed. The second one returned to the flames, yet they showed no remorse. And even after the seizure of the third, they may still not come to their senses. In this Revelation, God hath granted no respite—He hath seized and continueth to seize, yet none is aware.

But by God! Were it not for the decree previously ordained in the Book, He would have seized all with but a single word from Him. God hath ever desired that His creatures should exist to engage in His praise, glorification, unity and the building of His Cause, and for other purposes which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Some of the friends in every land were observed to be fearful. By the life of God! The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any significance. Say: Martyrdom hath a lofty station and an exalted rank. It is not vouchsafed unto everyone. It is rarer than the most precious elixir, and like unto the phoenix—its name is mentioned but its reality is hidden, nay, lost. Had they known, they

would have hastened, and had they witnessed, they would have sacrificed. We have veiled this station from eyes to preserve those on earth. He guideth whom He willeth to what He desireth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My Afnan and upon those who have recognized that which God hath recognized in His exalted station.

The waves of the ocean of favor have appeared in such wise as to require no translator, interpreter or expositor. What else can this feeble servant say that would be fitting or worthy? I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect that noble person and to ever make him a source of service and the recipient of His favors.

All the stations of the world bow down in humility and prostration before this station. To this beareth witness every person of insight, every learned one, and every fair-minded and discerning soul.

Concerning your mention of Mulla Hasan—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—and the state in which he found himself after being vouchsafed the honour of attaining unto that most august and all-protecting Tablet of the Most Holy, Divine Presence: well is it with him, and with whosoever hath discovered the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful in His utterance. God Himself beareth witness and is the surety thereof, that were all who dwell upon the earth to catch but the faintest breath of a single word from among the Words of God, they would, one and all, become drunken with its rapture, and would turn, illumined, unto the lights of His Countenance. Praised be God! Through the attraction of the Divine Word they have been enkindled; naught can compare with the heat of the love of God as that which is witnessed and beheld—unto this testifieth the Lord of mankind and the Possessor of the worlds of the hereafter and the herebefore.

And as to what you have written, that the revered Akhund—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah and His tender mercy—had, at the prompting of another, put forth those questions: in the earliest days of this Most Great Revelation, questions of every kind were presented in the Most Holy Court, and the answer to each, in full measure, was revealed and sent down according to the Will of God. But now, for some years, it hath been declared that the Supreme Pen neither inclineth to, nor occupieth itself with, the mention of answers to questions, or with matters of scholastic learning.

The Point of the Bayan—may our souls, and all besides, be a sacrifice unto Him—hath said:

> "Verily He speaketh in every matter: verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

And whatsoever, in this year, hath descended from the heaven of the gracious favour of the Self-Sufficing, the Exalted, in reply to the questions of those regions, is but a token of the solicitude of God toward the steadfast in His unity and the near ones unto Him who abide in that land and its environs.

This is of the bounty of our Lord upon His branches, and upon him who hath been named by the letter Ra before Jim—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

There was a time when this exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names:

> "O servant present in the land of Y, A and R, there are souls upon whom the eye of heaven gazeth."

This exalted word is like an ocean wherein precious pearls lie hidden. Knowledge is with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed is the land that hath been honored by His mention, and the cities that have attained unto His loved ones, and the light that hath derived illumination from the radiance of His chosen ones' countenance. At this point another state overtook this soul—neither having power to speak nor strength to conceal. His is the command and in His grasp is judgment. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what thou didst write about the receipt document, it was sent according to the supreme instruction before, and now too it is being sent accordingly. At this moment this evanescent one was summoned to the Most Holy Court, and after attaining presence He walked for some time. After several minutes the Ancient Beauty turned His face toward the servant and said, exalted be His utterance:

> "O servant present! We have forgiven the rights of J and J and adorned them with the ornament of pardon, that they may give thanks unto God their Lord and arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance."

These rights belong specifically to God, exalted be His glory.

Blessed is the soul that hath paid them and attained acceptance, and joy be to the one who, as a sign of His favor, hath been adorned with the light of forgiveness. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. None should hesitate in what hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance. Verily He is the Commander, the Unconstrained.

Section 2: "After witnessing this supreme bounty, whereby the intention…"

After witnessing this supreme bounty, whereby the intention of God, exalted be His glory, was to manifest grace, this servant uttered "Thine be the praise, O Beloved of the worlds" at least a thousand times that night. It is most evident and clear that all earthly things have had and have no worth, as all have witnessed that numerous sums were repeatedly presented at the Most Holy Court but were not graced with acceptance. Yet now, in view of the gathering and the exigencies of the time, they are being accepted. In any case, the purpose was solely to manifest grace, bounty and mercy. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them to arise as befitteth the Days of God. However, according to the wisdom of His Holiness the Name of God—upon Him be all His most glorious Splendor—they have described the friends of the land of Ta, and have repeatedly expressed satisfaction, especially with some.

Yet each time they wrote that wisdom had been abandoned, and this is what is inappropriate—for they had promised this servant in various gatherings, but after attending the first gathering, it was observed that nearly fifty or sixty persons were present. I said: "Have you not heard the decree of wisdom in most divine Tablets? This decree is in effect and is recorded and written with utmost clarity." They would acknowledge this, yet on the final night the same situation was observed, and likewise in other gatherings, until finally they withdrew in seclusion. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His

glory, with utmost humility and supplication, that He may assist all to act according to what has been recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen.

Every person they arrested was taken along with their writings, although divine verses should be preserved in secure and protected places. Glory be to God! What has happened? Even though this servant has mentioned this matter in numerous petitions to the friends, until now it has not been heeded. And due to the sincerity which adorns the temple of the loved ones, they accept every word and consider every claimant truthful, although in one instance this exalted Word hath shone forth from the highest horizon: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust in every newcomer." This servant hopes that henceforth they will be assisted to do what God loveth.

Concerning what you wrote about the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Varqa—upon him be the glory of God and His favors—God willing, they are protected and assured through God's grace, exalted be His glory. This very night, this evanescent one heard mention of them from the Most Holy Tongue. Repeatedly during the revelation of verses, favors have been shown to them. God willing, they are successful and assisted in mentioning God, serving the Cause, uniting hearts, and exalting the Word in such wise that from all their limbs, members, and veins the flame of detachment may be made manifest in the path of the Lord of creation. Glory be to God! Although no corruption appeared from them and they called heedless souls to the Dayspring of divine unity with utmost love, nevertheless the heedless divines and idle ignorant ones did what no oppressor had ever done, striving with all their might to extinguish the light of the Cause. But alas! Alas! Who can alter what God hath purposed, and who can outrun His commands? By the life of our Beloved and our Goal, they persist in their ancient error.

As to what was written concerning the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, this matter must be kept most confidential, in such wise that none save steadfast, firm, upright, contented and well-pleasing souls may become aware of it. All these deeds are, before the Throne, contingent upon wisdom. That which opposeth it is not permissible. This is what the servant hath heard with his own ear from the tongue of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

The people are weak and heedless, while grace, bounty and mercy are beyond reckoning. The Command of wisdom itself beareth witness to the loving-kindness, bounty and mercy of the Goal of all beings.

As to what thou didst write concerning the ascension of His Holiness Ismu'llah Javad, upon him be all the most glorious Glory and all the most effulgent Light, the servant testifieth that he attained unto the bounty of his Most Glorious Lord and ascended unto the Supreme Companion. The near ones perceived from him the fragrance of the mercy of our Lord and his Lord, the King of Names, and there was revealed for him from the Supreme Pen that which shall endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure. O thou beloved of my heart and Essence of God standing firm in the Cause! This is the day of death, for man attaineth unto a remembrance that hath no peer or likeness, and is adorned with a crown that shall forever shine forth, radiant and luminous throughout the world. Blessed is the soul that ascendeth through divine love; if it attaineth not martyrdom, at least it attaineth this station. Although the true friends who have quaffed from the cup of steadfastness have attained unto all good and are recorded and inscribed before God among the letters of the Book—and the letters of the Book can neither be

erased nor touched by extinction—the Command is in His grasp. He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth.

As to what was written about various groups being present at the funeral procession, this was presented before the Ancient Beauty, and He said:

> "They are but one people. None should attend save the people of Baha, for whom was created the Crimson Ark mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma."

As to the mention made of Mirza ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, and what was written regarding his repeated mention of constructing monuments—this found acceptance before the Throne. Although his honor looketh unto the truth and is eager to serve, yet consideration of wisdom is necessary in all circumstances. Verily, the servant giveth him glad tidings of his remembrance in the Prison and of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds.

As to the mention made of His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be all the most glorious Glory, and the acquisition of land in the land of Ta [Tehran]—at present this matter is suspended in the heaven of divine Will, and after tranquility prevaileth and the kindled fire is extinguished, that which is adorned with the ornament of God's will, exalted be His glory, shall appear according to His command.

Concerning the funds of His Name 66 (Allah), JM, may all the Most Glorious Glory rest upon him, they wrote that previously this matter had issued from the Supreme Pen and was adorned with acceptance. His Name mentioned above purchased a house, and some funds remained. A portion they used to pay their debts and loans, and another portion they spent in the path of God until they arrived in the Land of Purpose. Now they and their family reside near the mansion which is outside the prison where the Throne is established, and they are engaged in pilgrimage. Praise be to God, they attained to that which they had been seeking from God, exalted be His Glory, during the nights and days. This matter of purchasing the house and giving funds was repeatedly presented at the Most Holy Court, and each time manifestations of favor towards Afnan 202 (Muhammad ʿAli), may all the Most Glorious Glory rest upon him, were evident. In truth, they are engaged in service, although outwardly some apparent causes brought them sorrow, and this is what I heard with my own ear from an informed source. However, He said:

> "God has ordained for him a station which none knoweth save God, and its effects shall appear in the world. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This concludes the response to your first letter. Then your second letter was honored to arrive, which began with mention of the oppression that befell the innocent ones, the chosen ones, and the pillars of the earth. Has any harm come to anyone from these oppressed ones, or have they taken anyone's property, or have they uttered anything contrary to what God hath ordained? If you were to ask about this, their answer would be naught but transgression and rebellion against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Consider how this community seeks the good of government and nation during nights and days from God, exalted be His Glory. Nevertheless, there hath come upon the people of Baha from these two parties that which caused the Concourse on High to weep and lament.

One day Jesus Christ, son of Mary—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—asked the Jews, saying: "For which of my good words do you rise up to harm me?" They replied: "Not for your good words, but because you say 'I am the Son of God.'" Their condition is evident. Our shortcoming is that we say we are the people of God and are sanctified and purified from hatred, malice, corruption, conflict and contention. The flame of hatred is kindled from every direction, but the hand of power extinguisheth it with the water of will. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Your third letter brought joy and strengthened the spirit. Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of health and are engaged in serving the Cause. Regarding what you wrote about the funds for the Doctor, may the Glory of God and His favors be upon him, this matter depends on his own news. All that you have done and written regarding the house and regarding His Name Allah (Baha), may all Glory rest upon him, is correct and acceptable and is mentioned before the Throne. The servant wishes to praise God with a thousand hundred tongues and beseech from His wondrous grace your assistance, your success, and your protection. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose manifestation the Balance hath called out and the Path been established, the mountains have passed away, and the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of Knowledge! This is the Day of Return, and the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, hath come. I beseech Thee to protect Thy Afnan from the evil of Thine enemies, to draw them nigh unto Thee, to grant them the bounty of meeting Thee, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next through Thy generosity and grace. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning unto Thee and clinging fast unto Thee. I implore Thee, by the fragrances of Thy Revelation, to assist whosoever hath arisen to serve Thee and to aid Thy Cause. Then ordain for him that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Concerning what you wrote about the beloved Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, let him be ever mindful of wisdom in all circumstances. The ignorant masses and the calumniators, especially those evil souls who remain idle and unemployed in this world, wait day and night to seize upon any pretext to inflame their base desires and passions. May God destroy them for their sins, their hypocrisy, and their unbelief. May God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. Such souls are like hot ashes that have come out of the fire—soon their heat will cool and the devastating, sterile winds will return them to nothingness. In the Tablet of Burhan, addressing the Wolf, He says:

> "Thou art like the shadow of the sun cast upon the mountains—soon it shall pass away,"

to the end of His utterance—exalted be His grandeur, sweet be His words, and great be His glory!

As for what you mentioned regarding Aqa Mas'ud and what he sent, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, forwarded his letter to the Most Holy Court where it was presented before His presence. He commanded that the honored Afnan should write him in reply and express divine favors on behalf of the Truth, that he might rejoice and be among the thankful.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Sayyah, upon him be the Glory of God, and your expression of satisfaction with him—praise be to God that he was enabled to serve the Cause and assist the oppressed, namely those souls who themselves witness and testify that they have looked to naught but the Truth and desired naught but the reformation of the world. Blessed be he! God willing, may he ever attain this supreme bounty. The servant gives him glad tidings of his Beloved's mention of him and His favors towards him, and beseeches his Lord to assist him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Most High.

This servant's further submission is that if any of God's friends attains to service, convey my greetings to them. God willing, may the dark dust of the world of oppression not prevent them from the effulgences of the lights of justice. Every deprived and heedless one hastens toward extinction while behind him the angels of punishment cry "Hasten! Hasten!" But soon those wretched, wandering, unconscious ones shall come to their senses and cry out "Oh, woe unto us!"

May the glory shining from the heaven of our Lord's favor—your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the highest and the lowest—be upon you and upon those who love you and upon every steadfast and upright believer. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The servant 14th of the month of Sha'ban the Magnificent 1300

Another request: in obedience to the command, if it be possible, let the sum of fifty tumans be conveyed, in the land of Hadba, unto His Honour Ismu'llah Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin—upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious splendour. This matter is exceedingly acceptable, and is indeed most necessary, for they are in distress. …

Another request: certain articles from the land of Kha—such as brocade, and shawls, [sugar] and the like—have been received; and Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan hath written, and is writing, unto Aqa ʿAzizu'llah the details thereof. The glory be upon your presence.

BH02429: Praise be to God Who has illumined the world…

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

Praise be to God Who has illumined the world with the resplendent lamp of His Cause. And peace and blessings be upon him whose advent adorned the night journey, and upon his family and companions whom God made manifestations of His Most Splendid Name. And now, my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. The servant has received your letter which spoke in remembrance of God and His chosen ones and pure ones and loved ones. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor and our brothers there in remembrance and praise and steadfastness, the like of which has no parallel in the kingdom of creation.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding the one who was in Port Said—excellent indeed was what you did for him. Praise and thanks be to God for enabling you to assist the believers and the righteous. I convey to your service that the honored physician and the prisoner and the blessed one, upon them be

the peace of God, the Mighty, the Praised—they are remembered before the Lord. Soon He will send what will gladden them.

And regarding what you mentioned about Haji Ali from K, the servant has presented what your honor wrote before the Presence. The Lord said:

> "O Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa, upon you be My peace and My glory. We send greetings to him and to the other Ali from T whom We sent here to trade and be among those who earn. And We permitted Ali of Kashan what he desired on condition that you do not strengthen them with a third. They must engage in their work silently and quietly. They are not to speak about any matter. We beseech God to protect them and assist them in what He loves and is pleased with."

End quote. O beloved of my heart, the servant wishes to expend an island of pens and an ocean of ink in your remembrance and praise and your arising to serve the Cause, but has not found the opportunity. The matter is in the hand of God, the Lord of creation and Dawning-Place of the light of oneness.

And at the end of the letter the servant sends greetings upon his eyes and tongue and limbs and pillars and the fragrances of his heart and the radiance of his brow—Abbas and Haji Ali from T and Haji Ali from K and Mirza Husayn and Muhammad Ibrahim and the other brothers, upon them be the peace of the All-Merciful. And I beseech Him by the One through whom He illumined the world to draw them near to Him in all conditions and assist them in His remembrance and praise and in acting according to what they were commanded in His Book. And I end my words with mention of the delight of eyes, Husayn Effendi and his brothers. And peace and mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon the righteous servants of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 18 Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1300

BH01076: Praise be to God Who hath ordained traditions…

In His Name, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath ordained traditions and established laws openly, and made their source the Essence of existence and His Book sent down to him who was invested with the mantle of divine presence, through whom the mention of prophethood was sealed and there began that which draweth men nigh unto the Lord of creation. And the prayer rising from the horizon of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon him and his family and his companions who turned toward the House and circled round it and entered through its gate. They are the emblems of victory and the standards of the Cause. Through them was the edifice of divine knowledge made firm in the contingent world and the light of the Cause shone forth amidst the concourse of religions. Blessed is he who hath heard their words and found solace in their company and clung to their hem and held fast to that which they possessed. And woe unto him who was heedless and turned away and denied.

Verily doth the servant, throughout the nights and days, beseech God to exalt His religion and manifest His proof even as He manifested it aforetime, and to honor His loved ones and chosen ones after the

abasement which caused the dwellers of Paradise and the denizens of the retreats of nearness to lament. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the servant attained unto your letter which began with the mention of God, our Goal and your Goal, our Object of worship and your Object of worship, and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When I received it and read it and understood it, I hastened to the place of circumambulation and presented that which you had uttered by the tongue of your Lord. Then He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was:

> "O thou who art present before the Countenance! The Wronged One hath heard that which the tongue of love hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who revealed it and he who read it and he who heard it and he who sent it. O Yahya! The Wronged One remembereth thee and remembereth His loved ones there who were beneath the glances of His grace. We send Our greetings from this station to them and to My loved ones and friends in the land of Sad and other regions. And We remember and send Our greetings to the people of the House, and We beseech God to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions and to provide them with the best of beginnings and endings, and to ordain for them the Kawthar of reunion. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word ʿBe' and it is. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Praise be to God! Divine favors have been and are bestowed upon them. His grace hath encompassed them and His mercy hath preceded them. All that hath been manifested concerning them is a speaking witness and a truthful testimony. This ephemeral one offereth greetings and glorification to each one of them.

Concerning what the honored Leaf—that is, the esteemed sister, upon her be Baha'u'llah's glory—had written requesting mention of them in the Most Holy Presence: On Monday morning, the twentieth of the revered month of Sha'ban, this servant was present before Him and submitted mention of them. He expressed such loving-kindness toward them and all the household members, both female and male, that this servant is incapable of describing it. God is witness that such utterances were revealed that were they to be cast upon a mountain it would crumble from longing, were they upon the seas they would surge, and were they upon hearts they would melt. God willing, may they be joyous in all conditions and remain engaged in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

And concerning their expression of regret at not receiving the missive from the household members, upon them be His most glorious splendor: their missive, at the time of departure from the first location, attained the utmost bounty. The humility of the honored sister, upon her be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, is considered as a goodly deed. One sigh in separation from God, exalted be His glory, can rend asunder a hundred thousand veils and reach the ultimate station. Blessed be the sigh and the grief that appear and manifest in His path. In any case, their deeds were presented and accepted. Happy are they, and the subsequent missive will also, God willing, attain to a glory unprecedented.

Concerning their mention of Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah and Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, and their degrees of longing: praise be to God, they have inhaled the fragrances of loving-kindness and attained to mention. Blessed be they both.

Concerning their mention of the esteemed aunt, upon her be the glory of God, and her purpose: it was presented and He said:

> "Our Lord! Forgive me and those who have appeared before the Countenance and her and her sister's son."

This ended. This is a great glad-tiding. God willing, may all attain the robe of forgiveness. We continually beseech this from God, exalted be His glory, and it will surely be adorned with the honor of acceptance. With the All-Bountiful, no matter or deed is difficult. All affairs are within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

To the gentlemen who are present in that land, I convey greetings and glorification to all, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to gather all once again beneath the shade of the Tree. These days are the celebration of one of the Most Exalted Names—everyone's place is empty, but this servant, in lieu of congratulations, is engaged in praise and glorification in the Most Exalted Place of Security, and on behalf of those gentlemen offers congratulations and felicitations, and sometimes on their behalf, if sweets come his way, partakes of them, for He has said that our celebrations are now like the celebrations of the angels of heaven—meaning the outward means are absent as they are, but praise be to God, the true good endureth with the endurance of the Kingdom. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous, sincere, and unified servants, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant, 20th of the revered month of Sha'ban 1300

BH01578: Praise be to the Intended One Who offered…

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

Praise be to the Intended One Who offered the living waters of knowledge to all on earth without distinction or regard for station. Among the people are those who, having turned to Him, found; who, having been commanded, took; and who drank in His Name, the Mighty, the Generous. And among them are those who turned away and denied, until they arose to extinguish the light of God, the Lord of the worlds.

May the manifest and evident prayers from the horizon of God's loving-kindness, and the radiant, brilliant peace from the direction of His mercy which preceded all things, be upon the Sovereign of the chosen ones through whom earth and heaven were illumined, and upon His family and companions who strove in God's path until His word was exalted among all beings and the necks of the servants bowed before it.

To continue: may my spirit be a sacrifice for your love—the letter of the beloved of the heart, his honor the Shaykh, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], was noted. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of health, acceptance and love. This evanescent servant at all times and seasons beseeches and

implores the True One, exalted be His glory, for the elevation of their station. After reviewing it, it was presented to the Master Who said:

> "We beseech God, the Lord of earth and heaven, to strengthen him, make him successful, and grant him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Master of creation, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Peace be upon him and his brother and their families in Qaf. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them from the darkness of smoke. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word ʿBe' and it is."

And regarding the mention they made of the honored lady, the sister of Aqa Mirza ʿIsa, it was presented and He said:

> "The True One, exalted be His glory, created all servants, both male and female, specifically for His knowledge. Blessed is the one who became aware of the cause and purpose of their creation, such that the oppression of oppressors and the opposition of unbelievers did not prevent them from the divine religion. Disbelief has encompassed the world, and the Truthful Informer has given this news. We must, in the night seasons and at dawn, at sunset and sunrise, with utmost humility and supplication beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect His loved ones with the hand of His providence and preserve them from the hosts of misbelief, disbelief, doubt, uncertainty, conjecture and idle fancies. Verily He has power over all things. Blessed is the leaf that heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and held fast to it, and woe to the heedless ones, both men and women."

We convey greetings to his honor ʿIsa and counsel him to that which is befitting. The first thing incumbent upon the friends of God is to purify their hearts from rancor and hatred, to sanctify and cleanse themselves from bestial qualities, and to act upon the divine ordinances with the utmost joy and fragrance. By the life of God! If they hear the call of the Wronged One, ere long the world will be seen as one homeland, tongues as one tongue, and hearts as one heart. Blessed is he who holds fast to that which benefits him and turns away from every ignorant remote one.

And regarding the mention of permission on behalf of the handmaiden of God—this matter is not permissible in these days even outwardly, as quarantine exists in the surrounding areas and means of prevention are evident. We beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to enable all His servants to attain pilgrimage or record in their book the reward of pilgrims. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Furthermore, let that beloved one act in whatever way they deem advisable. If expedient, they may send this very letter, or a copy of it, or a copy of parts of it. Verily the servant fears to contravene the wisdom he has been commanded to observe. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings. The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant Tuesday night, 28th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, year 1300

BH00488: My spirit be a sacrifice for your love!...

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

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The letter from that beloved of heart and soul arrived and was presented in the Kingdom of Utterance. He said: “Praise be to God, the name of Jud, upon him be Baha, has attained divine favors. From the hand of power, wondrous signs have appeared this year—some are aware and others heedless. May the Truth make all aware, so that after becoming conscious they may testify that the people of Truth have appeared among creation for the reformation of the world and education of nations. However, no one is truly aware of this station as it is, therefore some ignorant clerics have issued decrees that have caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the supreme Heaven to lament and wail.

Corruption and tyranny have ever appeared from these heedless souls. Some who have drunk from the ocean of guidance are like sight for the temple of the world, while others are like smoke, becoming a veil between eyes and the witnessing of the lights of Beauty. God curse them! As you have witnessed and continue to witness what they have inflicted upon the friends of God and His chosen ones in the land of Ta. They imprisoned the Name of God without any crime or sin by the decree of those evil, heedless souls. Likewise Jinab-i-ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be Baha, who ever called the ignorant people to the ocean of knowledge, and also Jinab-i-Abu’l-Fadl, upon him be Baha, and Jinab-i-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, Master of Names. The heedless ones kindled a fire, but God extinguished it through His power and sovereignty. Thus was the matter decreed from before.

O Jud! Jinab-i-Siyyid Taqi arrived. The servant present submitted your letter, and the Wronged One, from the direction of the palace, turned toward you speaking these words: Ask of God, exalted be His glory, to cause all to attain to what He loves and is pleased with, and to draw people from the left hand of heedlessness to the right hand of awareness. Verily He has power over all things. As for your desire to attain Our presence, be patient until the Wronged One brings you other news. Convey greetings to all the friends in that land and say: By God’s life, you have not been and will not be forgotten from sight. Strive that sometimes, purely for His sake and gazing toward His horizon, a deed might appear from us and you that may truly become the most exalted cause. Deeds of souls are witnesses and testifiers—they testify in the world without tongue, take without hands, and grant deliverance. We beseech God to unite us with them in spirit and fragrance, and He has power over what will be and what has been.

Praise be to God, the favor of the True Beloved is more evident than fire upon a mountain and more manifest than the shining of the sun—apparent, radiant, dawning and evident. There has not been and is not any need for the mention of this evanescent one.

In response to the request of that beloved one, and likewise in view of the days of fasting, they have returned. The cherished letter from his honor the Shaykh, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, arrived bearing blessed tidings with joyful news—blessed be he! In his letter he mentioned the loved ones of God who had attained the bounty of imprisonment in the land of Rasht. Verily this servant gave glad tidings to all of the extinguishing of the fire. He also made mention of the five Sayyids, upon them be the Glory of God. Specifically for the loved ones of Rasht, wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed both

before and after. His honor Ismu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, had presented all their names in the Most Holy Court. And the pure and sincere deeds that were manifested by the honored Sayyids, upon them be the Glory of God—namely the giving of fifty (units of currency) to the aforementioned person, as well as another person's charitable giving according to what was written by Ismu'llah—were adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This exalted word was revealed:

> "Blessed are those souls who in these days have attained to charitable giving, and blessed is that wealth which has attained to this bounty."

Today the payment of Huqúqu'llah is a most momentous deed. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have held fast to the Book of God and acted according to it. The mention of them, and the mention of the house wherein dwelt Ismu'llah, and those souls who were engaged in service, and those who met in love, was made in the prison in such a manner that this servant and his like are incapable and inadequate to describe it. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who enabled those cherished souls to attain that which hath no like nor equal. What more can I say? Regarding the mention of his honor ʿAndalib, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—when news arrived of his imprisonment and that of the other friends, this servant clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Although God is witness and testifier that imprisonment and incarceration and the like in the path of God are more excellent than the deeds of all who are on earth, as this exalted word hath repeatedly been heard from the Kingdom of Utterance, yet due to certain considerations and the fire of love, one involuntarily seeks deliverance for the oppressed.

We beseech God to adorn all with the rewards of certitude and assurance, that they may not be fearful or disturbed by the trials of earth which in truth have no reality, though their fruits are realized and established in the realm of earthly dominion and the book of the world and the Book of the Highest Heaven. In these days He saith in certain utterances that martyrdom is like the greatest elixir and the philosopher's stone—in these days mentioned but not found—which hath not been and will not be the portion of everyone. Would that, would that this servant had been in the land of Sad and there had befallen him what befell the Essence of the Kingdom of Creation and the King of Martyrs! But the matter hath been decreed, and this ephemeral one remaineth in his regret.

Praised be God that mention of the friends at Rasht has been concluded. Multiple letters from them arrived, and what they composed in praise and tribute has wafted like fragrance in the school of divine knowledge. Repeatedly were they mentioned, but until now, due to wisdom, no response was sent. As it happened, this servant also did not submit anything, but heart and soul and vision were attentive—and God is sufficient as witness. Concerning mention of him who ascended unto God, that which draws hearts to the ocean of assurance and bestows the chalice of certitude upon souls became manifest. The appearance of every matter depends upon its appointed time. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant supreme joy to all and keep them happy in the shadow of His grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

O my beloved! Heedlessness has overtaken the world. It is due to the deeds of the servants that the manifest religion and the Law of the Prince of Messengers has been weakened, to such extent that the temple of the Law, established among nations upon earth—everyone snatches away one of its members,

and none can prevent it, nay rather, none can even question it. A hundred thousand eyes are needed to weep for the radiant Faith. Beseech God to assist His religion. Had the people's deeds been in accordance with the glorious Law, it would certainly not have been weakened nor would it have been witnessed in such abasement. Most are heedless and veiled. Nevertheless, they have risen against those souls who spoke for God's sake, who continue to speak for God's sake, and who, for the education of the world, have borne afflictions and trials in God's path.

With utmost tyranny they have seized some, banished some, imprisoned some, and plundered and killed others—every kind of torment have they inflicted upon these holy souls. This servant beseeches God his Lord to assist His servants to act according to what is commanded in His Book, by the honor of the Prophets and Messengers. And peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

Another submission: His honor the Shaykh, upon him be God's peace and favors, had written regarding Haji Ahmad and his son, upon them be the glory of God. They had previously received permission to proceed—God willing may they attain their goal. Likewise mention was made of funds; if cash arrives it would be better, as that beloved one is aware of the affairs of this land. This servant, due to wisdom, especially did not submit anything to my beloved, His honor the Shaykh—upon him be all the most glorious glory. Praise be to God, they are mentioned and are distinguished by and have attained special favors. Peace be upon him and God's mercy and blessings.

The Servant, On the night of the twelfth of the blessed month of Ramadan, year 1300. The end.

BH06294: Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it…

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

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it indicated your health and well-being. Regarding what you wrote about traveling to Persia—you came of your own accord and now too you are free to choose. In any case there is no harm in these matters; there is freedom. However, it does not appear that Persia would be better than here. You will go and you will see. In every place one must rely on means, trusting in God. In any case, the details of your desire were presented. They said it is very good—let them come and act according to their own will. We beseech God to assist His loved ones and aid them in what He loves and is pleased with, and to make known to them what benefits them in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of Oneness. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Convey this servant's greetings and praise to each of the friends. God willing, may you be joyful and adorned with the primary blessing which is health. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant, 11th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1300

BH01750: Praise be to God Who, should He decree "nay…

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who, should He decree “nay” for anyone, it would be sweeter than possessing the kingdom of earth and heaven, and should He decree “yea,” one would choose it over the dominion of the first and the last. He is the Almighty Whom no decree of negation can frustrate and no command of affirmation can exalt. Exalted is the Lord of names and attributes, the Manifestor of clear proofs and the Revealer of verses, Who has made His Book a lamp for all creation and a guide for His servants. He is the One Who calls to goodness and commands His servants to observe it, Who has made evil manifest and forbidden people from it. Glory be unto Him! He has revealed the ordinance of religion and made His Cause manifest to those who are firm and assured, who shall fear no grief or sorrow.

May the peace that shines from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon the Pride of all beings and the Treasure of all existence, through whose Book the pages and tablets have been adorned, and to whose name the Prophets and Messengers have bowed down, and upon his family and companions who cast aside vain imaginings through His power and embraced certitude through His command and will.

O thou who art mentioned in the heart of this servant, O my beloved and my cherished one! This evanescent one has received your letter and presented it before His countenance, and the Beloved spoke that which I am unable to relate to you. However, when news of your arrival came like an electric current, a reply was immediately sent stating that if you desire to attain His presence, permission has been granted both before and after. This servant was assured by this reply and did not venture to send another letter. After some time, another missive arrived from that beloved one requesting a response, which caused much surprise since there had been no delay in replying and after that telegram there was nothing further requiring response. In any case, I again engaged in electrical communication and sent the final telegram.

Today, which is the thirteenth day of the blessed month of Ramadan, while I was at the farm just after arising from writing and returning to my quarters, a letter arrived from Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, which included your missive as well. After it was read and presented, this reply was sent. God willing, may you ever be blessed with special favors and occupied with that which God has willed. Given the telegram, no further mention was needed or needs to be made.

His honor the beloved Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, intended to fulfill what you had requested, but permission has not yet been granted since it is Ramadan and the matter of fasting has somewhat delayed social interactions. However, it is hoped that permission will be granted afterwards. In brief, permission has been granted for that beloved one to attain the honor of His presence—whenever you decide, you may proceed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that that beloved one may ever be confirmed and assisted.

I convey greetings to the true friends with mention and praise of God, especially to His Holiness Ismu’llah Zayn, upon him be all the most glorious glory, and those with him, and likewise to Aqa Mirza Muhammad and Aqa Mirza Abdullah and Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon them be the glory of God, and their brothers, and to Ustad Ali Akbar and Aqa Muhammad Hasan, as well as some of the friends residing in that land who have attained the presence of God. The intention is to convey greetings and salutations to the saints and loved ones of God residing in that land, both men and women.

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BH01420: Praise be to God Who sent the Messengers…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God Who sent the Messengers and revealed the Book. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The ocean of generosity has surged among the world, and its greatest, most manifest, most evident, and mightiest wave was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names. Through him God's bounty and generosity were perfected for all who are in the heavens and earth. Blessings and peace be upon him and his family, whose lights shone forth from the horizons of the heavens of names. Exalted is the Creator of Heaven Who created them, established them in His Cause, caused them to speak forth His commandments, and made them appear to exalt His Word—and upon all who follow them, all who cling to them, and all who turn toward them.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through the 'H' of Whose Beloved's name the beings were attracted and the atoms testified to Thy oneness and singleness! O Lord, I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to assist all to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

And now, O my beloved, your letter was indeed a delicate mirror reflecting your sincerity, acceptance and orientation toward God, our Lord, your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God that you are confirmed in remembrance, praise and service. What you wrote concerning the beloved friends and gentlemen was indeed an inlet branching from the ocean of joy, bringing complete gladness and boundless delight. After presenting [this], perfect outward favor was manifested—may my spirit be a sacrifice for His favor.

The new tidings are that the travelers have arrived, praise be to God—two from the land of Kha and two from the land of Qaf, as you had written. This servant and you must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect all in the fortress of His care from the evil of the commanding self and to aid them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Letters have also arrived from every direction. Praise be to God that despite the intensity of oppression, the burning of the fire of transgression and corruption, and the coldness of those in existence, the sincere ones who have turned to Him remain warm and enkindled. Indeed, those who have drunk from the true Kawthar have ever been and will ever be seated upon the throne of joy in the gathering of the world. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly beginning and end.

As for what you wrote regarding the honored master Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise the sum that was transferred to him—this matter occurred some time ago and is as you have written. This servant has not yet met the travelers; after meeting them, details will be mentioned.

Regarding the mention of Aqa Azizu'llah and Aqa Ishaq, upon them be the glory of God, what you wrote—the receipt of arrival was sent, and later what will cause the greatest joy and illumination of heart will also be sent to Aqa Azizu'llah and the friends of that land, upon them be the glory of God. At this moment while engaged in writing these words, I was summoned and He commanded:

> “Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the Afnan, upon them be My glory. Each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they be engaged in the remembrance of the Goal of the worlds with utmost joy and fragrance.”

End.

This lowly servant likewise extends greetings and self-effacement to the presence of the Most Great Master and the Most Great Lord and the Twin Stars, upon them be all the most glorious Glory of God, and may this be accepted, God willing. And likewise to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and his honor Haji ʿAbbas, upon him be [the Glory of God], and likewise to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. It is hoped that a letter will be sent to them as well. And to the other two beloved ones, upon them be the Glory of God, who stand in service to the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, I send greetings. Praise be to God that they have attained and are mentioned in this station. This is a great bounty, by the Lord of all worlds. Peace be upon you and upon them and upon those who have intended the House and have attained and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Mighty. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The servant 15th of the blessed month of Ramadan [1300]

BH00142: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

Section 1: “He is our Lord, the Most Holy…”

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. Those who have acted unjustly are such servants as shall be seized by the breezes of chastisement from all directions—a command from His presence. And He is God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in earth and heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Kings and the Merciful unto the servants! Thou beholdest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of hatred, and hearest their sighing from the land of Ta and other regions. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names, to aid Thy chosen ones to be patient and forbearing. Then protect them with Thy hosts, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the Kingdom of destiny.

O Lord! Thou seest what hath befallen them and hearest their crying and lamenting, and knowest what they desire in manifesting Thy Cause, reforming Thy lands, and displaying Thy bounty, generosity and grace amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and the suns in the heaven of Thy certitude, to preserve them and aid them, and to inscribe for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen Thy most excellent Word, whereby the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure is diffused and every sincere one findeth the sweet savors of the garment of Thy loving-kindness.

Thou art He Who cannot be described by the descriptions of the world nor by what floweth from the Pen. Thou hast ever been sanctified above mention and utterance, and above the heights of knowledge and explanation. All realities have confessed their powerlessness, and all books have acknowledged their

shortcoming. Can any horseman of utterance gallop in the arena of Thy knowledge, or range the wilderness of Thy handiwork? Nay, by Thy Most Exalted Self and the Sovereign of Names! Thou hast ever been self-sufficient in Thine own essence and mighty through Thy power and authority.

O Lord! Thou seest how the weak one hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and the lowly one hath held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy glory. I beseech Thee by my soul which hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance in Thy presence and clothed with the garment of humility before the gate of Thy grandeur, to deliver Thy loved ones and chosen ones from the oppression of Thine enemies. Then pour forth upon them patience through Thy bounty and grace, for tribulation in Thy love, O Lord of Names, is sweeter than all sweetness and more glorious than all things. Soon shall the idolaters and the heedless behold their loss from their deeds, and the sincere shall witness that which the Pen is powerless to manifest, mention and describe.

O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy creation that they may behold what they have neglected at the dawning of the lights of Thy Manifestation. Although, O my God, they have done that which hath not cut them off from the breezes of Thy most great bounty and the fragrances of Thy compassion and loving-kindness, yet, O my God, my Master, my Goal and my Hope, when Thou didst show me the oceans of Thy mercy and the heavens of Thy gifts, my hope and yearning increased. I beseech Thee not to deprive Thy servants from that which Thou hast manifested through Thy bounty, nor to withhold them from the waves of the ocean of Thy Manifestation. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and the Sovereign over what Thou desirest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and the earth.

And I pray and send greetings upon the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause, the Day-Springs of Thy wisdom, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, those who have cast away their desires and followed that which they were commanded by the decree of Thy Cause, and through whom Thou hast manifested what Thou didst will by Thy might and power. Verily Thou art God, the Lord of the worlds, the Goal of those near unto Thee, and the Ultimate Hope of the sincere ones.

And furthermore: there have reached this servant the traces of thy Pen—wherefrom there breatheth a fragrance that proclaimeth, in the most exalted call, thy sincerity, thy love, and thy steadfast uprising in the service of the Cause of God—He Who is our Purpose and your purpose, our Well-Beloved and your well-beloved, and the Object of adoration of all that are in the heavens and on the earth. When I read them and apprehended their meaning, I soared on the wings of yearning unto the Owner of the Day of Reunion. And when I attained His presence, I laid before Him what was contained in thy letter. Thereupon did the Tongue of the All-Merciful speak forth, in the Kingdom of Utterance, that whereby all things have been made to partake of the Kawthar of true knowledge. He—glorified be His majesty—hath said:

In the Name of Him through Whom surged the ocean of mysteries

O thou who hast turned toward the dominion of My Cause! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One at this time when sorrows have encompassed Him through those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful and violated the Covenant of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. The divines of the age have pronounced their verdict against My loved ones and chosen ones. God hath seized their leader—He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Yet the idolaters remained

heedless of this. He seized another—He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp are the reins of all things. Such heedlessness hath overtaken them that they have denied God and His proof, and they comprehend not.

They enter the mosques in My name, yet they pronounce judgment against My Self and perceive it not. They occupy the highest seats in the world in My name, yet they deny Me that which was created for My servants. Thus have vain imaginings and idle fancies seized them. Thou hearest from their tongues My mention and praise, yet thou seest their tears and sighs at My commandments and ordinances. When the Dayspring of wisdom and Dawning-place of the Cause appeared, they disbelieved in Him and rose against Him with such tyranny as caused the Temple of Grandeur to lament upon the throne of His name, the Self-Subsisting. By My life! Were it not for God's pre-existing decree, We would have shown them who is mightier and more powerful. But We have been patient until God manifests what He desireth. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Look not upon the power of the enemies and the fire of their souls. Rather, consider the former ages and what was manifested of thy Lord's might, the Ruler of the seen and unseen. Verily, We see them as children playing with clay, and they know it not. Say: O thou ignorant scholar! By what proof didst thou believe in God's previous Manifestations, and by what evidence dost thou turn away from Him Who hath come unto thee with what equalleth all the Books of God? Be fair, O heedless outcast! By God! Thou hast pronounced judgment against Him around Whom circle the Concourse on High and near-stationed servants.

Say: O company of the ignorant! Fear God and oppose not Him Who hath come from the Dayspring of power with the standards of verses, and hath revealed what was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of existence. Say: All things lament because of your tyranny, while ye sport with your own selves and perceive it not. Say: O concourse of divines! Where is he who was named Abdul-Husayn who rose against his Lord in Iraq and denied His favor after its bestowal? And where is he who was named Sadiq in the land of Ta who was denounced as a liar by the All-Merciful in a Book that was sealed with the seal of the Cause and preserved in His hidden knowledge?

And where is the leader of the people in the land of Sad whose tyranny caused the dwellers of the realms of might to lament, and those who circle round God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Loving? When he disbelieved and transgressed and turned away and rebelled, God seized him with such a chastisement as the eye of creation had never seen its like. Thus was his fate sealed, as was the fate of those who tyrannized God's loved ones without clear proof or manifest command. Soon shall the fate be sealed of those who have arisen in oppression and opposition, in such wise as to shake the pillars of the Cause and extinguish the light of God, the Mighty, the Witnessed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We desired the glory of the world, while they desired My harm and abasement. We have manifested Ourself to reform My lands and realms, while they have risen in opposition and desired to destroy this most mighty and impregnable edifice. Say: Fear God and transgress not your stations and your bounds. Verily He hath come with a power that cannot be hindered by the weapons of the world nor the armies of nations, if ye but knew. Thus hath shone forth the

Luminary of utterance from the horizon of proof. Turn unto Him, O My friends in the land of Ta and round about it, then turn with illumined hearts and say:

"Hallowed and holy is the Lord of the angels and the Spirit!"

The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom and the Light manifest from the heaven of My dominion be upon My friends and chosen ones who have aided My Cause and arisen to serve Me, in such wise that the Ancient King hath made mention of them in His inscribed Tablet.

Praise be to God! The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the ocean of loving-kindness hath revealed the pearls of its favors unto His loved ones. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and the eye that hath beheld. What tongue or utterance could be worthy to mention this boundless grace that was and is. This evanescent servant, whenever he witnesseth the outpourings of the ocean of grace, riseth up on behalf of all to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds. Such is the measure of grace—and God is witness and aware—that the very ocean of grace hath appeared and the sun of loving-kindness is manifest, yet most remain heedless and veiled. The people are heedless; were they to know, they would sacrifice themselves in His straight path, His mighty way, and for His Ancient and Glorious Beauty. The deeds of the people of the world have occupied them with ornaments and colors that after two days shall become the portion of their enemies.

I heard with mine own ears from the tongue of my Lord at a certain time—and His word is the truth—saying: "O thou who art present! A single effulgence from the Sun of detachment shone forth upon one of the kings of the world. He became somewhat awakened and after his awakening uttered these words: 'There is no good in what I possess today, for tomorrow another shall possess it.' Thereafter he withdrew from his royal throne and, mindful, departed to distant lands. In truth, he fled from vipers, scorpions and beasts of prey, and afterwards none found him. The ministers and nobles searched extensively but found him not." And He said: "Were but one effulgence to shine upon all the people of the world, all would act as he acted. However, God doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As to what you wrote—the Divine Tablets arrived and both the physical and spiritual eyes were illumined by their light. They were read in the house of Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, where Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi and a group of the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God, were present. Likewise, copies were sent to the friends, as well as the Tablets specifically meant for various regions, after which the originals were dispatched. All these matters, which in truth constitute true teaching, were presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken, exalted be His glory:

O Nabil! Blessed is the land that hath been honored by the footsteps of the people of truth, and blessed is the house wherein the mention of the chosen ones hath been raised, and blessed is the tongue that hath arisen to teach the Cause. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which is befitting. Teach the Cause of thy Lord, then make mention of Him at all times, and attract hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily, He thanketh thee. Rejoice and be of those who are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath been named Mihdi and those who were present and heard the verses of God, the Lord of the

worlds. We beseech God to assist those who have attained to His recognition in His days and have found the sweetness of His utterance. These are among the Concourse on High in the Book of Names. Upon them be the Glory of God, the Creator of the heavens.

Today the spreading of the Sacred Writings through wisdom and utterance is the greatest of deeds. A hundred thousand blessings upon him who has taught and teaches the Cause of God. There has never been any doubt that the purpose of creation is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, and this most great matter and ultimate goal cannot be achieved except through teaching and spreading the Sacred Writings. The servant beseeches God, the Most High, to assist His loved ones in all regions to accomplish that which He loves and with which He is pleased.

Concerning what you wrote about that soul upon whom be the Glory of God, His grace and His mercy—God is witness and testifier that this servant and the other friends beseech God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him and adorn him with the ornament of righteous deeds. His father is mentioned among the assured ones in the Book of God. Blessed is he, blessed is he! However, that beloved one should observe that certain matters must be concealed from those who have extensive dealings with outsiders, for it often happens that they mention without any ill intent or agreement what they have heard, and this becomes the cause of incidents. The people of truth must be educated with wisdom so that such mention and deeds that cause enmity and discord among the people of the world do not become manifest. Let all act according to that which they are commanded and speak that which they are permitted.

Regarding what you wrote about Mirza-yi-Bahar, upon whom be the grace of God—Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon whom be the Glory of God, has mentioned him and likewise sent a leaf regarding his thoughts' denial. This ephemeral one also submitted a response which was sent. God willing, may he be assisted to do what is befitting. These are days of tranquility, joy and gladness. I earnestly beseech God that He may assist all in such wise that neither the might of the people of the world nor the oppression of nations may prevent them from God, exalted be His glory.

Concerning your mention of Master Sh, Mashhadi J B, Haji M H, and Aqa F R, upon them be the Glory of God—this was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and the waves of the sea of grace were manifest and evident toward each one. Likewise, all the friends of that land are illumined by the lights of the Sun of the Lord's favors, for each has attained to the mention of the Beloved. Happy are they and blessed are they! This ephemeral one also extends to each his utter nothingness and submission, and beseeches God for unity and concord among those assured and steadfast souls. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them from the evil of those who have arisen to extinguish His light and quench His fire. Verily, He has power over all things.

Section 2: "Regarding what you wrote that Mirza M H…"

Regarding what you wrote that Mirza M H Kh A, upon him be the Glory of God, had requested a special Tablet for his brother—this matter was submitted and, praise be to God, was granted. However, your honor should consider whether it accords with wisdom to give it. A Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for Mirza —, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he attain unto it. Likewise, two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets have appeared from the Dayspring of grace specifically for two

souls—Mirza 32 Kabir and Muhammad-Qabl-S, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. This is what hath appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance for him who is named Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

The dwellers of My celestial dominion have lamented at what hath befallen My loved ones who make mention of God at morn and eventide and who desire naught but the betterment of the nations of the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of eternity from a station wherein the sun of grace hath shone forth and the atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when the ignorant ones of the earth turned away from it—nay, they understand not. The horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name hath been illumined, yet the people perceive it not. They have violated their Covenant and cast behind them their Pledge until they disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries.

Say: O concourse of earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath appeared. Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, given thee knowledge and established thee before a gate that hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Kind. Cast aside the imaginings of men and take fast hold of the hem of certitude. Thus doth He Who testifieth at every moment that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving, command thee. Stand firm in the Cause and make mention of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

This is what hath appeared from the dominion of utterance to Mirza Abu'l-Qasim. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over earth and heaven

A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with a mention that cannot be equalled by the mentions of nations nor the treasures of the world. To this testifieth He with Whom is a perspicuous Book. The standards have been raised, the verses sent down, and the evidences made manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs—verily they are among the abject ones. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention when the people gathered to extinguish the light of God amongst His creation. Say: By God! The hands of Caesars and Pharaohs have fallen short. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers.

The Will of God hath prevailed over the will of His creation, and His Purpose hath preceded the purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. No mention can stand before His mention, nor any command before His command. Did Pharaoh prevail or God, the Powerful, the Mighty? Beware lest the conditions of the ignorant prevent thee from the Lord of Names, or the clamor of those on earth from this Great Announcement. Rejoice in My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name with the luminary of wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of Will to him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the One Who calleth between earth and heaven

The oppressors have done what their fathers did before—nay, they understand not. They slay My loved ones yet lament over what befell My Names aforetime. What aileth them that they are not awakened by the Call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be? They have secluded themselves with idols, yet they perceive it not. Their ranks and their thousands and their ornaments have deceived them to such extent that they have cast behind them He Who created them by His command "Be, and it is." Soon shall their ranks curse them and their ornaments disavow them—this hath been irrevocably decreed by God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Rejoice in your vain dominion; soon shall ye lament as lamenteth the bereaved. To this testifieth He with Whom is a Hidden Book. Grieve not over what the hands of the servants have wrought. Give thanks unto God Who hath mentioned thee from His praiseworthy station. Take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of creation, then drink therefrom in His Name, the Manifest, the Renowned.

This is what hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of grace unto him who was named Sadiq. His glory be exalted!

In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Sadiq! On this day, whosoever hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, he verily hath been and is truthful. If one attaineth not unto this station, though he speak with truthfulness from time immemorial unto time everlasting, he shall not be reckoned among the truthful in the sight of God. Give thanks unto the Desired One of all the worlds and be thou engaged in His praise, inasmuch as the rays of the Sun of Truth have shone upon thee and guided thee unto the straight path. Throughout all ages and centuries, the enemies have striven to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the divine Lote-Tree, and have expended their efforts to this end.

But God hath driven them away by His command and manifested that which He desired through His mighty and wondrous Word. Were the heedless souls to ponder upon that which hath come to pass in the past, they would comprehend the station of this blessed Day and attain unto that which is intended. However, the love of the world and its concerns hath so seized them all that no awareness remaineth for any soul save whom God willeth. Blessed are those servants whom neither the knowledge of the learned nor the might of the enemies hath kept back from the divine path nor deprived of the everlasting Kawthar. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! That which hath appeared unto each of those who have turned unto Him and attained His presence is, in truth, sanctified above all peer and likeness. We beseech God to assist the bearers of His tablets that they may drink of the living waters of His divine utterances. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention hath been made of the ascension of Muhammad-Sadiq—upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]—from the land of Ya. It was presented before the countenance of the Lord of ancient days, and these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of His Will. His glory be exalted!

He is the All-Forgiving, the Concealer

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Blessed art thou for having believed in the Truth on a day when all mankind turned away save those who willed and desired. I bear witness that thou didst turn unto the horizon of the Cause when most of the servants turned away therefrom. O Thou Symbol of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy revelation in Thy days and the fragrant scents of the garment of Thy knowledge throughout Thy lands, and by the Name through which the sincere hastened unto the Dayspring of destiny, O Lord of all names, and the near ones hastened unto the place of sacrifice, O Creator of the heavens, that Thou forgive him who hath ascended unto Thee and efface his misdeeds through Thy bounty.

O Lord! Ordain for him, through Thy grace, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones. O Lord! Thou knowest what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Thy days and hearest their sighing and moaning in the prison of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by them and by those who have sacrificed their spirits in their longing to meet Thee, to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Then send down at this moment upon him who hath ascended unto Thee and attained Thy presence that whereby his traces shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over both sovereign and subject. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

O beloved of my heart! By the life of your Beloved and mine, this servant is filled with longing, for in these days the spring of divine favour hath encompassed the world, and it is the time of ascension and passing, for man attaineth unto a remembrance that shineth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book—a remembrance which neither extinction shall overtake nor annihilation find. Under all conditions one must be content and thankful, for He knoweth what is best for these servants. He knoweth what we have, and we know not what He hath, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

They had likewise made mention of Mashhadi ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. Time and again he hath been remembered in the divine presence. God willing, may he be assisted to serve the Cause, that the manifestation, signs and fruits of the Tree of Being may endure through the perpetuity of God's names, evident and manifest in all things. A letter from the spiritual friend Aqa Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Glorious, addressed to Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and was presented at the Most Holy Court. They said:

O thou who art present! A sweet fragrance emanateth from them. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions to remember and praise God with joy and delight. Verily We have heard his call and the mentions contained in his letter, and We have remembered them with My manifest remembrance, and strengthened them through My grace, and We counsel them with that whereby the Cause shall be exalted, and I am the Commanding, the All-Informed.

Repeatedly their mention was heard from the blessed tongue. In the letter of Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, mention was also made of them. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Munificent Bestower.

They made mention of the honored Mulla Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God. This servant beseecheth God that He may assist him to serve the Cause. O beloved of my heart! Steadfastness is a mighty matter. God willing, may they be assisted to act with wisdom and attain unto service. At this moment I was summoned to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and after presenting myself before the Throne, They said: Write to Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, to convey greetings to the loved ones of God who dwell in those regions and gladden them with God's favors. The land of M and Y hath been under the glance of God's favor. Blessed are My loved ones in those parts, and blessed, again blessed, is he who turned to God in the early days.

We have remembered him and remembered them through Our grace, and We counsel them to observe wisdom, calmness, dignity, and to refrain from confronting any of the servants. They should drink the Kawthar of immortality in secret, in the name of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We perceive from the land of M and R the fragrance of My love. Soon will God exalt it through justice. We counsel its people to practice righteousness and God-consciousness and whatsoever befitteth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of My loved ones in its surroundings and give them the glad tidings of My acceptance of them and My remembrance of them. And We make mention of S and Y and those around it.

Blessed are My loved ones there who have cast aside the vain imaginings of men, holding fast to My straight path. And We bid them observe wisdom lest there be raised the clamor of those who have been heedless of this mighty Cause.

Praise be to God! All are blessed with divine grace and are speaking His praise. Yet they must not be deceived, for deceivers and tricksters have ever sought out sincere and pure souls. As was written from the land of Ra and Shin, a certain person named Rasul, who for years served Jinab-i-ʿAndalib (upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory) and who imagined himself soaring in the atmosphere of certitude, ultimately broke his covenant of faithfulness and returned to his former state. He then directed his attention to those regions to mislead others and acquire wealth. Therefore, you must be vigilant and alert those around you, for the armies of misbelief appear in the name of truth, and often they change their names. May God protect us and you from the evil of such people.

Likewise, emphasize that they should not be quick to believe the words of every speaker, nor trust every soul, although it is possible that due to some ill feelings between them, heedlessness has caused him to turn away from the truth. I beseech God to guide such souls, and since they have dwelt for a time beneath His shadow, may He not now deprive them. Man is prone to error—were it not for His grace and favor, this servant would be more sinful than any sinner. With a hundred thousand tongues I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant those souls that which purifies and sanctifies hearts, and to grant this servant that which causes steadfastness and arising to serve. Regarding most of those regions, favor has been shown; God willing, they will attain to it.

Finally, convey greetings and salutations from this evanescent servant to each of God's loved ones and friends. I request that all not forget this evanescent one in their good prayers, that God, exalted be His glory, may assist this dust to perform the service entrusted to him. May the glory that shines resplendent from the horizon of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those who have drunk the wine of faith from the hand of their Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH00183: The servant beareth witness that there is none other…

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

The servant beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and will forever be even as He hath always been, after acknowledging that He was sanctified beyond what will be and what hath been, and exalted above all names, likenesses and peers. He is God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He hath sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, and manifested what He willed as a token of His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And then, thy letter reached Me and I was attracted by the fragrance of thy love for our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal. When I took it, opened it, read it, understood it and found it, I proceeded to the ultimate destination and supreme height until I attained His presence and presented it. Then did the Countenance turn toward me and spoke that which caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout all creation. He spoke, and His sweetest word and His grace that transcendeth all names is this:

In His Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Mim before Ha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned thee before, while the heedless surrounded Him from all sides. Among them were those who turned away, those who denied, those who disputed, and those who openly arose and pronounced judgment against God, the Lord of all worlds. They have imprisoned My loved ones with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the eternal Paradise and the companions of this exalted station to lament. Thus did their souls entice them. We testify that they are among the most lost in the sight of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made mention of thee with such remembrance as hath no equal on earth, and We make mention of thee at this hour as a token of My grace, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Grieve thou not over anything. By the life of God! The oppressors are in the abyss of self and passion. They are indeed among the distracted ones. Can anyone prevent that which God hath willed? Nay, by My Cause, which hath dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Their likeness is as the likeness of children playing with that which profiteth them not. They are indeed in manifest error. Verily, he who pronounced judgment against My loved ones hath been seized by God with His might, and the angels of punishment received him, saying: "O vile one, come! The companions of hell await thee!" When he

arrived, the denizens of the fire sought refuge with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, from his evil and his vileness.

He seized the other one through His power, and after these two He will send yet another soul. Thus doth He recompense the oppressors through His might, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

O Mihdi! The world hath been encompassed by the punishment of deeds. Each day it appeareth in a different manner and is manifested in a distinct way. Beseech ye God that He may, through His grace, enable all to succeed and guide them to the straight path. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a degree that they are veiled from the cause of their own existence and from the recognition thereof. They walk in darkness and perceive not. Their desires lead them whithersoever they wish, and they understand not. With the utmost diligence and effort they have striven to extinguish the divine light, but God preventeth them through a command from Him, and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. God willing, may they all gaze with the utmost steadfastness toward the horizon of the Cause and hold fast unto wisdom. Thus have We counseled before and at this time. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the ascendancy of the rulers hath frightened.

Praised be God that on this Thursday morning, the twenty-first of the blessed month of Ramadan, you have been enabled to remember God, exalted be His glory. This is a bounty that cannot be compared with all the bounties of the world. Although this evanescent one has apparently delayed in responding to your letter, God is my witness, as is your heart, that this delay and postponement has been solely out of love, wisdom, and lack of opportunity. At present there are many letters from the friends of God remaining, and this servant has not found the opportunity to respond. However, they are mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence at the time of their arrival, and at that moment they are remembered. Therefore, if there is delay in sending replies, it matters not, for the essential purpose is that they be mentioned in the Holy Presence. As the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—has said, all exists so that they might be mentioned but once before the Divine Throne, and you, praise be to God, have repeatedly attained to this most exalted station.

With hands of supplication and hope, this evanescent nothing beseeches the Lord of Names to open a door before the faces of His loved ones, that all may become aware of the fruits of their deeds and their recompense, even if it be as small as the eye of a needle. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, whosoever attains unto this station sees the might, power, wealth, and dominion of the people of the world as the eye of a dead ant. Tribulation and hardship have encompassed the world, yet they remain heedless. More than this, at the decree of ignorant divines, they have not ceased to oppose those who have no purpose save God's, whose aim is the edification of the world and the betterment of nations, and who have harmed not even an ant, let alone a human being.

The government, due to various delusions, has likewise not ceased its oppression. For thirty years or more, the Supreme Pen has, day and night, commanded His loved ones to patience and forbearance, and

has strictly forbidden them in the Holy Books and Tablets from engaging in unseemly deeds, actions, conduct and utterances that are unacceptable. Nevertheless, there has befallen the chosen ones of God that which has caused the hearts of the denizens of Paradise to be consumed with the fire of grief.

Soon will the heedless ones behold the fruits of their deeds, even as they have seen the results of their past actions. Were this station to be explained even briefly, the fear of God would encompass all, and there would be danger of destruction. I end mention of this station with remembrance of the Desired One: Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Amin, Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, he has been in the Holy Presence and has attained what God desired. These days, by command, he has gone to Beirut to enquire after the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Some of your letters have reached him and he has given them to this servant, and the details of each were presented in the Holy Presence. Among these was the matter of funds mentioned in both my letter and his—what he has written is correct and has been accepted. He has assigned it to reach Jinab-i-Haji A. H., upon him be the Glory of God, or his son in Tiflis.

Concerning what you wrote about the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious—after this news reached the Most Holy Court, a word was revealed indicating his protection, and His Holiness Afnan, upon him be all Glory, was commanded to convey it to him. From the land of Sh. they had written his details, and likewise his letter written from prison to one of the friends was sent to this servant. After it was presented in the Most Holy Court, He smiled. For the moment it became a cause of joy to the Ancient Beauty, as he had written his details to the authorities. Praise be to God, he was and is under the protection and shelter of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant beseeches God to assist him in all conditions and to grant him that which befits His grace.

Mention was made of the Hujjatu'l-Islam—he is better than most. If one were to reflect upon the abhorrent, rejected deeds of the false one named Sadiq, he would pray for mercy for Hujjatu'l-Islam. First he lost a few dirhams due to an unseemly act, but second he sold the True One, exalted be His glory, and His Prophets, chosen ones and saints for outward glory. By the life of our Beloved, he has indeed lost and returned to his station.

Moreover, from the first deed no trace of deception and hypocrisy was detected, but from the second, at every moment such deception was manifest that Satan himself would seek refuge in the All-Merciful. In any case, the helpless servants are afflicted in the hands of these oppressive, heedless, deceitful souls. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will protect the helpless people from the likes of such "proofs" and guide them to the Dawning-Place of the light of absolute truth. In this most mighty, most holy Revelation, the hand of divine power has not given respite to the corrupt and oppressive ones. Nevertheless, they were not and are not awakened, and soon upon the couch of heedlessness their wailing and lamentation will rise up as they return to their abodes and are tormented by the punishment of their deeds. Glory be to God! One who cries out from a single fever—observe what pride and vanity he displays in health! Has consciousness not been created in these souls? Has the faculty of remembrance

been taken from them? In all cases one must hold fast to God, exalted be His glory, and seek protection. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous, and He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

And concerning what you wrote about the honored beloved, the illustrious Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God—mention was made of him in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and perfect bounty was manifested. In these days he has also written something to this servant. God willing, an answer will be sent to him. And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Adib-i-ʿArif, that is, the honored friend Jinab-i-Mirza-yi-Bahar, upon him be God's grace and mercy—after the arrival and reading of the letter, this evanescent one turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and presented it in the Most Holy, Most Glorious Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth from the Supreme Summit, these are His words, exalted be His glory:

O servant! Write a reply to them and convey greetings from this Wronged One that they may inhale the fragrance of My love and arise to that which befits this Great Announcement. Say: O Spring! God willing, may you adorn the world with the ornament of this Name, that all may be clothed in new and wondrous garments. This spiritual springtime has no peer or likeness, for the rain of mercy descends at every moment. The purpose is that the veils of error and the clouds of glory may be rent asunder, and the Sun of Justice may shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of equity, that all may witness themselves in a state of contentment with utmost joy and tranquility, and may shatter the idols of ignorant fanaticism which are the cause of corruption in the world and among nations, through the Name of the Lord of Eternity, that all parties may drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the Lord of Lords on the Day of Return, and the horizons may be illumined with the lights of unity.

In this way shall the world's illness be cured and all shall attain everlasting health. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hears and acts upon that which he has been commanded by the wise Ordainer.

Section 2: "Indeed, this evanescent servant was gladdened by their…"

Indeed, this evanescent servant was gladdened by their letter and derived joy therefrom, inhaling from it the fragrance of love, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Although outwardly the address was to this evanescent one, yet from every letter thereof wafted the fragrance of the mention of our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them in that which will cause their remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and salutations to them.

A letter from the spiritual friend, Aqa Khalil, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which he had written to Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], was sent to this evanescent one, and after perusal was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Both he and the names mentioned in his letter were honored with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. O what a mention this is! Were it to be cast upon a rock, living waters would flow from it; were it to be cast upon a mountain, it would bow down before the Name of God; and were it upon trees, they would instantly bear fruit… When the servant regained consciousness, he beheld the Purpose before all names. Let that honored friend convey this greatest glad-tidings to them. In all circumstances, all must observe wisdom. When any name is mentioned at the

Divine Throne, the rains of remembrance descend particularly for that one from the heaven of divine mercy, but the friends must observe the time and not let go of wisdom. Often someone claims love deceitfully, intending only to gather information, and God veils this, for the tale-bearer has ever been and will ever be detested.

But the friends must look with the light of God and not open their lips until they observe the radiance of glory in a face. The Tongue of Grandeur previously uttered these exalted words, and this servant has repeatedly mentioned them: He says, exalted be He: "Believe not every speaker, and be not assured by every arrival…" and so forth, glorified and mighty be He. That honored one should convey these details to the friends of God, exalted be His glory.

The honored letter from His Excellency Nabil (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God) has arrived. In truth, every letter of it testifies to his devotion and sincerity towards God and for God's sake. Since there is intention to reply, this letter is written briefly. As commanded, His Excellency must observe the utmost wisdom. The people of Baha are permitted to visit Mecca, and the Ancient Beauty Himself (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him) would attend the mosque in Iraq and associate with every group there, dealing with all in the utmost spirit of fellowship—to such extent that at the time of His departure, people wept like bereaved mothers. Later, due to lack of wisdom, what happened happened.

And now in every city some individuals appear with complete deceit, as in the land of M where by order of the oppressors and commanders, about three hundred horsemen along with two deceitful, crafty liars approached a village where divine friends resided. It is reported that they dispersed the horsemen, and the two deceivers who were leading the forces went to the house of one of the well-known believers and declared their faith. That poor soul, with complete sincerity and purity, fully hosted those two vile ones that night and informed some friends who gathered, thinking that two true friends had come either from the Beloved or from divine friends. Thus all hastened to see these two persons, and after learning about the approaching souls, they suddenly informed the horsemen who surrounded the companions of truth and captured them all.

In any case, during these days it is possible that in other places too they may seek information through such tricks and deceptions. The friends must not believe every claimant and should not trust every newcomer until gradually what is hidden in hearts becomes manifest. "Deliberation is from the All-Merciful and haste is from Satan." Through patience and deliberation, people's conditions become known. Any countenance in which the radiance of Baha exists is distinguished from others.

These points were mentioned so that the friends would be aware. Although if all heaven and earth were to unite, they would surely be unable to extinguish the divine light or suppress the fire of the divine Tree, and all would find themselves powerless, nevertheless the friends must move according to the will of God, exalted be His glory. Among the important matters has been and is the preservation of divine verses. Glory be to God! Despite this point being written repeatedly and sent to various regions, still in every land they have captured pure souls who had writings with them. It is as if they have prepared the Books, Scrolls, Psalms and Tablets of Truth just to surrender them. Their preservation is obligatory and essential for all. A hundred thousand regrets that the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge have fallen

into the hands of thieves and traitors. God willing, may the friends of Truth in that land be assisted in preservation.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy power over the world to protect Thy loved ones through Thy might and assist them in preserving what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To each of the friends in that land I convey my utter nothingness and effacement, along with greetings and glory. May all be assisted in that which is the cause of the betterment of the world's peoples. Those servants who have turned to none but the Truth and who, day and night, have had no purpose except the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations—these have been accused of corruption. Yet they themselves know that those holy souls are innocent of what has been and is being said of them. But these words are merely pretexts and excuses for seizure, plunder, pillage and the like. Verily, the curse of God be upon the oppressive people who have transgressed in the earth, violated the Covenant, and denied what was sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

As for what was written concerning the dream, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Kingdom of Knowledge spoke, exalted be His name and His praise:

> "That which was revealed to him in the realm of dreams is all evidence of steadfastness and proof of service. God willing, may he at all times be enabled to serve the Beloved Cause of the contingent world. Likewise it is evidence of submission and contentment, and martyrdom in sleep has been and is the cause of life. May he ever gaze toward and hold fast unto the Truth. Verily, He will protect him through His grace and ordain for him the best of what He has revealed in His clear Book."

End quote.

The glad tidings of this evanescent one are that his honor the beloved Amin'u'l-Bayan, namely Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, attained the presence and mentioned in the Most Holy Court such things about that honored one and the loved ones of that land as caused joy to the heart of this evanescent one. Likewise mention was made of the honored mother and brothers and sister, upon them be the Glory of God. A Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for that honored one, along with mention of the leaves—God willing they will attain unto it. Similarly, the names which that honored one had written were presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Recognition, exalted be His utterance:

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My loving-kindness! Blessed art thou and blessed are those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Those souls whom thou hast mentioned have all attained to the remembrance of God, and clear verses have been sent down from the heaven of divine will concerning each one. Blessed are they and blessed are their fathers and mothers, for the friends of God, exalted be His glory, have appeared from among them, and His pre-existent and all-encompassing mercy hath surrounded them all. Convey glad-tidings from the Wronged One of the horizons to each one and deliver

My greetings. We enjoin all to wisdom and to that which conduceth to the glory of God's Cause, and We forbid whatsoever obscureth the essence of man.

O My loved ones in Ta! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who remembereth you in prison. Were the people of the world to know the station of the remembrance of God, and were each to possess a world like unto this world, they would surely sacrifice it to attain unto even a single word. At present these stations are concealed due to the world's lack of capacity, but God will assuredly reveal them through truth. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Under all conditions, fix your gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto it. Consider not every soul trustworthy, and be not confident in them, for among the trustworthy is found the treacherous, and among friends the false.

Keep the pearls of the All-Merciful's love concealed from the eyes of the treacherous and preserved from thieves. Thus doth the Wronged One command you. Verily, He is the Commander, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Generous.

In truth, adherence to wisdom is necessary and obligatory, for this command hath been revealed and established in most Tablets. Again, this evanescent one's plea to the friends is that they keep the Tablets and writings most carefully concealed. Their being kept in rooms is not permitted; they must be preserved in hidden and secure places, and no one, whether from within or without, should be informed of their location. Every soul is responsible for safeguarding these precious pearls. Your honor and all the friends of God are aware that the purpose of this Most Great Manifestation hath been and is the reformation of the world, and anything else hath been strictly forbidden. Nevertheless, people are observed to be fearful and agitated, for these very acts of seizure, plunder, and pillage are evidence of the fear of both the perpetrators and the instigators. However, truth shall become manifest and the lights of justice shall encompass the world. The life of tyranny is very short. Would that the people knew, understood and comprehended! The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord be upon you and upon those with you and upon His loved ones in that land.

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

Praise be to God Who illumined the horizons with a light that shone forth and dawned from the horizon of Hijaz, and by it He illumined the horizons of the hearts of the servants, and sent down that which caused the Kawthar of life to flow throughout the lands—blessed is he who attained unto His Cause and drank the Kawthar of His utterance and acted according to what was commanded in His Book, whereby God distinguished between truth and falsehood, and fire and light, until the Day when the trumpet shall be sounded. And may the eternal universal mercy and the light shining from the horizon of Will be upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the spheres of faith revolved among the followers of all religions, and that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan was made manifest, and through whom the pavilion of religion was raised up and the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, was made manifest.

And now, the servant has received your letter which testified to the oneness of God and His sovereignty, and His singleness and His grandeur. When I read it, I presented it and He said—and His sweetest utterance is:

> "We send greetings upon My Afnan and upon him and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant them the pilgrimage to the House built by the All-Glorious before and after the Friend's house was built."

End of the blessed handwriting.

The letter of his honor Afnan, "A" and "H", upon him be all glory, which was sent has been presented. As commanded, they should add to the amount he had written so that the sum of fifty tumans reaches the people of Hadba. This matter is very important. In truth, they are steadfast in service. At one time these blessed words were heard from the Beloved's tongue—He said: "Verily he is possessed of clear certitude, and before this he acted for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds." Repeatedly similar utterances were heard regarding him. This ephemeral one beseeches and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, will strengthen and assist his honor so that in all worlds he may gaze toward the supreme horizon and act as befitting.

The request and petition is that you convey utter effacement and nothingness on behalf of this ephemeral one to his honor the most great Aqa and his honor the honored Aqa and the two Najmayns, upon them be all glory. Whatever you wrote on behalf of the Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon them be all glory, regarding the people of the pavilion of grandeur was presented. Each one sends greetings and praise. In truth, with utmost love and affection and sincerity they mention each of those leaves, and they specifically instructed this servant to convey greetings and praise. You will certainly deliver them. I present greetings to the friends and the honored ones of that land, and God willing it will be accepted. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant 27th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1300

BH01566: Praise be to God Who guided us to His…

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

Praise be to God Who guided us to His path, made known His evidence, and made clear to us the wonders of His grace and the manifestations of His care. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge and the peace radiant and resplendent from the dawning-place of grace be upon the Secret of existence and the Manifestation of the intended Lord, through Whose appearance God's most beautiful names were manifested and through Whose character His supreme attributes emerged, and from Whom the near ones found the fragrance of God's hidden Name and the sincere ones that which the tongues of what was and what will be were powerless to mention. And upon His family and companions who aided the religion of God and His Cause and acted according to what they were commanded in His Book—those servants whom the manifestations of might and power did not prevent from enjoining good and forbidding evil.

They truly strove in God's path and by their swords necks were humbled and the temple of the Cause was established upon the throne of independence among mankind. Blessed is he who attained unto them and heard from them what their Beloved and Intended One related to them. And woe unto him who turned away from acceptance and was among the deniers.

And then, the esteemed letter arrived. Praise be to God, it was a messenger bearing the fragrance of love and spoke of stations of sincerity and affection. May God, exalted be His glory, assist that spiritual friend and spread through that beloved one that which the worlds are powerless to conceal and find themselves impotent before. The Command is in God's hand—He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth. However He hath not and will never neglect the welfare of His loved ones. This is the truth of certainty.

The first matter is to express sincere devotion and evanescence and nothingness to the presence of the gentlemen, upon them be all His Most Glorious Beauty. His honor the Great Master, upon him be God's grandeur and might, cannot bear the hardship of turning toward the House of God from that direction, as it is very difficult, especially this year. I beseech God to grant the reward of pilgrimage. Verily our Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The beloved of the heart Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and the other friends have been and are in this evanescent one's thoughts. God is witness and testifier that they are ever remembered in the heart. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to strengthen them and all His loved ones and to confound their enemies. Verily He is powerful over all things.

As for the matter of the beloved friend, what they have arranged is exactly right. God willing he will be assisted to render a service whose station he does not now know and of whose significance he is unaware. And regarding what they wrote about whether it would be advisable for that honored one to also accompany them to become informed of the source and reality of matters, and likewise to turn toward the intended land—this is most beloved. It is very clear that if that beloved one were to turn, it would be and is most excellent and most loved and most beauteous. All services return to that honored one through God's grace. The servant asks Him Who is not mentioned by what is with the people to send down for you from the heaven of His bestowal at all times that which the pen is powerless to mention and to which the fingers cannot point. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Another matter: His honor Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, who had come from Shiraz, was delayed in Port Said due to lack of papers. They intended to proceed to Beirut. Until now no news of them has arrived. Now that honored one should designate someone to go inquire of the quarantine authorities and obtain news of him. This matter is very necessary as they are strangers and do not know the languages. If they are there and require expenses, give them whatever amount they need. Peace and mercy and glory be upon your honor and upon God's loved ones there.

The servant 4th of Shawwal the honored 1300

BH01603: Praise be to God Who hath guided all…

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

Praise be to God Who hath guided all to His path, taught all His knowledge, and honored all through His grace and favors. He it is Who hath revealed from the drop the ocean of creation, and through Him the world was illumined and the nations were set ablaze, until even the pebble testified and the seed spoke forth, and the story of the Mount was renewed in the Sinai of Manifestation. Exalted, exalted is He above the inability of every eloquent one to praise Him and every articulate one to describe Him. He is the Single, the One, the Sanctified, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of existence! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy face to assist Thy servants to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the oppression of those who have denied Thy signs may not grieve them. O my Lord! Purify the earth from the defilement of these ones and sanctify it from those who have turned away from Thee and have risen to destroy Thy House which was built by the hands of Thy power. O my Lord! Ordain for me and my brothers that which will benefit us in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, your letter was received in His presence—truly sorrows have fled from the field. I beseech the Exalted One to grant you the best of what He possesses and to assist you in serving Him in every world of His worlds.

To the honored and respected Afnan, upon him be the peace of God and His favors, I convey my greetings. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions and drink from the cup of joy at all times in such wise that the troubles of these days may not affect them nor deprive them of spirit and fragrance. O my brother, O my beloved! The ancient glory hath been ordained for them. Happy are they and blessed are they.

The delay of his holiness the Afnan, Aqa Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be all glory, and their tardiness has caused sorrow to the Leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, this too shall pass according to His good-pleasure, just as this great journey was completed with perfect ease and comfort, and they attained to that which had no equal. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant His confirmation. He is powerful over all things.

And regarding what you wrote about his holiness the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, who showed kindness—God is my witness that they have always been and continue to be before my eyes. I beseech the True One, exalted and glorified be He, to shelter all beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and grant them anew the fountain of meeting. The wretchedness of the servants has become a barrier. Once this blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

> “Were it not for the heedlessness of the heedless ones and the oppression of the oppressors, We would not have given the Afnan permission to return, and would have assigned them a station in this very land.”

Nevertheless, whatever has happened and continues to happen has been and is according to the requirements of divine wisdom.

To the spiritual beloved, Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, I send greetings. God willing, may he be confirmed and assisted, and likewise to all other friends in that land, upon them be the glory of God. Regarding what you wrote about the beloved Habib, truly whatever that Beloved One hath said is correct and complete. This matter has been greatly prolonged. Your word was timely. God willing, may we attain to what He desires. Verily, what is beloved is what He desires for us, as evidenced by what we have and what is with us.

Regarding the beloved's journey, permission has been granted that they may proceed whenever they wish. This is glad tidings from this servant to you. And God speaks the truth and guides to the path. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. God willing, after completing the work with the beloved, they will proceed, and regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad and the sum that was given, these matters are in your hands—act as you deem appropriate. Peace be upon you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant Saturday, 14th of the honored month of Shawwal, 1300

BH00830: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book and manifested the evident signs and spoke with the tongue of grandeur before the creation of earth and heavens. Verily there is no God but Him, and He hath caused all things to speak that they may testify to that which He Himself hath testified. He is indeed the Powerful One Whom the might of the world hath not hindered, and the Self-Sufficient Who is untouched by the poverty of nations, Who hath detailed from the Point the knowledge of what was and what shall be, and hath sent forth from His grace that which nothing in all creation can equal. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And blessings and peace be upon His chosen one and His beloved, the Point around which revolve the spheres of knowledge and utterance, of wisdom and exposition, and upon His family and companions whom God hath made the hands of His Cause and the manifestations of His remembrance, and through whom God hath aided His religion. Verily He is the Strong, the All-Wise.

And then, your letter arrived at a time when this servant found no opportunity to offer a reply, as time was utterly lacking and no one was available in the castle to deliver the response. Thus it remained delayed. Although through divine grace you are at all times blessed with the mention, utterance, and loving-kindness of our Master (may my spirit be sacrificed for His sake), to such a degree that all bear witness to this supreme bounty and magnificent gift. The first purpose was and is the well-being of the Afnans of the Blessed Tree—upon them be all His Most Glorious Beauty—and yourself, as well as the other friends of God, upon them be God's peace. Secondly, mention was made of Habib. God willing, may he be assisted in a matter of which he is now unaware of its fruits. Praise be to God, you went on a special mission and now return with special permission. Its beginning was peace and its end light and mercy.

Regarding what was written about the wish of the Leaf of the Blessed Tree—upon her be all His Most Glorious Beauty—in these days fourteen accepted souls intend to return from this land. It was thought that if it reaches these souls, it would be acceptable for expenditure on the path. And when it was presented before His presence, He said:

> "O servant present, write to Abu'l-Hasan—upon him be My glory—that the Leaf's own wish must be carried out. We have accepted this that it may be a glory and honor to her. We have commanded the servant in attendance to undertake the accomplishment of this service wherever possible. Otherwise, the matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

End.

Praise be to God that the effulgent rays of the Sun of acceptance illumined and adorned with its most beauteous ornament the kingdom of hope.

Upon first arrival at the barracks, His Holiness the Afnan, my master, the honorable J.A. who ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon, sent a letter expressing his desire that a set of special lamp fixtures be sent to the Holy Presence. After this was presented, it was stated that although the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—had commanded that 2001 exquisite and sublime lamps and adorned and lofty lights be lit before Him, yet now the Wronged One dwells in military barracks, in a house whose curtains are spiderwebs and whose dilapidation is evident from all sides.

Although this ruined house is, in the sight of God, more excellent, more beloved and more glorious than a palace of rubies, yet outwardly such accoutrements befit not this desolate place. Now, through the wondrous infinite grace, that praiseworthy and accepted deed has been manifested through the intention of the Leaf, and has been honored with acceptance. His is the praise and the glory, His is the gratitude and the splendor.

Give glad tidings to that beloved of the Leaf—upon her be nine-fold most glorious splendor—of this manifest, brilliant, radiant benevolence. And all that was mentioned refers to the special grace and favor shown to the Afnan of the Sacred Tree. The servant indeed praises God his Lord and thanks Him for this bounty which has encompassed the Afnans—upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful.

This evanescent servant presents his utter effacement and nothingness to all, and likewise to the assured, steadfast, pure, sanctified and tranquil souls.

At the letter's end: We await your most sweet, most sweet presence. Peace and glory be upon you, and God's mercy and [blessings].

The servant 22nd of the honored month of Shawwal 1300

He is God!

It is submitted that after completing this letter, another missive arrived from that beloved one, hence it became necessary to trouble you again. God the One is witness that this servant feels the utmost gratitude and embarrassment toward that beloved one.

Indeed, you have shown the utmost diligence in investigating and searching for marble and other stones. In this world few people understand one's purpose and grasp what is intended in matters, but that beloved one has exceeded expectations and taken great pains, recording various opinions and views. What that honored one has mentioned is correct, for marble is indeed superior, more excellent, more splendid and more beautiful. However, considering the times, various stones have been and are being mentioned, with the intention that the cost not exceed moderation.

Regarding what you wrote that there are many options available—indeed it is just as you wrote. It is very good that you have made inquiries from others besides Habib. This servant had also intended to mention to you that there are some good craftsmen there—do make inquiries from them as well as from Habib. Praise be to God that beloved one has, of his own accord, done what was in this evanescent one's mind.

Now what is needed is to meet with you. Please determine from Nicholas the mason what daily wages would be required if we were to request a master craftsman to come to Akka. Please specify this matter. After your arrival we can discuss—if agreeable we will request that craftsman, otherwise not.

And regarding what you wrote that it was decided to bring both a simple design and an ornate design—this is good, along with the fountain designs mentioned. Now we await that beloved one's arrival.

Another matter: there is a stone found here known as Jules stone, and Jules is a village outside of Akka at a distance of one hour. Consult with the craftsmen—if they deem it suitable, let them send a craftsman who is truly skilled and capable of completing the task, to provide instructions for cutting it. Let the craftsman finish it, then Nicola or Habib can come and assemble it. Habib's craftsman has seen that stone, and in any case the craftsman's fee must be determined. If it is deemed advisable, we shall request it.

Another matter: the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, was not given. The reason for this will be mentioned when we meet. That honored one should not mention anything about this, as there was concern it might cause distress. After the meeting, whatever is deemed advisable will be carried out. The Glory be upon you.

BH00731: Praise be to God Who created the Point…

He is God—exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful!

Praise be to God Who created the Point and from it detailed the knowledge of what was and what shall be, and with it adorned the books of the world, and made each of its letters proclaim that there is no God but Him. When the proclamation and call appeared, all things were attracted, and those near drew nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and the sincere ones to the Supreme Summit, making their ultimate goal the remembrance and praise of God and the fulfillment of what they were commanded in His Book.

These are servants who have confined their affairs to that which exalteth the Cause of God amongst His creatures and the banners of His Manifestation in His lands.

When the Point was detailed and knowledge and wisdom appeared, then He made it known to the one for whom it was created through His penetrating Will and His all-encompassing, all-pervading Purpose. He is the Master of the world, the Most Great Mystery, the Ancient Light, and the Sovereign of nations, by whose finger's gesture the moon was cleft and the gate of heaven was opened unto the Manifestations of Names and Daysprings of Command in the kingdom of creation. Exalted, exalted be His station! Exalted, exalted be His transcendent loftiness and elevation! He is the One before Whose manifestations of knowledge every learned one hath confessed his ignorance, and before Whose revelations of might and power every man of insight hath acknowledged his impotence.

Through Him the horizon of origination was illumined and the mysteries of the Seal were revealed. He is the Hidden Light and the Treasured Book. Upon Him be God's blessings and peace, and upon His family and companions whom God made the knights in the arena of triumph and victory, and the dawning-places of might and power, and upon those who held fast unto them, spoke their praise, and aided them with their wealth and their own selves. These are servants upon whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. These are servants whom neither wealth nor children have occupied, and who say:

> "Naught shall befall us save what God hath prescribed for us. In Him have we put our trust, and unto Him do all affairs return."

Thereupon, the servant received a letter from one of the two Most Exalted Names, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah], containing what you had sent to him. When I opened and read it, I found myself sharing in your sorrows. I then proceeded to the Most Holy Court and presented your letter before the Lord. He—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—said: "O thou who art present! Verily, tribulation is for the sake of love." In one station He declares: "Were it not for tribulations in Thy path, life would have no sweetness for me," and in another station: "Whenever the sun of tribulation dawns from the horizon of destiny, I stand ready before it." This Wronged One has been the target of tribulations and hardships in recent years, nay throughout His life, but whatsoever comes to pass of this nature shall soon pass into oblivion, having neither permanence nor stability. By My life! If the aforementioned soul were to become aware of the consequences of tribulations and afflictions that have befallen him, joy would seize him and he would engage in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, with utmost gladness and delight.

In truth, this Wronged One was saddened by what befell him, but as We fix Our gaze upon divine grace and favor, perfect calm and assurance is attained. Today is the day of supreme joy. The ocean of gladness is surging and the world is adorned with the raiment of delight. If on any day something occurs that causes grief, this is in accordance with divine wisdom, and surely joy will follow. Hearken unto what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Verily with difficulty cometh ease." God is powerful, mighty, hearing and answering. If for a time the signs of His answering appear not, one should not be disheartened. By My life! All things testify that He is the Hearing, the Answering One. Assuredly He will answer and carry out concerning His friends that which is meet. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Let them not be sorrowful, but rather occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

As to what they wrote regarding the distribution and sale of properties, this is not permissible. Let them remain engaged with composure and dignity. Should God will and desire it, He will send down upon him mercy from His presence and grace from His side. They have been and are beneath His watchful gaze, and this is that sovereignty which neither perisheth nor can the hands of the oppressors reach it, nor can the eyes of the treacherous find it. Ask thou of God to preserve this most exalted station.

As to what was mentioned concerning her who hath ascended unto God, verily We have remembered her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure in the earth. Every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness to this.

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

Verily, We make mention of a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God who hath ascended unto Him, even as We mentioned her before. I testify that she turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God at a time when most of His servants had broken His Covenant. We testify that she desired to plunge into the ocean of utterance, but We forbade her, as a wisdom from Our presence, and We mentioned her in such wise as nothing can equal it. We beseech God to forgive her, to remit from her whatever was unworthy of her, to sanctify her from all that His good-pleasure abhorreth, to draw her nigh unto Him, and to ordain for her what He hath ordained for His handmaidens who have detached themselves from all else but Him and have turned toward Him in such wise that neither the oppression of any oppressor nor the ascendancy of any froward tyrant deterred them. Peace and glory be upon her and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Praise be unto God that thou hast attained unto that for which all men implore the Lord, exalted be His glory. The recompense of no soul hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. The reward of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere, and the retribution of them that deny and are heedless, shall assuredly come to pass. Observe how the fruits of men's deeds became manifest and laid waste the land of Egypt, which was among the ancient cities of the world. These are the days of supplication, yet the people remain heedless. The servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn the world with the ornament of justice and equity, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and the good of what hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book.

His favor towards thee is manifest and evident, and out of pure loving-kindness mention was made of thy departed wife, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which shineth forth from the Dawning-Place of grace. Blessed is she, and joy be unto her, and glory rest upon her. Though outwardly she attained not the cup of meeting before her ascension, yet after her passing she attained that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom that abideth forever.

Concerning what was written about thy son Aqa ʿAli-Rida, upon him be the grace of God, it was submitted. He said: The people of truth must not be disturbed by outward differences. They must be as firm and steadfast as a mountain. This world, its beginning and end, its bounties and favors and ornaments, have not been, nor ever shall be, worthy of mention. By the Sun of the heaven of divine utterance! Had it possessed worth even to the extent of a needle's eye, the people of God would not have abandoned it, nor would they have accepted such tribulations. With utmost kindness and

compassion, convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and say: Grieve not. Wert thou to become aware of the favor ordained for thee, thou wouldst find thyself in such joy as is sanctified from all the sorrows of the world. Verily, We make mention of thee, console thee, and counsel thee to be patient and forbearing, and to that which manifesteth the station of man among all possibilities.

God willing, may this mentioned favor and recorded kindness bring him joy. Peace be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants who are firm, steadfast, and upright, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 28th of the honored month of Shawwal 1300

Regarding the properties of that honored lady, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted. He said: We have given permission to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], to take charge of them himself.

BH01397: Praise be to the Lord of Names, Who hath…

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

Praise be to the Lord of Names, Who hath made tribulation to be a herald from His presence that perchance the people of the realm of creation might be awakened—they who have violated His Covenant, denied His signs, disputed His proof, turned away from His traces, opposed His loved ones, and shed the blood of His chosen ones, for whom His Paradise and the dwellers of the pavilion of His glory have lamented. Exalted is He, the King of Kings and the Merciful to the possessed, Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers to guide His servants to His straight path and His mighty Command, and to explain to creation His commandments, His laws, and that which profiteth them in His lands.

Exalted be God, the Single, the One, Who sent forth him who was named Muhammad, through whom He adorned the world and revived the nations. Through him the dust proclaimed: "The Manifestation of the Lord of Lords hath come!" The trees spoke: "He Who relateth from God concerning the beginning and the end hath appeared!" The pebbles in his hand bore witness, the date-stone cried out in His name, the atoms circled round Him, and all created things circumambulated a House that God had made blessed for His servants, a point of pilgrimage for His creation, and a refuge for His creatures.

Prayers and peace be upon him and upon his family, through whom the Euphrates of divine knowledge hath flowed throughout all possibility, and the nightingale of eternity warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. And upon his companions, through whom God's Cause was established throughout all regions and His traces spread throughout all lands, through whom the hearts of the idolaters were disturbed and the hearts of the doubtful ones yearned, and through whom God cut off the last remnant of the wrongdoers who violated God's Covenant and His pledge, and who followed what their own desires commanded them. These are they who took what they had and cast aside what was with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus did God seize them for their sin and set upon them servants possessed of terrible might who ravaged the lands.

Glory be unto Thee, O Creator of spirits and bodies, and Protector of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and the worshippers of idols lamented, to assist Thy servants to turn to Thee, to hold fast to Thy cord, and to cling to Thy robe. Then preserve, O my God, by Thy binding command and Thy Most Great Name, Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. Then grant them every good thing sent down in Thy Book. O Lord! They are the poor and Thou art the Rich; they are the weak and Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge and no decree is impossible for Thee. The atoms have testified to Thy power and might. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, the traces of your pen have gladdened me with news of your health, which is mentioned in the Book of Divine Favors as among the greatest bounties. When joy and delight took hold of me, I turned to the Ultimate Goal and called upon God, the Lord of all beings, to preserve you from every tribulation and calamity. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Preserver, the Helper, the Supporter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that the Truth, through the blessing of His loved ones, preserved that city from the darkest tribulation, and the many were transformed into few, and this is naught but from His grace upon us. And in Beirut it was reduced to very little, as a token of kindness to His Afnan. Praise be to God, those beloved ones have ever been and continue to be mentioned. With a hundred thousand tongues must one thank the True Object of Worship, Who hath granted His loved ones an abundant share of the wine of utterance. May it be pleasant and wholesome unto you!

Concerning what you wrote about his honor, the elevated and blessed Haji Mulla ʿAli—upon him be God's peace, remembrance, praise, care and favors—through God's grace, exalted be His glory, during his life he drank what was to be drunk, and after his ascension he attained unto that which none save God can properly comprehend. Blessed is he, and his is a goodly beginning and end.

Furthermore, this evanescent servant maketh mention of his nothingness and evanescence to each and every one of the friends and loved ones in that land, and requesteth all to beseech the exalted Truth to assist this servant in that which is acceptable before Him. He is the Helper and the Powerful, and He is the Mighty and the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Peace be upon you, and God's mercy and His blessings.

The servant

28th of the honored month of Shawwal, 1300

BH01441: In My Name, the One Who dominates over what…

In My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what shall be.

Excellent art thou, O Mihdi! Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One, and it acknowledged God's bounty and grace, one after another. We perceived from it the fragrance of My contentment and thy contentment. By God's life! No station in the world and its manifestations can equal this station. To this the Mother Book beareth witness in this exalted station. Say: verily the Book speaketh in the world and calleth all to the Most Great Name, yet We see the people among the dead.

O Mihdi, upon thee be My Glory! Praise the Object of all the world's desire, that thou hast attained to His days, His recognition and His Revelation. Thy name is mentioned before the Throne, and thy remembrance is recorded in the Tablets by the Supreme Pen. God willing, thou shalt be confirmed in preserving this most exalted station, and in remaining steadfast in the remembrance, praise and service of the Cause of the Lord of Names. Verily, He is with thee and will strengthen thee as He strengthened thee before. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

The world hath been encompassed by the dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings, to such extent that they remain heedless and deprived of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Dayspring of heavenly knowledge. With utmost power and might they are occupied with extinguishing the light and quenching the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. However, God hath prevented them through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and seized them through His Command.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Observe how the Hand of Divine Power hath seized nearly one million souls in retribution for their deeds and consigned them to a most wretched destination. How many princes and ministers, together with their kings and rulers, were returned to the fire. Yet none hath become aware. The blessed Surih of Ra'is beareth witness to what hath been mentioned.

In the land of Sad, thou mayest behold how that most foul one—who was the very cause and author of the martyrdom of those two radiant and resplendent Lights—was seized with the grievousest chastisement, in such wise that all who were in the house shunned him. Yet the wearers of turbans, who have ever been the source of harm, have not taken warning, but are seen to persist in their heedlessness and remain as they were. Look, moreover, unto the land of T: the foul and deceitful one, known as "the truthful," who was the cause and instigator of the tumult of the ignorant, was granted no respite, but returned to his appointed place; and likewise another soul after him was taken in due season—and thou shalt hear, ere long, of the matter of the third. And notwithstanding all this, the people have been, and are, sunk in their former error. In this Most Great Revelation, God—glorified be His majesty—hath granted no delay; yet none have been awakened, save such as God hath willed.

Convey unto the friends, on behalf of God, the glad tidings of a mighty "Allah-u-Abha." All must hold fast to wisdom, and be assured of the bounty of God—glorified be His majesty. Some souls are observed, in times of adversity, to be perturbed and fearful; and this neither is nor hath been seemly, for death is inevitable—it hath come, and it shall come. Nay rather, if it overtake one in the path of God, it hath been, and shall ever be, sweeter and dearer. By the life of God! unto the palate of the sincere it is more delectable than Kawthar and Salsabil. God is, and shall remain, the Overpowering, the Almighty, the Most Powerful; who is able to hinder what He willeth? All must show forth the utmost steadfastness and confidence. Say: Martyrdom is a momentous affair—more precious and rarer than red sulphur. It hath not been, nor is it, the portion of every one. The fire hath been kindled throughout the regions, yet the Almighty hath quenched it by a power from His presence.

Thou must, with utmost spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance, admonish the people, and transform the garments of ignorance and folly into the robes of knowledge and understanding, that all may be adorned with the ornament of learning and arise to the amendment of the world. Thus have We reminded thee with that which its fragrance shall never cease, by the abidingness of My Most Beauteous

Names. Verily thy Lord hath borne witness unto thee with a testimony whereunto all the treasures of the earth can never be compared; and He shall assuredly exalt thee, and the heavens shall speak of thy turning, thy sincerity, thy humility, thy lowliness, and thy steadfastness in the service of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Great Book be upon thee, and upon those who are with thee, and who hearken unto thy word in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have remembered every name that was in thy letter, and have answered every questioner whose writing was presented before the Wronged One in this noble station. All this is of My favour upon thee; recognise it, therefore, and be of the thankful.

BH02311: Praise be to God Who has shone forth…

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

Praise be to God Who has shone forth with the Sun of Will upon the Kingdom of meanings and utterance, whereupon appeared the Torah, the Gospel, the Qur'an and other Books, and through them revealed the laws of religions. Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and made them insights for those who turn to Him, lamps for those who draw nigh, and cords of guidance amidst humanity, that whosoever desires to draw near to the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit may grasp them. Blessed is he who holdeth fast and woe to those who turn away.

By God! The horizon of the heaven of the world hath shone forth with the Luminary of My Most Great Name, yet the divines of the age have turned away from it and threatened Us with abasement and death. But God hath promised victory and triumph to the sincere ones. He hath come with the banners of verses and the hosts of revelation and inspiration, which none hath comprehended save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the Most Glorious! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of all being from the direction of the luminous Spot, the Station round which circle the Concourse on High, then those who were not commanded to prostrate themselves aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people of the earth! Do what ye have been commanded in the Book. This will draw you nigh unto the Mighty, the Beautiful. Transgress not against those who transgress against you, and be ye of such disposition that the gloating of enemies in God, the Lord of all worlds, grieveth you not. Those who gloat over you and shake their heads in derision, these are in manifest loss.

Thou art he who hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and hath spoken that which made the back of misbelief to quake. This is attested by Him with Whom are the oceans of knowledge and wisdom, and that which none hath comprehended save His Self, the One dominant over all who are in the heavens and earths. Grieve not at what the ungodly utter. Rather, rejoice in that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth, Who hath come with the truth by a Command that hath thunderstruck all who are in the heavens and earth, save whom God willeth, the Lord of this exalted Station. Say: Fear God and follow

not your desires. Follow what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O people of creation! Abandon what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the horizon of proof illumined. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, and upon those who have heard the Call and have drawn nigh with humility unto a horizon illumined by the lights of the face of their Lord, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH02309: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and caused the atoms to speak that there is no God but Him, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. Glorified art Thou, O Beloved of the chosen ones and Goal of the saints! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, that Thou protect Thy loved ones from the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall enable them to attain such a station wherein the conditions of creation shall not prevent them from turning to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy Beauty, nor veil them from gazing toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation.

O my God and my Lord! Thou seest and knowest that Thy servants have been prevented from turning unto Thee and placing their trust in Thee, and the ornaments of the world have so occupied them that they have denied Thy manifestations, Thy proofs and Thy signs. They have cast aside what hath come from Thee and have taken what their own desires have ordained in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Crimson Ark and the Luminous Scroll to protect Thy loved ones from these people and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earths.

Thereafter, your letter dated the 11th of Sha'ban was received on the 5th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, and as it indicated the well-being of that honored friend, it brought the utmost joy and delight. In all conditions We beseech and implore the Self-Subsisting Lord to assist His friends in that which draweth them nigh unto Him and to confirm them in steadfastness. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering.

Regarding what you wrote that you had sent several letters and no reply was received—Glory be to God! How could that which is necessary and obligatory be neglected? For responding to letters hath been made obligatory in the Book of God upon every believer and one who hath turned unto Him, unless wisdom requireth otherwise or an acceptable excuse ariseth. God is witness and testifier that this servant hath not forgotten that honored one, and in some letters sent to Rangoon mention was made of you—God suffices as witness. How could friendship and love be forgotten? I beseech God that He may assist, confirm, and make you steadfast and firm in His love. These conditions that are witnessed today and the

power of Pharaohs, tyrants and Caesars—all shall pass away, and that which hath appeared from His presence shall endure and benefit His servants throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm.

Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and the Glory shining from the horizon of God's loving-kindness be upon the one who penned your letter and upon you and upon God's steadfast, firm, assured and upright servants.

BH02644: In the Name of God, the Almighty. O Asad!…

In the Name of God, the Almighty. O Asad! We praise God on thy behalf, for He hath aided thee to recognize that which the divines and jurists of the earth remain veiled from. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with utmost kindness and favor, yet the people persist in utter opposition. Some of the friends, influenced by the clamor of the ignorant divines, have seized them. By the life of God! The people remain in their ancient error. Those souls who speak for the sake of God and are turned toward Him have been cast into prison due to unwarranted and unproven suspicions, thinking they could extinguish the light of God and quench His fire. Far, far from it! Even if all who are in the heavens and earth were to unite to prevent that which God hath willed, they would never be able, never have the power, and would find themselves utterly impotent. Thus doth the Lord of Names impart unto thee that which He willeth. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Thy letter attained the presence of this Wronged One, and from it wafted the fragrance of divine love. God willing, thou shalt be aided in all conditions to serve and remain steadfast, that there may appear from thee that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Trustworthy. Hold fast unto wisdom and grasp the hem of consultation. This is the binding command of God that hath been sent down and recorded in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who acteth accordingly; woe unto the heedless.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to Mirza Baba and Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, and say: This is the Day wherein the world hath been illumined and adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name. All divine Books and Scriptures speak of Its description and bear witness to Its appearance. Nevertheless, most people remain veiled and heedless. The cause of this heedlessness are those souls who, in former ages and countless centuries, prevented people from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. If man were to meditate for but an hour for the sake of God and comprehend the cause of the people's turning away from the Lord of creation, he would cry out "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!" The Truth hath appeared with the proofs of the first and the last, yet the people remain in evident veils. Say: Strive, that ye may not be deprived of the ocean of bounty and the lights of the Sun of Truth. Verily, He guideth all unto the Path and draweth them nigh unto Him. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May the glory shining forth from the horizon of God's loving-kindness rest upon Mim and Ha, who have arisen to make mention of Him and sing His praise, and upon thee, and upon thy wife, and upon those who have believed in God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH02630: Your call hath been heard, and the Face…

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

Your call hath been heard, and the Face of the Wronged One hath turned toward you from the prison. May you, God willing, manifest joy and delight through the sweet savors of the utterance of the All-Merciful at all times.

Look toward the Supreme Horizon and what He hath manifested through His power and sovereignty. The earthly temples and artificial souls were not and are not worthy of mention. The Truth hath come for the reformation of the world and none hath the power to prevent Him. Pay no heed to the might of the oppressors this Day. Say: Consider what He hath manifested through His power that hath encompassed all existence. At times they kill, at times they imprison, and at times they lead into captivity. Nevertheless, they have been and remain defeated, while the Cause of God is ever ascending.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine favor that such bounty hath been vouchsafed unto His loved ones as hath no likeness or parallel. Soon shall its effects be made manifest and evident in the earth.

O thou who gazest upon the countenance! Such a station hath been conferred upon Jinab-i-M.Sh. that, should he remain firm and preserve it, all shall soon speak his praise and bow before his name. Say: Know ye the value of this station and arise to serve. However, observe wisdom and utterance in all conditions. Ever fix your gaze upon wisdom.

The fire of corruption hath been kindled in the lands, but God hath extinguished it through His power. Blessed is he who is endowed with insight! How many signs and evidences have appeared and continue to appear, yet the people remain heedless. A hundred thousand souls have returned to their abode in fulfillment of what God revealed in the Surih of Ra'is, yet the people have not become aware. The founder of the edifice of tyranny—that truthful liar—was seized by the hand of divine wrath, yet none took notice. And He seized one greater than him, yet it yielded no fruit. Soon shall a third join them both. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Should the entire world arise to prevent it, by the life of God, they shall find themselves impotent, and whatsoever He hath willed shall assuredly appear. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Say: O loved ones of God! What behooveth you is steadfastness in His Cause, and what behooveth Him is grace and bounty and loving-kindness. He shall surely give you your rewards. Be assured and be of those who are firmly established. Glory be upon thee and upon those who act in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03208: In My Name, the Guardian over all names!

In My Name, the Guardian over all names!

For several days now, Kum-i-Allah has become the seat of the Throne. This is that station which was mentioned and recorded in previous Books. The call of the Spirit was raised from this spot and all the Prophets of God gave glad tidings of its appearance. This divine hill, from the day it was created until

these days, has been awaiting the cup of meeting. Praise be to God that it attained thereunto. In various stations the call was raised, the fragrance of remembrance diffused, and the light of the countenance shone forth resplendent—all that was recorded in the divine Books of old. Well is it with them that understand, and woe to the heedless!

O ʿAbdu'l-Muhammad, praise the Goal of all worlds Who aided thee and caused thee to attain His special favors. We have heard thy mention and praise, and witnessed thy turning and devotion to the love of God and service to His Cause. We make mention of thee in this clear Book. This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of My tender mercy—be thou thankful to God for this great bounty.

We send greetings to the friends in that land and command them to that which befitteth the days of God, that all may be adorned with the glory of honor and arise to serve the Cause with utmost wisdom.

The whole world awaited to attain unto this Most Great Revelation and be enabled to hearken unto but one word of His utterances. Yet none attained this most exalted station save whom God willed. Be grateful to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath aided thee and caused thee to attain unto that which is the goal in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention of him whom We named the Sublime, the Wondrous, in My exalted Book. We have mentioned him in various Tablets with such mention as causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of eternity—a favor from Our presence, and I am verily the Powerful over what I will.

The glory shining from the horizon of My tender mercy be upon you and upon those who have turned to God on this Day wherein trembling hath seized the inhabitants of all regions, save those whom God hath protected, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH03800: The people of God have appeared specifically…

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

The people of God have appeared specifically for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. By the command of God, exalted be His glory, they have arisen to serve all, their hearts sanctified and purified from rancor, hatred, doubts, idle fancies, selfish desires and vain imaginings. Nevertheless, there hath been visited upon them that which hath not been visited upon murderers, thieves, traitors and liars. These earthly temples have desired to extinguish the divine light and quench its flame. Far, far from it! Ere long they shall witness how this imprisonment and captivity hath become the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause and its ascendancy. Blessed is the eye that seeth, blessed the ear that heareth, and blessed the heart that understandeth.

Even should all the peoples of the world, with all their armies, gather together, they could not prevent God, exalted be His glory, from His purpose. He doeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: O people of the world! Be fair and act with justice. The world is fleeting, as is all that ye possess and behold therein. Strive that ye may attain unto a single word from God. That blessed and exalted word is as light unto its people, as the water of life unto the thirsty, and as spirit unto human temples. Were this

station to be revealed even to the extent of a mustard seed, all would hasten and circle round it with their very souls. However, God hath concealed it from those who have turned away, and revealed it to every steadfast and upright one.

Rejoice thou in this Most Perspicuous Book which hath been sent down unto thee, and render thanks unto Him in the night season and in the days, at both dawn and dusk.

BH04056: The Supreme Pen hath made mention of thee before…

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

The Supreme Pen hath made mention of thee before and after. Remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear the Voice of the Wronged One. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the divine Will and hath held fast unto the Purpose of all the worlds.

The entire world, both its divines and others, was created specifically for this wondrous Day. Yet when the Morn of Revelation dawned and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all turned away save whom God willed. The cause of veils and the source of barriers have been and continue to be the ignorant divines. They are the ones who changed God's bounty into denial and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.

God willing, mayest thou ever be the recipient of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, and celebrate His praise. Convey on behalf of the True One My greetings to the loved ones in that land, that perchance a new spirit may be manifested in those temples.

Say: Be not grieved by the deeds of the heedless and the veiled. All who dwell on earth are seen as children playing with clay, and they understand not. They worship idols and perceive not. What idol could be greater than he who was known as truthful but proved false? He was the greatest idol that was cast down by the hand of power, and likewise another idol. Soon thou shalt see the third in the flames. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful.

Say: O friends! Fix your gaze upon God and adorn yourselves with spiritual qualities. Whatever befalleth you, refer it to God. By God's life! He will seize the wrongdoers with manifest might.

The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place and upon those who have attained unto My mighty Tablet.

BH04596: In My Name, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the All-Knowing…

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

O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, then judge with fairness concerning this Unlettered One, to Whom testify the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The tongue of utterance in the Kingdom of knowledge declareth: O concourse of divines! Fear ye the one true God. This

Wronged One hath neither associated with you and your like, nor seen your books, nor entered your classes. His headdress, His locks, and His attire all bear witness to what hath been said. Where hath

fairness gone? In what place doth the embodiment of justice repose? Open your eyes, look with the eye of insight, and ponder, that ye may not be deprived of the rays of the Sun of Utterance nor be barred from the surging waves of the ocean of knowledge. Some among the princes and common folk have objected that this Wronged One was not among the divines and descendants of the Prophet.

Say: O people of fairness! Were ye to reflect even briefly, ye would consider this station a hundred thousand times more exalted and greater. God hath manifested His Cause from a House wherein was found naught of what the divines, the jurists, the mystics and the learned possessed. The Breath of God awakened Him and commanded Him to raise His voice. When He awoke, He arose and called all to God, the Lord of the worlds. This utterance hath regard to the weakness of the people of the contingent world; otherwise His Cause is sanctified above mention and exalted above thoughts. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book.

BH04630: O Ramadan-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God!...

O Ramadan-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God! In the Name of the one true God! Today the Ocean of Divine Bounty is surging and the radiant Lamp is bright and manifest. This is that Lamp which all sacred Books have mentioned and concerning which all the Messengers have given glad-tidings unto mankind. Today the breezes of grace are wafting and the fragrance of bounty is diffused. Whosoever hath in this blessed Day attained unto the recognition of Truth, he verily is and hath been the most enriched among all the peoples of the world. The riches of this transient world have never been, nor shall ever be, accounted as wealth in the sight of God. Strive thou that thou mayest attain unto the most great steadfastness and be confirmed in preserving this most exalted station.

The divine worlds are limitless, and the rewards for goodly deeds and spiritual qualities lie hidden and treasured in all these worlds. Grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Knowing. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the good of every world among His worlds, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. God hath forgiven thy wife and expiated her misdeeds. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Convey my greetings unto Darvish-ʿAli. God willing, may he be assisted to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. The limits of travel are set forth and recorded in the Book. It must be undertaken with the consent of both parties, that is, regarding the duration. The command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The Glory be upon my loved ones in that place, whose names We have recorded in a Book that neither erasure can affect nor the vicissitudes of time can alter.

BH04664: O friend! You have sought to attain My presence...

He is the Most Glorious

O friend! You have sought to attain My presence, and you are justified in this, for all have been created for this purpose. However, the transgressors and oppressors have arisen with utmost might and power to obstruct and prevent this, and have exerted and continue to exert their utmost efforts to extinguish the divine light and the fire of the Sacred Tree. O Husayn! The hunter of malice lies in ambush for the gazelles of the meadows of inner meaning, and thieves lie in wait for the pearls of the ocean of oneness.

God hath manifested Himself for the preservation and reformation of the world and for its life, yet the people of tyranny and wickedness have striven to harm Him and have issued death warrants against Him. Shame upon them! Perdition upon them! Yet despite His power and might, you witness these heedless souls deprived and in loss. Grieve not at the separation. Hold fast to patience in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Your letter was received and its fragrance testified to your acceptance, turning to God and steadfastness. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Beseech God that He may guide all to His path and lead them to the supreme horizon, that for every soul a clear pathway to the horizon of His Manifestation may become visible—meaning that all may attain and none remain deprived of the ocean of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. The glory from Me be upon thee.

BH04719: A mention from Us to the one whom We…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Kingdom.

A mention from Us to the one whom We mentioned before, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Faridun! We have remembered thee and do remember thee as a favor from Us, and We remember him who turned to My horizon and soared in My atmosphere. Verily he was named “The Exalted” in My Mighty Book.

O Rafi’! Rejoice in My Most Great Signs, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the Master of all beings. By the life of God! We shall raise up the Cause through a clear sovereignty. Grieve not over that with which the children play in the land of Ta. Verily He shall manifest His Cause as He pleaseth. All the hosts of the earth cannot prevent Him. To this beareth witness that which hath appeared from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient Being.

We have seized him who pronounced judgment against My loved ones, then We seized one who was greater than he. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He judgeth as He pleaseth, even as He judged in the beginning of the Cause. Read thou the Book of God that thou mayest know what hath been sent down from His wondrous Kingdom. Be thou steadfast in His Cause, speaking forth His Name and guiding unto His Straight Path.

O Badi’! Shouldst thou find the sweetness of My utterance, the wine of the river of My knowledge would so intoxicate thee that neither the clamor of all the world nor the murmuring of every far-off mystic would hinder thee. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down for thee from My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station.

The Glory be upon thee and upon him for whom We have revealed this Clear Tablet. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04660: O people of truth! Today you are most worthy…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O people of truth! Today you are most worthy to behold the rose garden of meanings and utterance, and to hear the melodies of the nightingales of wisdom and exposition. You were associated with truth and

mentioned by the name of truth. You must soar with the wings of certitude and assurance in this subtle spiritual atmosphere.

Your letter arrived and We heard your call. Praise be to God, you have taken the cup of everlasting life from the hands of divine bounty and attained unto it. Now strive to awaken those who slumber and guide those who are lost to the straight path.

The people of the world are encompassed by heedlessness—they have passed by manifest certitude and cling to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Indeed, not every ear is worthy to hear this call, and not every face is capable of turning towards it, neither in the past nor present. Ask of God that He may manifest the gems of wisdom and utterance that lie hidden in the mines of understanding. He is powerful over all things and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The whole world was created for these days and waited through nights and days, yet when the Beauty of the Desired One removed the veil, all remained heedless and veiled save whom God willed. Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who strengthened you and gave you awareness. Know the value of this station and preserve it through His Name.

BH05217: O Safdar! God willing, thou wilt transform the darkness…

He is the All-Knowing Witness!

O Safdar! God willing, thou wilt transform the darkness of oppression and discord in all regions into the light of justice and unity. Today is the day of remembrance and today is the day of service, and service to God, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and still is the promotion of His Cause. Strive thou that in these divine days thou mayest attain unto that which was the purpose of creation and existence. God willing, thou wilt drink and cause others to drink from the ocean of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. He who quickeneth a soul is as one who hath quickened all mankind. Today the world is illumined and brightened by the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the station of this blessed Day and hath taken a portion of its bounty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify unto that whereunto the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been in the heights of might and power and majesty, and in the loftiness of glory and honor and grandeur.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book and the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thy names, that Thou aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped save those whom the hand of Thy grace and favor hath delivered. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05109: Thy letter hath come before Us, and from it…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Thy letter hath come before Us, and from it We perceived the fragrance of sincerity for God, the Lord of the worlds. We answer thee with this Tablet, which hath no equal among all thou dost witness and behold in the earth, if thou be of them that know. Verily it is the Call of God unto all else besides Him, and the Most Great Sign among mankind, and the Luminary of knowledge in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath found its fragrance, and woe unto them that turn away!

This is a Day wherein We have manifested that which lay hidden in God's knowledge and treasured within the strongholds of thy Lord's protection, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of immortality from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and joy be unto him who hath been named with the M and H in the Book of Names. We have raised him up to serve the Cause and enabled him to voice My beauteous praise. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when sorrows encompassed Him from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O people of Baha, be not grieved by their deeds.

God shall soon seize them through a decree from Him, and they shall find themselves in manifest loss. And We make mention of thy wife who accepted when she heard, and We give her glad tidings of the grace of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. God hath forgiven her as a bounty from Him, and We counsel her with that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. Verily, He hath remembered thee from the Most Great Prison, and those who have believed, when every ignorant one remote from God turned away from Him.

BH05119: We have sent down this Book in truth…

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon

We have sent down this Book in truth and made it a bearer of glad-tidings from Our presence to all who are in the heavens and on earth. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the splendors of the Revelation, and the call of God hath been raised from all regions, yet the people remain in evident veils.

O thou who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and summoneth thee to that which will cause thy mention to endure through the eternity of His most excellent names. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Thy letter came before the Wronged One and was presented by the servant in attendance. We have answered thee with that which nothing can equal. Rejoice and be of those who render thanks.

We made mention of thee before, and at this hour when the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh in the kingdom of utterance by His command—and He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, arise and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy bounty after the passing away of all things, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy mighty Cause, whereby the feet of the learned have slipped save those rescued by the hand of Thy favor on this wondrous Day."

Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Giving, the Generous.

BH05225: O Ali, O thou who gazest upon My face!…

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

O Ali, O thou who gazest upon My face! The servant who is present hath laid before Me thy letter at a time when sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions by reason of what hath befallen My loved ones at the hands of the aggressive forces. O Ali! The idolators desired to extinguish the fire of God and put out His light. Say: Perdition betide you, O company of the lost! Did Pharaoh attain what he desired, or did Nimrod profit from what he wrought? Nay, by the Self of God Who dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth! Be thou gladdened that We found thy letter sanctified from the allusions of the heedless. Verily, We behold the idolators as children playing with clay.

Say: Fear God, O people of the earth, and follow not every heedless doubter. He hath come Who summoneth you unto that which perisheth not through the eternity of My most beautiful Names. Draw nigh and be not of them that turn away. We have mentioned thee before in such wise that nothing in the kingdom can equal it, as doth testify He Who speaketh in the kingdom of utterance that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Look not upon the oppressor and his power. Soon shall the sincere ones behold the Day-Star of the Cause shining forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful. The glory that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have cast away whatsoever is on earth, turning unto the One, the All-Informed.

BH05194: In My name, the Herald between earth and heaven!

In My name, the Herald between earth and heaven!

O My handmaiden! Remember when thou wert in Iraq and didst hear the call of the Wronged One Who summoned all mankind unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

We made mention of thy father before, and We desire to make mention of him in this perspicuous Tablet. He was among those who turned toward the Supreme Horizon and hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of Names, when the Light was shining forth from the horizon of Zawra. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Karim! I bear witness that thou didst attain the presence of God and didst believe in Him in this Revelation whereby the Evil One lamented and Al-ʿUzza cried out and the pillars of every doubting soul were shaken. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who maketh mention of thee in accordance with what the Supreme Pen hath spoken in this exalted station.

Thou art he who turned and advanced until thou didst enter the luminous Spot and didst present thyself before a Gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou art he whom neither

the opposition of the ignorant nor the clamor of every heedless and remote one could deter. Thus have We made mention of thy father, and I am the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

O My handmaiden! We have read thy letter and have revealed for thee that whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding are attracted. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon every handmaiden who hath attained in this grievous age.

BH05989: O Lutfu'llah! It is observed that thou hast turned…

In the name of the one peerless God!

O Lutfu'llah! It is observed that thou hast turned unto Him Who is wronged in all the world, and hast shown attachment to One from Whom most of the peoples of the earth have turned away. What hath come to pass that thou shouldst turn unto Him Whom all have rejected and risen up to harm? Hath the sweetness of the divine call attracted thee, or hath the pure water of the All-Merciful's Kawther seized thee? Hath the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen or the rustling of the Lote-Tree drawn thee from worldly conditions to the most holy station of "Every day He is in a new condition"?

Say: The call of Him Who hath no name hath brought me from the darkness of heedlessness and ignorance to the luminous court of knowledge and understanding. Glory be to God! The Sun of Revelation is shining and manifest, and He Who conversed on Sinai is evident and speaking, and yet there is no eye to behold and no ear to hearken. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all and adorn them with the ornament of fairness, that they may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One. Verily He is the Mighty, the Strong, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH05961: O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One!…

In His Name, the Protector over the world

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! The world is illumined and adorned with the lights of the Sun of Truth, and the divine Books and the tongues of His chosen ones and Prophets and saints bear witness and speak and testify to this blessed Day. Nevertheless, the children of earth who are occupied with playing in the clay have desired to prevent its lights and erase its mention. By the life of God! They are in manifest loss.

O friends! Hold fast unto unity and harmony. Soon the banners of grace and the standards of justice shall become manifest and evident in all lands. Move among the servants with perfect wisdom and utterance. By the life of God! Whatsoever hath flowed from the divine Pen hath appeared and shall appear. Say: O Mihdi! O thou who gazest upon My face! Be assured through thy Lord's grace and trust in Him in all matters. We counsel Our chosen ones with wisdom and with that which will calm the fire of hatred in the breasts of those who follow their desires without proof or Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom the clamor of the divines hath not prevented from My straight path.

BH05814: In My name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

In My name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

The horizon of the world hath been illumined through the advent of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name, Who hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon the princes of the earth and its divines waxed proud against Him, even to the point where they pronounced their verdict against Him—yet they understand not. They have followed their own desires and cast their God behind their backs. Thus hath Satan made their deeds seem fair to them, and they perceive it not.

Through My Name were the stations of the learned ones exalted, but when I rent asunder the veils and manifested Myself, they denied My signs, rejected My proof, and barred the servants of the All-Merciful from turning unto His praiseworthy station. Blessed art thou for having turned and hearkened unto the Call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Soon shall that which they possess perish, and that which hath been ordained for thee by My Most Exalted Pen shall endure in a preserved Tablet.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. The ocean of utterance hath surged within creation and the Day-Star of knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is he who hath seen with true vision and heard with attentive ears, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the Countenance and cast behind them what the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

BH05657: Today the True One, exalted be His glory…

In the name of the One True Friend!

Today the True One, exalted be His glory, is seated upon the Most Great Throne, and all atoms from every direction are speaking forth “The Lord of Names and Attributes hath come!” All servants must arise today and act according to deeds befitting the divine days. Commit thy affairs unto Him and place thy trust in Him. He is the All-Seeing and He is the All-Knowing. He bestoweth that which is befitting and conformeth to His wisdom. Leave behind all remembrances and hold fast unto His All-Wise remembrance. The True One, exalted be His glory, is generous and bestoweth whatever the servants ask for. However, today is not the day of clinging, nor the day of holding fast, except unto His Name and His Cord. By the Sun of the horizon of sanctification! If but one word proceedeth from the Supreme Pen concerning a soul, it is more precious than a hundred thousand righteous children. O friends! Strive that ye may attain and possess that which is befitting—a word that is sanctified above change and extinction. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance on this night. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05781: A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein…

In the Name of Him Who is sovereign over earth and heaven!

A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou wert mentioned. We have remembered thee with a remembrance that surpasseth all the remembrances of the peoples and the treasures of the world. He, in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book, beareth witness to this.

The standards have been raised, the verses sent down, and the evidences made manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs—verily, they are among the abject ones. O Pen of the Most High! Make mention of when the people gathered to extinguish the light of God amongst His creatures. Say: By God! The hands of Caesars and Pharaohs have [word unclear]. Fear God and be not among the oppressors. The Will of God hath triumphed over the will of His creatures, and His Purpose hath preceded the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth. No mention can compare with His mention, no command with His command. Did Pharaoh prevail over the Cause of God, the Almighty, the Powerful? Beware lest the conditions of the ignorant hold thee back from Him Who is the Lord of Names, or the clamor of those on earth from this Great Announcement. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name with the luminary of wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

BH06206: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Wise Expositor.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the loftiest heights of exaltation and the most sublime realms of transcendence, and will forever continue to be as He hath been. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

He hath appeared and made manifest His Cause, whereupon the divines who disdained to worship the Lord of Names denied it. These are indeed the people of the veil. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every heedless doubter, save those who cast away vain imaginings, turning toward the Supreme Horizon. These are they who are endowed with true vision in the Book of God, the Lord of lords.

This is the Day wherein the ocean of knowledge hath appeared, yet the people remain in strange drunkenness. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs by following every wicked deceiver.

When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all possibilities! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet utterance and the Manifestations of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH06385: In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all creation! O emigrant and son of the emigrant! Ye are they who have forsaken your homeland for the sake of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. He verily doth witness and behold, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He ordaineth whatsoever He

willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Your homeland weepeth at your separation and pronounceth its curse upon your enemies who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, even unto slaying the Guardian of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By My life! Whoso among the emigrants remaineth steadfast, all lands make mention of him and yearn for his presence, until he arriveth at that most exalted homeland, the station at whose mere mention the Pen is struck dumb with longing for that glorious realm.

Blessed are they whom the intimations of the people have not caused to slip, and whom the might of the aggressors hath not prevented. Preserve ye the pearls of My love. By God's life! A single one of them cannot be equaled by all that the kings and rulers possess. Soon shall their possessions return to dust, while ye shall behold what God, the All-Knowing, the Trusted One, hath stored up for you. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and praise thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glory be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon those who have attained unto this exalted station.

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BH06186: He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth! Glorified…

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth! Glorified be He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak forth through this Name, at Whose appearance the limbs of the learned were made to quake, the idols were struck down, and every accursed satan lamented. Through it the decree of the Most Great Talisman was rendered null, the Evil One wailed, and the Faithful Spirit proclaimed:

> "O peoples of the earth! We ask of you no recompense in this Cause. We summon you, for the sake of God, unto a noble station. Hearken unto the call from the Prison, from the Ultimate Tree, that verily there is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Hold fast to God's grace and bounty, and follow not every ignorant remote one. This is the Day wherein the horizons have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside the God of Names and followed what they were bidden by every sinful doubter. Grieve thou not at anything. Place thy trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Be thou thankful unto Him at all times for having remembered thee while in His mighty prison. Thus have We illumined thee with the lights of utterance and adorned thee with the ornament of My wondrous remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants."

BH06278: This is a Book sent down when the Wronged…

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

This is a Book sent down when the Wronged One was in evident sorrow. The oppressors have imprisoned My loved ones in Ta [Tehran] and other lands, whereat have wept the dwellers of the Most Exalted

Paradise and the people of the Most High Heaven. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from His sublime station.

O Buzurg! Hearken unto the call from the prison, then observe those who claim belief in the All-Merciful yet deny this News which God foretold through the tongues of those near unto Him. This is a Remembrance before which all remembrances bow down, and a Light which the machinations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, cannot extinguish. We counsel all to patience and forbearance, and shall seize the oppressors by Our command, for We are the Mighty Seizer. Be thou glad that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One. We have sent down for thee that from which thou shalt find the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Can anyone alter what God hath intended? Nay, by My Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth! Thus have We adorned the Tablet of the Book with the ornament of My wondrous remembrance. Glory be upon him who hath turned toward My horizon and clung to My luminous robe.

BH06374: In My Name, the Mighty, the Great

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O Qasim! The Lord of all mankind remembers thee in His days and gives thee glad tidings of this Revelation wherein the Speaker of the Mount proclaims: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." We desired life for all who dwell on earth, yet they sought to put Me to death. We desired glory for them, yet they desired My abasement. They perceive not. They have denied God's favor, rejected His proof, and disputed His verses that have encompassed both earth and heaven. Blessed is every face that hath turned, and every tongue that hath spoken, through this Most Great Remembrance, and every heart that hath turned to My praiseworthy station. When thou inhales the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and hearest His sweetest call, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of command, O Creator of heaven!

I beseech Thee by Thy radiant countenance, by Thy dark flowing locks, and by Thy sweetest utterance, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, powerful over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

BH06562: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Utterance…

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Utterance and manifested the proof and summoned all who are in the realm of possibility unto a station wherein the tongue of grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." He hath come for the reformation of the world and the life of nations. To this testifieth He with Whom is the mighty Tablet.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and remembered thee with that which

shall never pass away, if thou remainest steadfast in His Cause that is manifest. We have revealed the Cause and commanded all to observe what hath been sent down in the Book. Among the people are those who have acted in accordance with it and those who have cast it behind their backs—these are truly among the heedless ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto this Cause and have witnessed that which God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the Bird of Grace warbled and the Nightingale of Faithfulness sung. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every remote denier.

BH06810: In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. The whole world was brought into being for this most holy, most exalted Day, yet all remain heedless and veiled save whom God willeth. How many possessors of glory and wealth and dominion and realm who, with the utmost lowliness and fervor, beseeched the Self-Sufficing One for the presence of His Day.

Yet when the divine Morn broke and the breeze of life wafted and His fragrance was diffused, all the trees of existence were seen to be uprooted save whom God willeth. Through His boundless grace thou didst hear His call and wert blessed with the lights of His countenance after the extinction of all else. Blessed art thou, and blessed art thou again! Know thou, O My leaf, the station of him who is with thee. Verily he hath, in the sight of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, a station and rank. The glory be upon him and upon thee and upon My handmaiden who hath been named Maryam. We make mention of her and give her the glad-tidings of My favors unto her, for I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH06489: That which is for the good of the servants…

In the name of the One Friend!

That which is for the good of the servants is the resignation of all affairs unto God, exalted be His glory, inasmuch as most of us are unaware of that which is harmful or beneficial. None except God, exalted be His glory, is truly cognizant of all things. True knowledge hath ever been, and shall always be, specially reserved unto Him. He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Wise. Assuredly whatsoever He deemeth expedient will He reveal unto His loved ones.

O ye who have turned towards Him! Ye have won the prize of victory, and were this station to be unveiled, perchance some would perish from joy. At all times occupy yourselves with praise and thanksgiving and glorification of God, and hold fast unto His cord.

The Manifestations of tyranny and the Exponents of oppression, who are the divines of the age, have striven with utmost power and might to extinguish the light. Yet they have found themselves impotent and wanting, and ere long shall they find themselves in a most wretched abode. His is the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

BH06793: In My Name, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing! O My…

In My Name, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing! O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the actions of those who, throughout all ages, have wronged God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Remember when the Spirit came, and what was inflicted upon Him by the Jews who cast the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds, behind their backs. Then observe what was visited upon Muhammad, the Apostle of God, by all the opposing factions. By God's life! They are in manifest loss. Verily, whenever He came with the truth, the divines pronounced judgment against Him, and behind them stood the rulers of the earth, if ye be of them that hear. Then remember when the Day of God came—He through Whose mention the books of God were adorned aforetime and Whose manifestation was heralded by the Prophets and Messengers.

Woe unto the learned one whom knowledge hath deluded and kept back from God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! Say: O ignorant one! Thou wert created for this Day, yet when it appeared thou didst turn away. O rejected idolater! He came to give thee life, yet thou didst pronounce judgment against Him. O heedless and veiled one! Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto this Call, and woe unto every remote and rejected one.

BH06648: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed! The world hath…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed! The world hath been adorned with the appearance of the Ancient King, yet the peoples remain in astonishing delusion. They have cast the signs of God behind their backs, following every doubtful idolater. We have sent down for all on earth that wherewith the trees and fruits and mountains have been adorned, yet the people persist in discord and dissension, following vain imaginings while turning away from the Dawning-Place of knowledge. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are reckoned among the wayward in the Book of God, the Lord of creation.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have seen thy turning to Us and have turned to thee from the Most Exalted Station, and have remembered thee with that which shall never end, by the everlasting power of God, the Lord of lords.

Beware lest the greatest veil prevent thee from the Most Luminous Horizon, or the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Source and Return bar thee therefrom. Take what hath been sent down unto thee with strength from Us, and cast aside what is possessed by every heedless imposter.

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have heard and responded, and have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful.

BH06875: In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven! O concourse of creation! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names proclaimeth from His Prison in ʿAkka. He is, verily, none other than God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every steadfast one hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean, every wayfarer unto the Supreme Horizon, and every seeker unto this noble station. How many a servant hath heard the call and responded to his Ancient Lord, and how many a one robed in

authority hath disdained and waxed proud before God, the Lord of all worlds. We have created all for this Most Great Day—to this testifieth the Lord of Destiny in His impregnable Prison.

Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Do ye not behold the ocean of divine utterance, do ye not hear the call of God, the Mighty, the Praised? Abandon what the peoples possess and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in His wise Book. Thus have We remembered thee and sent unto thee that whereby the eyes of them that are nigh are solaced. Take hold of the Book with the power of God. Verily, He will be with thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord. To this thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify.

BH06748: By My life! My Pen lamenteth over what hath…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over what was and what will be!

By My life! My Pen lamenteth over what hath befallen My Soul, and the Prison crieth out because of My oppression and what hath come upon Me in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We summoned all to the Water of Life, yet they pronounced judgment against My Person with manifest tyranny. We made clear unto them the Way and gave them glad-tidings of the bounty of the All-Glorious, yet they rose up against Us with grievous oppression. They seized My name and My chosen ones with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to weep, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: O My loved ones! Let not the might of the wicked ones dismay you.

Leave behind all who are in the world, turning your faces toward My luminous horizon. Wrong not anyone, nor grieve over what hath befallen you. Put your trust in God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers. Verily He seizeth the transgressors; nothing can frustrate Him. He seizeth every wicked one even as He seized in His days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The splendor that hath shone forth from the heaven of My tender mercy be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Most Strong.

BH06791: In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Abu'l-Qasim! We have seen thy letter and heard the yearning of thy heart in separation from thy Lord, and We understood what thou didst desire of nearness and meeting. But the enemies have come between Us and thee, and have prevented the servants from that for which they were created. Blessed is the one who, strong in spirit, hath rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord, the All-Bestowing, and hath voiced His praise amidst all possibilities with spirit and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of Glory in the Preserved Tablet of Names, and one who hath embarked upon the Crimson Ark in the name of God, the Possessor of all things and Creator of the heavens. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter adorned with the remembrance of God and sanctified from the mention of aught else but Him, and We observed thy turning unto Him, thy devotion, and thy sincerity towards God alone. Verily He, despite the sorrows that have befallen Him, remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with

that which the world cannot equal. When thou perceivest and findest this, arise in His name, the Exalted, and say:

> "Unto Thee be praise, O Glory of the World! And unto Thee be thanks, O Thou Who answereth them that turn unto Thee, Companion of them that are nigh unto Thee, Lord of the mystics, and Beloved of the sincere!"

BH06444: O My Most Exalted Pen! It behooveth thee…

In the Name of Him Who rules over all horizons!

O My Most Exalted Pen! It behooveth thee to lament in these days, for the heedless ones have imprisoned My loved ones and committed injustice against them, in such wise that the dwellers of My celestial Kingdom and My Realm of Might have wept, as have the people of this forbidden station. By My life! We have heard the cries of the denizens of Paradise and the weeping of those near unto God on this memorable day. The oppressor rejoiceth and scoffeth as though he would abide forever on earth. Nay, by the Self of God that holdeth dominion over all that hath been and shall be! Soon shall he behold the recompense of his deeds and shall bewail his own self, and shall find none to help him. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet doth testify to this.

Thy letter hath reached Us, and We have heard that which was revealed aforetime by My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My verses, and the soul that hath soared in My atmosphere, and the eye that hath attained unto My beloved presence. We counsel the servants with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of existence. Aid ye the Most Merciful through your deeds. Thus have We counseled Our servants aforetime and in this Tablet which beareth witness to that whereunto God hath testified: There is none other God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06419: Today the entire world is illumined by the effulgences…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

Today the entire world is illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Revelation, yet most of its people remain heedless. The people of the earth are all withered, nay rather dead. They must be quickened through the water of wisdom and utterance and the life-giving Kawthar. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto, blessed the eye that hath witnessed, and blessed the ear that hath heard. The hearkening to a single call is better in the sight of God than the deeds of all who are on earth. A hundred thousand regrets that they are deprived of this endless bounty and veiled from this infinite grace. Be not grieved by what hath befallen. Every soul is occupied according to his station. They have cast the station of God behind their backs and followed every heedless and remote one. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and give glad-tidings to My loved ones of My tender mercy and My grace which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of proof with the luminary of utterance. Blessed be the mystic who hath attained and risen to serve the Cause, and woe unto them that are abased.

BH06617: In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered!

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered!

Heedlessness hath encompassed the world and prevented all from the Most Exalted Horizon, save those souls who are immersed in the ocean of divine love. These souls prefer one atom of tribulation in His path above all that is in the world. These are they who are accounted as the people of Baha in the Book of Names. Blessed are they, for they have attained unto that which God, exalted be His glory, hath ever announced through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. Great indeed is this Day, and its greatness hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. On this Day speaketh He Who conversed on Sinai:

> "Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Thy letter was received and attained the honor of being heard, and the Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned from the horizon of grace. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which thou hast sought. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds." The Glory be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, and upon My maidservant who attained in Zawra and heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06490: In My Name, the Most Holy above all names!…

In My Name, the Most Holy above all names! The Ocean of Divine Knowledge speaks at the center of contingent existence and summons all with spirit and fragrance to the All-Merciful, yet most of the people perceive not. Say: He has appeared with truth and speaks in every condition that there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. I have come for the life of the world and the reformation of the nations. To this bears witness the Lord of Eternity from His praiseworthy station.

Your letter has come before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He has answered you with a Tablet from which flows the sealed nectar. When you attain unto it and drink thereof, praise God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. By God's life! A single word from Me equals not what you behold today nor what exists in all creation.

Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the veils of the Jews who violated God's Covenant and His Testament and denied Him Who speaks 'There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving' shall not withhold you. Thus have We remembered you and sent this unto you that you may thank your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH06768: This is a mention from Us to those who…

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

This is a mention from Us to those who have turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and who have testified to that which God Himself hath testified. Verily, they are honored servants. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter before the Throne, and this irrevocable epistle hath been sent down for thee. Blessed is he who hath attained the mention of God in His days, and woe unto every

heedless and veiled one. He hath forgiven thee and absolved thee of thy misdeeds. Be thou thankful for this manifest grace. Stand firm in the Cause in the name of thy Lord. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The splendor shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have heard the Call and answered their Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath come with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all that was and that shall be.

And We make mention of him who was named Hasan before ʿAli that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones in the Book of God, the Lord of existence. Praise thy Lord for having turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal, did the people but understand.

BH06735: This is a Book sent down in truth, guiding…

He is the One, the All-Informed!

This is a Book sent down in truth, guiding the people to the Straight Path which God hath manifested in His mighty, wondrous Day. O people of Baha! Remember when My Name and My loved ones were imprisoned in the Land of Ta by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Verily, he who first pronounced judgment against them was one named Sadiq. We seized him through Our might and returned him to his abode in the nethermost depths. Then We seized one greater than he, whereupon the fire of hatred was stilled and the Dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful. Nothing can prevent His Cause. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. To this testifieth what hath appeared on earth, both in the past and in the future. Well is it with him who is endowed with insight! We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Counselor, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou of such constancy that the clamor of the divines who have pronounced judgment against Me and My loved ones, without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not deter thee.

BH06884: O Nowruz, the servant who was present before…

He is the Herald between earth and heaven!

O Nowruz, the servant who was present before the Wronged One mentioned your name, and this Preserved Tablet was revealed for you, which had been hidden in the knowledge of God and treasured in the pavilion of grandeur, as a command from Him—and He is, in truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and given glad tidings to all of that which will profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thereupon the servants rose up against Us and the divines issued decrees against Us with such injustice that the Maids of Heaven wept in their chambers and faces and cheeks were altered. Say: O company of the heedless ones! By what book did you believe in your Lord, the All-Merciful, and by what proof did you turn to Him? Bring it forth, if you have knowledge! Nay, by My very Self, the Truth! You have been impotent, as have all who dwell in the heavens and earth, to bring forth that which the Hidden and Treasured Name hath brought.

When thou dost discover the fragrance of the divine utterance from the traces of the Pen of the All-Merciful, arise from thy place, turning toward the Dayspring of Revelation, speaking His praise and making mention of that which thou hast been bidden in His recorded tablet.

BH07313: In the name of Him Who speaks between…

In the name of Him Who speaks between the worlds. O Abu'l-Qasim, upon whom be the Glory of God! Do you recognize Who remembers you from the horizon of the prison, and do you see Who has turned toward you from His most exalted station? Say: Yea, by my Lord! He is my Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an:

> "On the day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord shall come."

And when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, they denied Him, until they pronounced against Him that which caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. Say: O people, read ye the Books of God that were sent down aforetime. Verily they bear witness to this Most Great Revelation, yet ye understand not. O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, and follow not idle fancies and vain imaginings. Follow Him Who guideth you to the Dayspring of certitude on this Day which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen and concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Names. All things bear witness to this, would ye but understand. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which was and is the Water of Life for all that exist and will exist.

BH07191: In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above…

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above all mention! We have heard the call of Our loved ones and have answered them, for verily I am the Hearer, the Answerer.

O Hasan! He Who hath shown kindness to the world and hath come with a sovereignty before which all the hosts of the earth combined cannot stand, maketh mention of thee at this moment. To this testifieth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

This is a Day wherein mysteries have been revealed, fruits have appeared, and the heavenly table hath been sent down; yet the people remain in grievous blindness. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O Thou Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent names to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have offered up their lives in Thy path. Thou, verily, hast power to do as Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention, too, of thy family and those that are with thee, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Most Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Upon thee and upon them be the glory from the presence of One Who is mighty and powerful.

BH07384: O Suhrab! God, exalted be His Glory, hath manifested…

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

O Suhrab! God, exalted be His Glory, hath manifested Himself for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. He hath made His Cause manifest, His Path evident, and His Balance established before all faces. This is that Day whereof He saith:

> "The trumpet shall be blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth shall swoon away, save those whom God shall please to exempt."

Though the Cause is mighty indeed, yet its proof and testimony are seen to be clearer than the light of the sun. It behooveth thee to return unto God and repent before Him. Verily, He will forgive thy sins and blot out thy transgressions. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Through His grace and mercy, God hath pardoned and overlooked grievous sins and great transgressions, on condition that one's return be firm and one's repentance steadfast and enduring. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, counsel thee. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Most Generous of the generous ones.

BH07416: O Muhammad-Qabil-ʿAli! Your letter was received and your call…

In the name of the Desire of the world

O Muhammad-Qabil-ʿAli! Your letter was received and your call attained the honor of being heard. Today, whosoever has recognized God, exalted be His glory, and has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, is among those souls whom divine bounties and favors seek out. God willing, may the peoples of the world attain to the sweetness of this most exalted utterance and achieve that which is befitting.

The Sun of Truth has appeared with perfect manifestation and effulgence, and the ocean of bounty is surging. Nevertheless, all remain deprived and veiled save those whom God, thy Lord, has willed. Verily, hold fast to the cord of the Command and place thy trust in God in all matters. Beseech the True One that thou mayest succeed in that which is worthy of the divine days. Blessed is the soul whose call has attained the Most Holy Court and who has been honored with a response from the Most Exalted Pen. Before God, such a one is mentioned among the most exalted of creatures and inscribed in the Book. Be thankful unto God for this manifest grace.

BH07347: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Heaven. He summoneth you unto that which draweth you nigh unto the most exalted horizon—the Station wherein the Tree of the Uttermost Boundary proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The Promised One hath come for the life of the world, yet the people have turned away and denied, following every froward satan. Say: O people of God! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have heard His call and your eyes have beheld His horizon and your hands have taken hold of His perspicuous Book. They that have turned away this Day have no portion in the Book. God will soon seize them with His justice. He, verily, is the Just,

the All-Wise. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have sent unto thee this wondrous Book which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Leave the people to themselves and put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He is, verily, with His servants and aideth them through the truth. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH07206: We were gazing toward the prison in Ta (Tehran)…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

We were gazing toward the prison in Ta (Tehran) and saw the friends who were imprisoned without evidence or warrant. We heard their yearning in separation from God and saw their tears shed in love for God, the Exalted, the Great. Verily the oppressor was deluded by wealth until he rose against the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Woe unto thee, O remote oppressor! Soon shalt thou see the Cause above thy head and thyself in manifest loss. Abandon that which deluded thee and take what hath come from God, that He may forgive thee and remit thy misdeeds, O heedless evil one! We heard mention of thee, made mention of thee, and sent thee this clear Book. Let not the affairs of creation grieve thee. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desired One of the worlds! The manifest peace from the Abode of Peace be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the strong cord of God.

BH07405: In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

In My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden!

O Ghulam! Thy letter hath come, and the servant who standeth present hath laid it before the Face that is encompassed by sorrows through that which the hands of them that have denied the All-Merciful have wrought, when He came with power and sovereignty. And We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. Thou hast spoken of that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen and hast acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak in the earliest days. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and standing firm in the service of thy Lord, and turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon at all times. This is a Day wherein the Dawn proclaimeth, saying: “By God! The Morn of the Divine Manifestation hath breathed forth, yet the people are in a wondrous slumber.” And the Sun crieth out, saying: “The Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of Will, yet the people are in heedlessness and error, save those whom the breezes of Revelation have taken and whom the hand of Divine Power hath delivered.” The glory be upon thee and upon every patient believer.

BH07207: Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne every year…

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

Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne every year until these years when My loved ones who spoke forth My praise and openly acknowledged what God hath sent down in the Mother Book were imprisoned. By this the Books of God have lamented and tears have flowed from the eyes of those through whom eyes were consoled.

The Wronged One remembereth thee when sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides. Say: His sorrow is a manifestation of His loving-kindness and a revelation of His grace. By the life of God! Were He to desire it, He would seize all through but one word from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation cup after cup and chalice after chalice. All this is from Our favor upon thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath drunk the cup of My praise and the Kawthar of My knowledge. He is among the most exalted of creation in the Scriptures and Tablets. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of certitude, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings.

BH06997: O Leaf! Thy petition was read in the presence…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Leaf! Thy petition was read in the presence of the Wronged One and was honored with His hearing. Praise be to God that the glance of the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, hath from the beginning of the Cause until now been directed towards thee.

This is the most great bounty whose station hath not been and will not be limited by the understanding and knowledge of men. At all times doth the Divine Lote-Tree call out betwixt earth and heaven and summon all to the straight path of God. However, as pure and receptive ears are rare, therefore but few souls have attained and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the most great honor and the most mighty kinship. Mention of thee hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and is recorded in God's Book. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this wondrous bounty. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have been honored with this wise remembrance.

BH07136: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified from all peers and likenesses, and hath commanded all that which profiteth them in both beginning and end. Among the people are those who have heard and responded, and those who have turned away in such wise as to pronounce judgment against God, the Lord of lords. O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of your divines. By the life of God! They remain in their ancient error, worshipping their own desires and turning away from the All-Informed One.

When thou hearest My call, turn thy face toward My most exalted horizon and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Owner of Names, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy days! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord and cling to Thy robe, to be set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and be attracted by the sweetness of Thy utterance. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful."

BH07190: We have heard thy call and thy lamentation…

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing

We have heard thy call and thy lamentation, and witnessed thy turning and thy devotion. We beseech God to make thee one of the letters of His Book, and to purify thee from whatsoever is unseemly in His days, and to sanctify thee from the conditions of His creatures who are overcome by desire and who have turned away from the Lord of all beings. May He write down for thee, through His Most Exalted Pen, that which befitteth His loftiness and transcendence, through His bounty and generosity and favors. May He forgive thee through His grace and assist thee in that which diffuseth the fragrance of His good-pleasure, and draw thee nigh unto Him, and provide thee with the good of this world and of the next.

The Wronged One maketh mention of him who was named Husayn and giveth him the glad-tidings of My turning toward him and My remembrance of him, that he may rejoice and give thanks unto his Lord, besides Whom there is none other God, and through Whom was revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the scriptures and tablets and books. He, verily, is the Straight Path and the Great Announcement through which the hearts of the righteous were assured and the hearts of the deniers were disturbed. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07170: The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised…

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing!

The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth the servants unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He hath appeared with a Cause before which all the hosts of the world, and all the princes and kings, are powerless to stand. O people of the earth! We make mention of you at a time when sorrows have encompassed Us through that which the hands of the deniers of this blessed and manifest Light have wrought. They have imprisoned My Name and seized My loved ones, and there hath befallen them that which hath caused the Tongue of Grandeur to lament for them in a praiseworthy station. Beware lest the oppressors turn thee aside from the Dayspring of Justice. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace, detached from every rejected idolator.

We make mention of the servants at all times and summon them unto the All-Merciful. Among them are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away and followed every heedless and veiled one. Place thy trust at all times in the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He will assist thee through His command “Be,” and it is. Thus hath My Pen spoken and My Tongue made mention and My Face turned unto thee. Be thou grateful unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH07965: O Ghulam-Rida! Hast thou heard My news and hast…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Ghulam-Rida! Hast thou heard My news and hast thou learned what hath appeared in My days? Hast thou heard of My exile and My grief and My imprisonment and My tribulation? By the life of God, all My limbs and members and parts have offered thanks for what hath befallen them in the path of God, the

Lord of all worlds. With His tongue He mentioneth His trials and recounteth them unto His loved ones, that they may know what hath come upon Him from His servants who were created by a word from His presence. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the Mighty. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Be not grieved by what hath befallen My chosen ones in the land of Ta. Hold fast to the hem of God's robe and place your trust in Him. Verily He protecteth whom He willeth through hosts of angels, and He is the Almighty Whom the armies of earth have not frustrated and the ascendancy of the oppressors hath not hindered. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the One, the All-Informed.

BH07742: We have remembered all who have turned…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Prison.

We have remembered all who have turned to the All-Informed One. To this testifies God's authoritative Word through which every wise matter has been detailed. At one time it speaks forth from the Mount, at another from this Spot which has been illumined by the lights of Revelation, and at yet another time it speaks in the form of the Pen: "The Promise has come, and the Lord of all being is seated upon His mighty throne." When thou dost find the fragrance of My utterance and art seized by the choice wine of My remembrance, arise and say: "O my God! I testify that Thou canst not be known except through Thine Own Self, nor described save through Thine Own Being. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me the recompense of those who have attained unto Thy service in Thy days. Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful." The light shining from the heaven of My will be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of unity by the command of God, the All-Knowing.

BH07707: He is the One Who gazeth from His most…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One through Whom the standards of divine unity were raised above all other standards and through Whom appeared the commandments of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the servant who hath heard the call, and woe unto the heedless.

The servant who is present hath presented thy letter and read it after permission was granted. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Verily We answer every questioner and behold every one who turneth toward Us. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We counsel thee to be patient in this Day wherein the sighing of the Fire hath been raised up by him who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him and mentioned thee in His exalted station. Be thou in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from God. This is what We counselled Our servants aforetime and in this Great Day. Glory be unto them who have held fast unto My firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07925: In My Name, the Witnessing, the All-Hearing! O thou…

In My Name, the Witnessing, the All-Hearing! O thou who art mentioned! Thy mention hath been presented before the Most Great Remembrance, and the Lord of Eternity hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise as hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. Blessed is every one who hath turned toward My most exalted horizon, and every seeing one who hath witnessed and beheld My most great signs and heard that which the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken in this Most Great, Most Holy, Mighty, Wondrous Revelation. We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon him who was named Qanbar-Ali, that thou mayest give thanks unto God on this Day wherein that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath been made manifest. And We make mention of him who was named Qasim-Ali and his brother Baqir-ʿAli, and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel you with that which beseemeth man and the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who heareth, and woe unto the heedless ones!

BH07945: In My Most Great Name!

In My Most Great Name!

O Khayru'llah! The Wronged One of the world calls thee from the Kingdom of God and says: Thy book was presented and the servant in attendance submitted all of it, and it attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Blessed is the pen that spoke in His name, and the ink that flowed in His remembrance, and the tongue that uttered His beautiful praise. We heard thy call and responded with this most sublime and holy Tablet, that thou mayest know with clear certitude that the Truth, exalted be His glory, is the Hearer and Answerer, and His grace has encompassed the world. All the wealth and glory of the world cannot equal one word of "O My servant" from God. Blessed is he who has attained in His days, and woe to the heedless. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in such wise that nothing among all things, no learned one among the learned, and no prince among princes shall turn thee aside. Thus doth the Supreme Pen counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH07746: We have heard what indicated thy turning…

In His Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed!

We have heard what indicated thy turning to the Most Exalted Horizon and found that which bore witness to thy faith in God, the Lord of the worlds. By the life of God! If thou wert to become aware of this bounty, thou wouldst not exchange it for all the treasures of the earth. He Who holdeth within His grasp the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth beareth witness to this. Turn not unto the world and what is therein, and grieve not over what hath befallen the chosen ones. Soon shall the idolaters lament over their own selves, while the sincere shall find themselves in a station that nothing on earth can equal and which all the pens of the earth are powerless to describe. He Who speaketh at this moment beareth witness to this, testifying that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We make mention once again of him who hath remembered, that he may remember this

Wronged One, the Exile, Who hath desired life for all the peoples of the world while they have risen against Him with manifest tyranny. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07604: In My Name, He Who is established upon…

In My Name, He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance at all times! The Supreme Pen is occupied with the mention of the friends in such wise that the coldness of the world hath not chilled it, and the putrid waters of opposition have not prevented its heat. In the midst of tribulations and ordeal, it speaketh in praise of the Lord of the seen and unseen. Turn ye unto Him with radiant hearts, and be not of the heedless ones. Soon will the days pass, and ye shall witness the power of God, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Thy letter was received, and this Wronged One hath answered thee at a time when the lamentation of the oppressed is heard from the land of Ta and other regions, through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. Grieve thou not over anything, and in all matters place thy trust in the Right-Informed One.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon him who hath held fast unto the cord of patience in that which hath befallen him in My straight Path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH07992: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Yusif! Your letter has come and been read by the servant who stands before the Throne. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard your call and answered you, and turned toward you from this exalted station. We found your letter sanctified from the allusions of those who have denied God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Blessed art thou for having turned to Him from Whom the world has turned away, though it was created for His manifestation—to this testify the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We mentioned thee before with a mention through which the Concourse on High perceived the fragrance of My Most Glorious Robe. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this Remembrance, through which all things and the Lord of Names have called out. God hath come with His wondrous Remembrance. Verily We remember Our loved ones and counsel them to steadfastness in this Day wherein the clamor of every remote oppressor hath been raised. Thus have We mentioned thee from the precincts of the Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH07932: In the name of God, the All-Knowing! O Baha!…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing! O Baha! This is a name through which the world was shaken and the nations were disturbed, and every remote oppressor. You have chosen a name from which, from every direction, are raised the roars of the ignorant, the clamor of the divines, and the howling of the wicked. Through this name every rock and clod has melted, yet the people are in a strange sleep. Your letter

arrived and your cry attained the honor of being heard. God willing, may you be confirmed and arise to serve the Cause, which consists of goodly deeds and praiseworthy human actions. Verily, He speaks the truth and guides the way. We convey greetings to the friends of God and counsel them with what God loves, and we beseech God to gather all upon one word and not deprive you of the ocean of His bounty. He is powerful over all things, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

BH07960: O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One of the horizons…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One of the horizons in this Most Great Prison hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, if thou wert to discover the station of this mention, thou wouldst attain unto such joy that no sorrow could ever seize it, and thou wouldst forever utter "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Desire of the worlds!" Know thou the value of the mention of the Wronged One and preserve this Tablet as thou wouldst thine eye, that it may be protected from the eyes of the treacherous and the ears of the thieves. Hearken unto what We have imparted unto thee and be of the thankful ones. Countless are the treacherous ones and many are the thieves. Beseech thou God to preserve the pearls of the ocean of faith and grant them shelter beneath the Tree of security and protection. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

BH07944: In My Name, the Ruler over all names!

In My Name, the Ruler over all names!

O Khalil! Verily the All-Glorious makes mention of thee and counsels thee and those who have believed to show forth the most great steadfastness in these days wherein the fire of oppression has been kindled through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. They have wronged My loved ones and imprisoned them throughout the cities and lands with such tyranny as has caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. We hear the cry of Our loved ones in Ta (Tihran) and in other lands. God shall soon seize the oppressors with His wrath from His presence. He is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Strong, the Conquering, the Mighty. O people of Baha! Be not grieved at that which hath befallen you. Hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation. Soon shall ye behold the Cause shining forth from the Supreme Horizon, despite those who have seized and plundered God's sincere servants. Thus warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the branch of mystical knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

BH08590: O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

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

O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Exalted Horizon and draws thee nigh unto Him in all conditions. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath appeared before His Book with joy and radiance. Render thou thanks unto God for having led thee out of darkness into light and for causing thee to hear His most sweet call while the people were in a strange slumber. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who speaketh in His praise and glory and who giveth the glad-

tidings of this News unto the servants—the News wherewith the Books of God have been adorned throughout the ages and centuries.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this spot which God hath made the point round which circle the denizens of Paradise and they who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. The Glory shining resplendent from the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon them who have turned unto God, the Lord of Lords.

BH08343: The Book hath testified that there is none other…

He is the All-Seeing Witness.

The Book hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The verses have testified that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the angels and the Spirit have descended, yet the people see not. The hidden treasure hath appeared, yet the people understand not. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this Sealed Tablet, and have aided thee to turn towards God, and have sent unto thee that which draweth hearts unto itself. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and place thy trust in the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Be thou in such wise that neither the veils of the world shall withhold thee, nor the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all kings. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this spot which God hath made the point round which circle both the seen and the unseen.

BH08522: O My loved ones! I see My Name…

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over what was and what will be!

O My loved ones! I see My Name, the Wronged One, and My loved ones in the prison of the Land of Ta, inasmuch as they summoned the servants unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They counseled the servants to trustworthiness, religiosity and faithfulness, yet they rose against them with an injustice at which the dwellers of Paradise and they that circle round God's exalted and magnificent Throne have wept. They recited unto them the mightiest of what they possessed of God's Books, yet they seized them with grievous tyranny. God, however, protected them in truth and sent down upon them tranquility from His presence—He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was in this sublime station. When thou attainest unto it, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

BH08044: Verily the drop desired to prevent the ocean…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

Verily the drop desired to prevent the ocean, and the atom sought to veil the sun with the clay of fancy and imagination. His power and the mustering of his forces have deluded him. Say: Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest loss the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen. Thus doth the Mother Book inform thee. By God! The clamor shall not prevent Us. We speak from the kingdom of names and

summon the servants unto the Lord of creation. Whoso turneth unto Him hath attained all good, and whoso turneth away is assuredly among the people of the fire.

Grieve thou not at anything. Remember thy Lord at eventide and dawn. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having drawn me nigh unto Thee and caused me to speak Thy praise in days wherein the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha whom the craftiness of every deceiver hath not kept back.

BH08404: A gracious Book hath been sent down…

He is the One sanctified from all names

A gracious Book hath been sent down from the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it guideth the servants to the most exalted Paradise and leadeth them to His straight Path. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard from it that which the Tongue of Grandeur had previously uttered. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name all things were subdued and by Whose Will the names were transformed! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy might and the manifestation of Thine authority, to protect me from the venom of Thine enemies and the sting of the wicked ones among Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee, turning unto Thee, and placing my trust in Thee. Preserve me, then, through Thy grace and favors, and ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.

BH08544: In My Name, the Sorrowing, the Stranger!

In My Name, the Sorrowing, the Stranger!

O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this Most Exalted Station which hath been built for the Lord of Names. Rejoice thou in this bounty and be of the thankful. He hath turned unto him who hath turned unto Him, and hath remembered him who hath remembered Him, through that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. Beware lest the clamor of the world debar thee from the Lord of Eternity. Leave behind what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him. Verily, He is with His servants who have turned unto Him. Beware lest earthly affairs and their variations hold thee back. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of the suspicious ones who whisper in the breasts of men and speak according to their own desires shall not cause thee to slip. They are, verily, of the most lost ones in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him at all times.

BH08388: In My Name, through which the Ark…

In My Name, through which the Ark of the Bayan was set in motion.

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to whomsoever is on earth. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Single One, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Thy mention hath come before Us. We have remembered thee and, beholding thy turning unto Us, We have turned unto thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. By the life of God! All the deeds of the world and all the morals of the nations cannot equal one word from Him. To this testifieth every fair-minded and clear-sighted one. He hath appeared and made manifest His Cause for the sake of God. Among the people are those who have cast aside vain imaginings, turning unto Him, and among them are those who have returned to the lowest of the low. Say: He calleth all in the evening and at sunrise, and at dawn and at eventide. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH08068: In My Name, the One Who is manifest…

In My Name, the One Who is manifest in the Kingdom of Creation!

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the loved ones of God with supreme joy in this springtime of sorrows. This beseemeth thee at this hour when the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne and hath called out with the most exalted call, summoning all to His luminous and radiant horizon.

Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who remembereth thee through this Tablet that beareth witness to the everlastingness of the dominion and the Kingdom. Be steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in praise of thy Lord. By My life! The world shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with the Lord of Might.

Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance, with which nothing can be compared. Blessed are the people who understand.

When thou receivest My Tablet, place it upon thy head and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things, and O Thou before Whose Name all that was and shall be bow down in worship.

BH08531: O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One!…

He is the Witness from the horizon of utterance!

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: Verily there is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have created creation for My days and sent the Messengers to give them the glad-tidings of this Revelation, through Whose mention the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, have been adorned. But when the Day came and the Cause was made manifest, the divines rose up in opposition, whereat the denizens of the realm of might cried out and every Messenger who came with the truth from God, the Lord of existence, lamented. Pride hath so seized them that they have denied God's favor after its descent. Nay, they perceive not! Soon shall they behold themselves in the darkness of their deeds and shall say:

> "Oh, what regret that we neglected our duty to God, the Lord of the Kingdom!"

Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH09134: O ʿAziz! Those souls who count themselves mighty have…

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

O ʿAziz! Those souls who count themselves mighty have risen up to humiliate the friends of God. The divine friends have summoned all to eternal life and the light of oneness, while the enemies have ordered their banishment and imprisonment. But God has manifested what He desired, despite every ignorant remote one and every doubtful learned one. In all ages, the cause and reason for afflictions and calamities have been the ignorant divines. God protect us and you from their evil. They have pronounced judgment against Him Who created them with a word from His presence, and they perceive it not. Thus have We seized them in requital for their deeds. Soon shall they find themselves in an irrevocable torment. Grieve not thou over anything. Put thy trust in God and hold fast to His extended cord.

BH09104: O My loved ones in My lands! Hearken unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the Helper, the All-Sustaining

O My loved ones in My lands! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree that speaketh amidst the world and announceth unto all this momentous News. When its rustling was lifted up, among the people some were drawn to it and hastened until they clung fast to it, while others heard and turned away until they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O concourse of servants! By God, the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol, whose appearance was heralded in the Books of God, the Sovereign of the Day of Judgment, hath been made manifest. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, render thanks unto Him Who made thee know and strengthened thee and guided thee unto His straight Path. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

BH08995: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over the earth and heaven.

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names to him whose name was mentioned in the presence of the Ancient Beauty in the Most Great Prison, Who hath appeared amongst the peoples and proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” O Muhammad-Sadiq! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee from His forbidden habitation and gladdeneth thee with tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in thy love and firm in the Cause of thy Lord, and unwavering in His path from which the feet of every doubting learned one have slipped. Give thanks unto God for that the countenance of Him Who hath been wronged hath turned toward thee from this manifest horizon, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!”

BH08983: In My Name, the All-Subduing Over All Names

In My Name, the All-Subduing Over All Names

A Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that it may draw him unto the station of nearness and holiness and beauty, and acquaint him with that which beseemeth the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and We have witnessed thy turning and have turned unto thee from this sublime station. Blessed is the soul that hath sought the ultimate goal and the face that hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and hast attained unto the verses of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. Nothing whatsoever, whether in earth or heaven, can be compared with them—to this testifieth every discerning knower. Glory be upon the people of glory who have not broken God's Covenant, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day.

BH08959: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God…

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

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and Master of my spirit and Beloved of my heart! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy locks and the sweet perfumes of Thy robe to draw me nigh unto Thee and protect me from the evil of the oppressors among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest Thy sincere servants who have entered the stronghold of Thy Cause and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. I implore Thee to shield them from the evil of Thy servants and the oppression of Thy creatures. Then ordain for this poor one, by the pen of Thy grace, that which will cause him to turn toward Thee and speak Thy praise. Then decree for him, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thy letter was received and We have answered thee with that through which thou mayest commune with God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou at this and be thankful to thy Lord, the Hearing, the Answering.

BH08969: He Who speaks in the Name that is sanctified…

He Who speaks in the Name that is sanctified above all names

Say: O people of creation! By God, the Lord of all names has come with a Cause against which all the forces of the earth combined cannot prevail, nor can the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, prevent it. Say: O heedless ones! Come, that I may show you the most exalted horizon of God and cause you to hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaks: Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving. Your letter has arrived on a single page, thus demonstrating your unity, your orientation, and your agreement in the Cause of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. By the life of God! We found it blessed with the name of your Lord, the Possessor of existence, and We beseech God to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

BH09101: O people of fidelity! Hearken unto the call…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance.

O people of fidelity! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who remembereth you in the Most Great Prison and counseleth you concerning that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Beware lest the doubts of men hold you back from the Lord of creation. Ye have been created for this Most Great Day—know ye your station, O men of understanding. Hold fast unto that which beseemeth man. Thus have ye been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. The smoke hath risen and prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Truth, and blessed is the servant who hath heard and said: "Here am I, O Lord of all days!" We have remembered thee with a remembrance whose fragrance shall never cease. Be thou grateful unto God, thy Lord, at all times.

BH08892: The world is illumined and radiant through the effulgences…

In the Name of God, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty!

The world is illumined and radiant through the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation, yet its people remain heedless and veiled, save for a number of the Letters of the Countenance of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Thy mention hath been mentioned, and from the Most Exalted Pen this Most Glorious Tablet hath been revealed. God willing, thou shalt inhale its fragrance and receive a full portion from the utterance of the All-Merciful. Most of the people of the world did not attain to answering God, exalted be His glory. All heard the call, but with contaminated ears; for had they hearkened with attentive ears, they would surely have been enabled to turn and draw near. Give praise unto the Goal of all the worlds, Who aided thee to recognize a Cause from which the world remaineth veiled and heedless. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09680: In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! O Ali before Muhammad! Reflect upon the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. At the beginning of this night, which is the eighth night of the blessed month of Ramadan, this Servant was summoned to His presence. After attaining the presence before His face, the petitions from that land were honored to be heard, and specifically for all there was revealed from the Lord of Names that which no earthly things can equal. Rejoice thou in this mighty bounty! I swear by the Sun of Truth, were people to discover the station of but one word of these exalted utterances, all would turn with the utmost eagerness and longing toward the Daystar of the horizons. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One, as a token of His grace, that thou mayest be thankful and be among the steadfast ones.

BH09610: In My Name which hath appeared from the horizon…

In My Name which hath appeared from the horizon of heaven! O Isma'il! My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken both morn and eve in such wise that the horizons have been filled with the verses of thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation. Is there any thankful one who will arise to render true thanksgiving, and is there

any speaker who will make mention of Him with true remembrance? Nay, by His Self, the One Who holdeth sway over all who are in earth and heaven! Cast aside what is with the learned ones and take hold of thy Lord's Book with spirit and fragrance. Verily it shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, and verily it is the Lamp of God that walketh before thy face, by the command of God, the Lord of Lords. Hold fast unto the Book, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH09635: He is the One Who gazes from the horizon…

He is the One Who gazes from the horizon of heaven. O people of Baha! He Who is the Lord of Names makes mention of you—He through a mere gesture of Whose finger the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the mountains were moved. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who has come with the truth and called all unto God, the Lord of all men. Say: By God! That which you possess shall profit you not, as testifies the Mother Book which encompasses all. This is the Day wherein the Book proclaims and declares: By God! He Who revealed me in the eternities of eternity has come! Thus has the eye of understanding been gladdened by the utterance of its Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto him who has turned away from the Dawning Place of clear proof.

BH09287: In the Name of the One Beloved Friend! O…

In the Name of the One Beloved Friend! O friends! The True Friend hath come to visit you and hath illumined the world with the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the time of joy and the season of gladness. Gather ye together in remembrance of the Friend and occupy yourselves with His praise and glorification. The deeds of this Day are accounted as the essence of all deeds. He hath manifested Himself upon land and sea, mountain and city and realm. Every person of insight hath attained unto His traces, while every blind one is deprived. How blessed is the state of the one who hath recognized Him and known Him in His new and wondrous attire. Such a one is among the people of truth and a wayfarer on the path of reality.

BH09426: He is the One Who speaks with grace…

He is the One Who speaks with grace. The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is indeed the One through Whom was consoled the eye of Muhammad the Messenger of God and the company of the Prophets and Messengers, and through Whom appeared what was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the eternity of eternities. And I am the Truthful, the All-Knowing. Thy letter hath reached the Prison, and the Wronged One hath answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet, at the revelation of which all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds." Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, recognized Him, hearkened unto His call and drunk the choice wine of faith from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Gracious. Preserve thou this most great station, then render thanks unto thy Lord at morn and eventide.

BH09601: O Abu'l-Qasim! This Day belongs to God…

He is the One Who dominates all names

O Abu'l-Qasim! This Day belongs to God and is mentioned in the divine Books as the Day of God. Should anyone reflect upon that which hath been revealed in the divine Books specifically for these days, he would be amazed and would exclaim: "This is a great Day!" This is the Day whereon the Most Great Announcement proclaimeth and summoneth all to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is he who hath intended the Intended One, and whose face hath turned toward Him, and who hath acted according to that which was commanded in His perspicuous Book. In all matters place thy trust in God and commit them to Him. Assuredly He commandeth and executeth whatsoever the requirements of His consummate wisdom may be. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH09432: Blessed is the soul who, in this day…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

Blessed is the soul who, in this day of darkness when the fire of the oppressors' passions is aflame, adorns itself with the lights of the dawning of divine justice and, by the leave of the All-Merciful, drinks from the living waters—in such wise that neither the world itself nor the acceptance or rejection of its peoples can prevent it or deprive it of the fragrances of the days of God. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this Most Sublime, Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth the Day of God. Take hold of the Book by thy Lord's leave and say: This sufficeth me and sufficeth all who dwell in the heavens and the earth.

BH09709: O Nadhir! The All-Informed remembers you when He was…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof!

O Nadhir! The All-Informed remembers you when He was a captive in the hands of the transgressors. They seized Him and imprisoned Him in this noble place that what was revealed in the Books of God aforetime might be made manifest. He speaks the truth, but the people are in evident delusion. We arrived at this place and expanded its borders—this is what God foretold in the Books of the Messengers. Blessed is he who recognized and found the fragrance of divine knowledge, and woe to every remote scholar. When you attain My Tablet, give thanks to your Lord and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the world, and thanks be to Thee, O Beloved of those who have recognized Thee!"

BH10116: In My Name which is sanctified above all names

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O thou who hast been named with the two Most Great Names! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, Who summoneth thee from the Prison of ʿAkka and inviteth thee to the Supreme Horizon—the Station wherein the Lord of all mankind proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed with that whereby the Cause of God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, may be exalted. Say: O concourse of loved ones! Hold fast unto trustworthiness, chastity and faithfulness. He commandeth you that which profiteth you, and He is the

Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and have turned towards His luminous horizon.

BH10112: In My Name, the One dawning from the Most…

In My Name, the One dawning from the Most Exalted Horizon!

O Mahmud! He who loved Me and desired Me made mention of thee. We make mention of thee through this wondrous mention, which, when it flowed from the Most Glorious Pen, caused all things to proclaim: By God! The Mother Book hath appeared, and it speaketh in every state, “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” When thou attainest unto My Book and findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, for I was among the heedless.” I bear witness that thou didst enter the prison and summon those in the kingdom of creation unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and didst endure the harm of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH09812: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of utterance!

The whole world in this promised Day is illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of existence, yet some through unworthy deeds and actions have deprived themselves of its traces and fruits, while others have preserved it through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. How excellent is the state of that soul who hath attained to this station and hath not lost the divine bestowal. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, nothing among all things can equal this bounty. Preserve it through My Name and be of the thankful ones.

BH10083: O Sharaf! We have heard thy call and have…

In the name of the Peerless Friend!

O Sharaf! We have heard thy call and have favored thee with an answer through these sublime and exalted verses. The entire world cannot equal a single word of the divine utterances. Such is the bounty that every one who has turned to God has attained the Tablet of God, exalted be His glory, and some possess multiple Tablets. The entire world has not and cannot render sufficient thanks for this bounty. Be thou therefore grateful for thy Lord’s favor through this manifest generosity. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds! And We make mention of thy daughter, Our handmaiden, and give her the glad tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10131: The foolish divines have laid aside the Book…

The foolish divines have laid aside the Book of God, and are occupied with that which they themselves have fashioned. The Ocean of Knowledge is revealed, and the shrill of the Pen of the Most High is raised, and yet they, even as earthworms, are afflicted with the clay of their fancies and imaginings. They are

exalted by reason of their relationship to the one true God, and yet they have turned aside from Him! Because of Him have they become famous, and yet they are shut off as by a veil from Him!…

BH09785: O friends! Today the Speaker of Sinai is manifest…

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

O friends! Today the Speaker of Sinai is manifest and evident, and upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree He speaks and proclaims. Hearken ye, and act according to the loving counsels of the Beloved. The Book is revealed, the Fountain is flowing, the Hidden is manifest, and the Promised One speaks. Turn ye with clear certitude that ye may hear and see and drink and attain. I swear by the Most Great Prison which hath become the Seat of the Throne—whosoever in this Day attaineth unto the hearing of but one word, he shall be recorded and inscribed as one of the denizens of the highest Paradise in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

BH10061: O Baba Khan! Verily We have called all…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds.

O Baba Khan! Verily We have called all to the highest horizon and guided them to My straight path. When the divine promise was fulfilled and the Countenance of the Promised One descended from the Kingdom of Names, all turned away, for they had clung to the path of conjecture and idle fancy. This is a Day whose greatness all the divine Books have testified to. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it—such a one is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names as being among the people of Baha. God willing, may you drink at all times from the choice wine of recognition and remain detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein.

BH10162: This is the day in which to speak. It…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is the day in which to speak. It is incumbent upon the people of Baha to strive, with the utmost patience and forbearance, to guide the peoples of the world to the Most Great Horizon. Every body calleth aloud for a soul. Heavenly souls must needs quicken, with the breath of the Word of God, the dead bodies with a fresh spirit. Within every word a new spirit is hidden. Happy is the man that attaineth thereunto, and hath arisen to teach the Cause of Him Who is the King of Eternity. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the drops of ink from My All-Knowing, All-Wise Pen. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH10529: In this day it is incumbent upon everyone…

…In this day it is incumbent upon everyone to meet the obligation of the Right of God as far as it lieth in his power. For a number of years it was not permitted to accept the payment of Huquq. Recently, however, We have issued instructions to receive it. Therefore the friends in that region should, as far as possible, collect the payments, and remit the amounts either to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin—upon him be the

glory of God—in Hadba, or to the Trustee of God in the land of Ya, who will forward them. The observance of this ordinance hath been and will always be conducive to prosperity, to divine increase and to salvation. Great is the blessedness of him who hath observed that which is prescribed in the Book of God, the Gracious, the Mighty….

BH11387: O friends! Be not afraid of the might…

…O friends! Be not afraid of the might of the ignorant divines. This earth and whatsoever existeth therein is not worthy of mention. Reflect upon your forefathers and consider the bones in the graves. All returned with empty hands….

BH02664: Praise be to God Who sent down the verse…

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the verse, bestowed the blessing, and revealed the heavenly table. In one sense it is interpreted as divine knowledge and heavenly allusions that were hidden in His knowledge, sealed with His seal, and treasured in the pavilion of His protection. In another sense it is interpreted as commands and ordinances, and in yet another as wisdom and exposition. Exalted is He Who sent down the proof and made manifest the way for His servants and creation. When the appointed time had come and the promise was fulfilled, He revealed the mystery of existence through which the ocean of knowledge and recognition surged in creation, and named him Muhammad in the kingdom of names.

He is the one by whose name the back of idols was broken and the winds of unbelief and tyranny were cut off. Through him the gates of the cities of knowledge and wisdom were opened and the peacock of recognition trilled among creation. He is the sovereign of the Messengers and the guide of ways. Upon him be peace from God that shall not cease for as long as the kingdom and realm endure, and prayers that shall not end for as long as the empire abides. And upon his family and companions who raised the palaces of recognition and laid the foundation of wisdom and exposition—those servants who acted according to what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds, and aided His religion in such wise that the standards were planted in most lands and the fear of God encompassed all in creation.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored master arrived and was seen. Joy and delight were obtained. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for health, well-being, blessing and bounty for your honor. He is the Hearer and Answerer. After it was brought to the presence, He said:

> “We ask of God to aid him in that whose trace and fruit is lasting and eternal. We beseech Him to send down upon him a blessing from His presence and make him among the firm, steadfast and upright ones. He is the most powerful of the powerful and the guardian over all in the heavens and earths.”

To the presence of the beloved of the heart, the honored Shaykh—202 [Baha’u’llah], upon him be the peace of God—I convey greetings. God willing, may you ever be assisted and adorned through the special favors of the peerless Friend. Peace be upon you and upon God’s sincere and steadfast servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01323: Praise be to God, the Single, the One…

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

Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Powerful, Who has taken unto Himself no partner nor likeness. He has manifested the Messengers to reveal His bounty and to demonstrate His grace—they through whom were opened the gates of knowledge and through whom were revealed the mysteries of His Self-Subsisting Name. He adorned the beginning with the ornament of the seal, and We made him the sovereign of existence and named him Ahmad and Muhammad, the Praised One, the radiant and effulgent Light shining from the heaven of God's loving-kindness. Upon him and upon his family and companions, through whom the servants were humbled and the lands were conquered, be the glory of God.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the choice wine did flow and the clear stream did run and the proof was made manifest! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and by the Manifestations of Thy names in the beginning and the end, that Thou write down for Thy Afnan, by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the crimson scroll, that which shall cause their mention to endure through the perpetuity of Thy Most Exalted Word, Thy sweetest remembrance and Thy Most Exalted Name. O my Lord! Thou seest the one whom Thou didst single out for Thy loving-kindness and compassion, and didst aid him in such wise that he traversed land and sea until he entered the Valley of the Noble One and heard Thy sweetest call when he entered through the gate before Thy face, O Thou Lord of Names and Creator of heaven!

Praise be unto Thee, the Ancient of Days and the Desire of the nations, in that Thou didst call him to attain Thy presence and caused him to hear Thy call and to behold Thy beauty, and gave him to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy presence. When the appointed time of reunion was fulfilled, he migrated once again by Thy leave and command, and desired to circumambulate Thy House which was built in Thy name by the hands of Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to render all his deeds acceptable and all his efforts praiseworthy. Moreover, make his past works a treasure for him in the repositories of Thy protection and Thy preservation. 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 Mighty, the Powerful.

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your honor! The servant has been blessed by the shrill voice of your pen and the trace of your ink. It was as if the thirsty one had attained the water of life, or the afflicted one the healing remedy of utterance. When I read and understood, I praised God, my Goal and your Goal, my Beloved and your Beloved, for the steadfastness of your temperament and health. And afterward, with utmost lamentation while you were in the bath, standing outside the bath, your prayer was offered. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance did speak:

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness! We have indeed found from every word of thy letter that was presented before the Face the fragrance of sanctity and sincerity, purified from the realm of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Blessed art thou, and blessed is the father who raised thee, and the mother who suckled thee, and the leaf who won thy good-pleasure, and the son who obeyed thee, and the servant who found solace in thy company.

Rest assured through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory. That which is beneficial for the Afnan shall be made manifest and apparent. Special means have appeared and been made manifest this year particularly for the Afnan, but the eyes of the servants have been prevented from witnessing and perceiving them, save those whom God willeth. Whatever means become apparent, hold fast unto them and act with trust in God. Whatever means of excuse and severance become evident are specifically for the Afnan, for in no other year have such matters occurred. Verily, He is with thee in all conditions, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Convey to all the Afnan and Leaves, one after another, greetings from the Wronged One, and show them kindness. They have been and are in Our sight. If the reward of this journey were to become manifest even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would be adorned with such joy that the dust of sorrows of contingent beings and their peoples would not dim it nor prevent its radiance. Upon you be the Glory, upon you be Peace, upon you be the Mercy.

All things bear witness to the loving-kindness of the True One, exalted be His glory. Whatever else this servant might submit to your presence would be superfluous. Night and day, I beseech the Exalted True One to increase at every moment the success granted to you and the Afnan. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This evanescent non-entity further submits his utter nothingness to the presence of the noble Afnan and the Leaves of the Sacred Tree—upon them and upon them be all the most glorious Baha. Similarly, those souls who are engaged in service at this time have attained the honor of visiting through your presence, but this was witnessed and acted upon directly. This is yet another bounty from God, our Lord, our Goal, our Beloved, and the One worshipped by all in the heavens and earths. The Peace that is manifest, resplendent, and shining forth from the horizon of loving-kindness be upon you and upon those with you.

BH02256: Praise be to God Who was and will be…

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

Praise be to God Who was and will be as He has been, the Eternal, the Everlasting, Who is not overtaken by decline throughout all eternity. He has reserved eternality for Himself and evanescence for all else through His exalted Word "All things are perishable except His Face." And blessings and peace be upon the noblest of His creation through whom was raised the banner of Beginning and planted the standard of Ending, and upon his family and companions who drank the choice wine of certitude and spent what they possessed in His path and strove in His Cause until the Dove of Unity cooed upon the branch of detachment that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And now, the letters of his honor Haji, upon him be God's peace and favors, arrived bringing complete joy and perfect, complete delight. God willing, may he ever drink from the Euphrates of divine love and gaze toward the horizon of His grace. Indeed from his letter wafted the fragrance of sincerity, for with perfect steadfastness he had written that if word comes to spill what exists and arise, action must be taken immediately. These words flow not from tongue or pen except with firm, steadfast constancy. Blessed be

his honor! Indeed he stands in service and speaks in praise. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in preserving this most exalted station. Verily He has power over all things.

As for the matter of the deceased, forgiven and blessed one, upon him be God's glory and mercy, they said whatever his honor Haji, upon him be peace, can accomplish, let him do so, but only to the extent that no harm befalls him, meaning that no disturbance arise from the words of the heedless or harm of the corrupt, and matters be completed with joy and fragrance. And if in this regard some harm befalls the heirs, the Right will compensate and bestow. The intention is that his honor Haji should strive and endeavor in the will to the extent that no corruption arises, and beyond that is not permitted. The Command is in God's hand—He does what He wills and decrees what He desires, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for his own things and property, let his honor Haji oversee them or send a trustworthy, astute person. This is what We decreed before and at this time. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect him and send down blessings from His presence, as He protected him through power and sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

God willing, may he be assisted and successful in all conditions, gazing toward the most exalted horizon and turning toward the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings.

The servant 13th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1300

BH01200: Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers…

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

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His servants and His creation, and made known to them His path, and taught them His knowledge, and caused them to hear His call which is realized only through the call of His chosen ones, and showed them the horizon of His Manifestation, and made them speak His praise among His creatures, until Prophethood and Messengership were sealed by Him through Whom the heaven was cleft asunder and the moon was split and every hidden secret was revealed—He Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of utterance and by God's most beautiful names in the hearts of the Daysprings of divine knowledge. The blessings and peace of God, the Lord of all beings, be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom were established the decree of the beginning and the return, and the mystery of going and coming back, and what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and the Book.

These are servants whom the tempests of hatred did not move and the storms of hardship did not prevent. They arose to promote the Cause with such steadfastness as made the feet of the ungodly slip and the hearts of the deniers quake and the foundation of every heedless doubter shake.

And then, your letter arrived conveying news of the well-being of that spiritual friend and family with perfect eloquence and complete fluency. Praise be to God! Verily He preserveth whom He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth for whom He willeth.

Regarding what you wrote about the dervishes of the venerable Shaykh, the matter is exactly as you have written. You too should in all circumstances show forth love, for between the venerable Shaykh and our Master, His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps—there exists friendship and love. The metaphorical is a bridge to the real. God willing, they shall be illumined by the light of reality and attain the station of "extinguish the lamp for the morn has dawned." When a person of insight enters the path of spiritual wayfaring, after purifying and sanctifying the soul from all that God loveth not, multiple paths appear and he traverses them. This is why they have said "The paths to God are as numerous as the breaths of created things." However, if through God's grace the eye is blessed with the light of truth, it will be observed that the Truth is one, the Path is one, and the Cause is one. This is the station of unity that makes the limbs of the ungodly tremble and the root of heedlessness quake.

This servant and you must beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any soul of the ocean of His mercy and to illumine the eyes of all hearts with the light of recognition. He is the All-Powerful and in His grasp are grandeur and authority.

As for the properties of the honorable Nawwab, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], he and a group of acquaintances are exerting their utmost efforts, as they have done before, and God willing they shall triumph and prevail according to the meaning of "the party of God shall be victorious." That is, they shall obtain and deliver your rights. At present, according to the writing of the honorable Nawwab, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the power of attorney has not reached them. The honored master, the venerable Sabri Efendi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], is present there. Whatever manner they deem advisable, let them write a power of attorney with the seal of the religious authorities and send it. Here too we shall add several seals to it and send it. Indeed, the honorable Nawwab is most diligent in service. The inheritance of the wife of the venerable Khalil, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], was with one of the divines; he went and made his claim. We beseech God to bless those souls who exert as much effort in accomplishing others' affairs as their own with His special favors and with that which will profit them in the next world and in this. Verily, He has power over all things.

Convey my greetings to the gentlemen and friends. Furthermore, a needle case from Khurasan has been sent specifically for the honored friend, the venerable Ali-Akbar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Yesterday, which was the 13th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih the Sacred, it arrived here from the great city and is now being sent so that it may reach him. Some saffron has also been sent from here specifically for the venerable Ali-Akbar. Since he and his venerable and blessed late father, upon him be from all 9 [Baha] the Most Glorious, had a liking for it, therefore ten dirhams have been sent specifically for him; let it be delivered. Your gift, namely the dried curd, arrived and was well received. God willing, may you be blessed with its reward. I send greetings to the light of my eyes, ʿInayatu'llah, may God preserve him, together with his mother and sister. God willing, may they remain safe and protected under the shadow of God's favor, exalted be His glory. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant, On the 13th of the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih the Sacred, year 1300

May the honored brother, Aqa Lutfu'llah, God willing, be preserved and gladdened by the wondrous infinite favors. The trouble which this servant has imposed upon him—God willing, he will exert effort and

strive to accomplish and complete it with the utmost joy and delight. The reward and recompense for this rests with God, exalted be His glory. Peace and glory be upon him.

BH11173: O Ali, upon thee be My salutation! A servant…

O Ali, upon thee be My salutation! A servant present here mentioned before the Wronged One the letter of his honor Haji, upon him be My salutation….

How many kings and dwellers of palaces have in an instant returned to their graves! Well was it said: "A crier called out to them after they were buried: Where are the couches, the crowns, and the robes?"…

BH03674: Your letter was received, bringing fresh joy and adorning…

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

Your letter was received, bringing fresh joy and adorning the horizon of love with a new radiance. Praise be to God that you enjoy the blessing of good health, which is the most excellent of divine bounties. Praise and thanks be unto Him through the eternity of His names and attributes. Regarding what the honored master Sabri Efendi (upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]) mentioned, it is correct, but this matter is very difficult since no one appears to be available now to organize these affairs. There are friends of every kind, but according to what was heard here, they say you yourself must go to the consul and make a declaration, and the consul must know you, therefore this becomes difficult for you.

Now it has been decided that you should represent the father and mother on behalf of the people of the Remembrance, and likewise whatever needs to be written should be written. Here His Honor Aqa Jamal (upon him be from all 9 [Baha] the Most Glorious) will write according to the religious law of Persia, and these people who are here will seal it and send it—perhaps it will be accepted, since His Honor Navvab (upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]) is making great efforts. The previous letter apparently did not reach him. Although this approach is not definitive—the definitive approach is what Sabri Efendi mentioned—but so that you do not incur new harm or fall into difficulty, for now what was mentioned will be written and sent, until God wills what He wills.

The command is in His hand and He has power over all things. To the gentlemen and family and light of eyes (upon them be the peace of God), I send greetings and praise. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant 19 Dhi'l-Qa'dah 1300

BH02184: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book and spoken therein the decree of the beginning and the end, and guided all thereby to the straight path. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And may the prayer that shineth forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Eternity rest upon the Sovereign of

Nations and upon His family and companions, whose praise the ink and pen confess themselves powerless to describe.

And now, O beloved of my heart, his honor Shaykh Salman, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful: As they were about to depart, it became necessary that this mere nothingness should present himself in the garment of words before your presence, that perchance he may be blessed by your gracious glance. According to instructions, his honor the Shaykh is commanded to arrange a feast for both men and women. The host shall be your honor, assisted by Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah].

The servants of the friends of God, 966 [Baha'u'llah] be upon them, whosoever takes action. Another matter: an ablution vessel which has twice been blessed by contact with the sacred Person has been bestowed specially upon your honor. God willing, may you be blessed with this supreme bounty. Likewise, a cloak has been specially bestowed upon his honor Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God.

Another matter: the sum of ten tumans and one tuman which has been placed in the blessed name of His Holiness the Greatest Branch, Aqa Mirza Diya'u'llah, and His Holiness the Greatest Branch, Aqa Mirza Badi'u'llah, may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps, in the place of blessing, deliver to his honor the Shaykh that he may spend it as instructed. And funds have been allocated specially for some which, God willing, will arrive soon. This evanescent one extends greetings and nothingness to all the friends of God. May they ever be blessed by God's grace and hold fast to wisdom. Two ignorant ones so deceived the companions of Ta that they became informed of all matters and brought about what they brought about.

Would that they had spoken truthfully! They resorted to such calumnies that one is ashamed to mention them. In every city, both in Iran and in these Ottoman domains, numerous spies have been appointed, and these spies speak whatever the ruler and oppressor desire. There is absolutely no truth in their words. The dust of falsehood has concealed the face of truthfulness. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to truthfulness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May the peace that shineth from the horizon of God's grace be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who act according to what God hath revealed in the Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

The servant 29 Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1300

It was previously requested that if someone is departing, they send a small amount, that is, half a box of eggplant seeds. God willing, they have sent or will send them.

BH04037: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

In His name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The world hath been illumined with the lights of recognition, inasmuch as the Kingdom of Utterance hath appeared in the realm of possibility, yet most of the people understand not. We have sent down the verses and

manifested the clear proofs, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised in the Kingdom of creation, yet the people hear not. They have cast the Revelation of God behind their backs, following every heedless and veiled one.

O Habib! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven, and before the letter "K" was joined to the letter "N": He hath indeed come with the standards of verses and a manifest sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having sought the Most Exalted Goal and turned unto the Countenance after the passing away of all things. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty which all the treasures and riches cannot equal. Blessed is he who hath migrated, advancing toward the Most Exalted Horizon until he entered and attained and heard the call of the Wronged One.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Light was shining from the horizon of utterance and the Speaker of Sinai proclaimed: There is none other God but Me, the Lord of the visible and invisible. Take thou God's tablet and its traces and place them upon thine eyes, and say: Praise be unto Thee for having honored me with this irrevocable Book. This is a tablet from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the favors of their Lord, the Lord of existence. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of Command with the Day-Star of verses. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected.

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God did testify when He came with a Cause greater than the creation of the heavens and earth, and with a remembrance whereby the slumbering ones were awakened and they that lay in the graves arose.

BH04134: Praise be to God Who hath revealed…

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed that which was concealed in the veils of the Unseen and hath sent down that which guideth all unto God—exalted be His glory, exalted be His dominion, exalted be His grandeur, and exalted be His grace! And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto your honor! In these days when Shaykh Salman, upon him be the Glory of God, is departing for those regions, a number of travelers who are present in this land have, in accordance with His will, been given permission to depart. However, as funds for their return journey were not available, this evanescent one received fifty tumans from Shaykh Salman and some from another source, so that after attaining the bounty of His presence and meeting, and that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets, they might return to their homelands with permission and leave. Happy are they, and joy be unto them! We beseech God to preserve them and aid them to preserve what they have achieved in His path. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The purpose is that if any funds have arrived or will arrive from Abadih, they should be paid, for it was written that in any case these funds must reach Shaykh Salman. Beyond this, whatever course is followed will be acceptable. In truth, your honor has labored greatly in this matter and is engaged in service with perfect submission, contentment and love. This is a word which the Beloved's tongue hath repeatedly

uttered. A hundred thousand seas of “happy are they and joy be unto them” are needed in this station. The Glory be upon your honor.

The servant 29th of Dhi’l-Qa’dih al-Haram 1300

BH00882: O beloved of my heart and he who…

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

O beloved of my heart and he who is remembered in my soul! This year the signs of grief have encompassed all, and the banners of sorrow have been raised. From all directions tribulation hath rained down upon the people of God. The enemies sit upon thrones of gold while the friends languish in prison. Glory be to God! Such heedlessness hath seized the negligent that they have become oblivious to that which profiteth them and are occupied with that which harmeth them. Were they to know, they would lament and cry out. They have regarded ephemeral dominion as lofty stations, to such extent that they have deprived themselves of everlasting bounties. Those whose sole thought was the betterment of the world have been seized unjustly, and now the cry of these oppressed ones riseth from diverse prisons.

God, exalted be His glory, will not overlook this injustice, for it hath occurred without cause. That beloved one of the Name of God—upon him be all My most glorious Glory—and likewise the friends of God—upon them be 966 [Baha’u’llah]—have witnessed and know that there is no purpose save reformation, education and fellowship. Their hearts are illumined by the light of the blessed Word “God is the light of the heavens and the earth,” and their tongues bear witness to that which God hath testified unto Himself, acknowledging and confessing it. These holy souls have been seized with utmost tyranny, though they themselves went forth and spoke with perfect steadfastness of truth and righteousness, such that the truthfulness of the world beareth witness to their truthfulness, and uprightness is manifest through their rectitude. It is evident then to what degree sorrows have reached and how high the dust of grief and anguish hath risen. The hem of grace was nigh covered with dust. The servant is powerless to make mention of this station. The matter is in God’s hands, the Lord of all mankind. This culminated in a new calamity which seized me with such sorrow that my heart lamented and mine eyes shed tears, for it pertaineth to your honor.

At the time of arrival in Beirut, they requested presence and meeting. They said that the honored physician—upon him be My glory—had been summoned for some time and had previously attained the presence and meeting. Now it is best that he act according to the wish of the honored physician and set out with utmost haste. Then what was destined came to pass and he ascended to the Supreme Companion. What more can the servant say regarding this other calamity and supreme catastrophe? After submission to the Most Holy Court, they spoke that which this servant is powerless to mention. At the end of the utterance, the tongue of the Kingdom spoke this supreme word: The honored physician hath this year borne numerous afflictions from every direction—on one side the hardships regarding the House, on another the tribulation of the friends in the hands of the wicked, and from yet another quarter news of this calamity. We beseech God to strengthen the honored physician—upon him be God’s loving kindness—and adorn him with the ornament of patience and forbearance. My Lord! Pour forth upon him

patience from Thy presence and forbearance from Thyself. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. The End.

Indeed a strange matter has transpired. That exalted deceased one suffered what he suffered in that path, and his possessions were plundered and looted. One named Abdul-Wahab, under the pretense of safeguarding them, himself plundered all the deceased's possessions, both cash and goods, seizing them and revealing this to no one—despite Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, being nearby in Alexandretta and Beirut. Yet he did not inform him, and he concealed it from Jasim, upon him be the Glory of God. That hunter was a plague that passed through this wilderness, and as mentioned, a falcon came and snatched from the owl what it had deceitfully taken possession of. And this added to the sorrows.

The purpose of mentioning this is not about the property, but rather such false beings who deceive the loved ones in the name of truth have been and are the cause of greatest grief. Although in most Tablets these exalted words are recorded, He says: "Believe not every speaker, and trust not every arrival." There are many such utterances, yet the ornaments of the world are so attached to deceit that one is astonished. It is very clear and evident that the people of Iran do not freely turn to these directions. Most who are accused of treachery, theft and satanic deeds leave their homelands and wander about, claiming to each sect their way—to the Qadiri they claim to be Qadiri, to the Nimatullahi they claim Nimatullahi, to the Babi they claim Babi, and so forth. And the friends and companions accept merely on word and consider them truthful and trustworthy, although the companions of truth should be keen and perceptive. He says: "The believer is not stung twice from the same hole." Nevertheless, these companions have been repeatedly deceived and are still not awakened. I beseech and implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, to assist all to that which is befitting.

As for what Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, has written on your behalf requesting permission to attain the presence—this was presented. He said:

> "Without doubt or uncertainty the physician desired to meet Us before and desires so in all conditions. He has attained again and again, and has drunk time after time. He has attended, seen and heard. He is indeed among the successful ones in a clear Book. Now, regarding the matter of the House, if their stay here is prolonged, perhaps new events will occur. If they are assured about this matter, they may turn to the Face, otherwise return is preferable until God brings about His decree."

It is very clear and evident that the Wronged One has loved and loves meeting His loved ones. My physician bears witness to this, upon him be My care, mercy and glory. Peace be upon him and upon those with him, and the mercy of God and His blessings. End.

Praise be to God, the grace and favor are of such magnitude that they need no interpreter and seek no translator. The favor is as clear and evident as the sun. Blessed are you and congratulations to you. The servant sends greetings to Hazza and Shaykh Abul-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, and asks his Lord to strengthen them, make them successful, and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and this world. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, by His Most Holy, Most Great, Most

Exalted, Most High Name. The care of God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, be upon you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in His Clear Book.

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BH00146: Praise be to God, the Sovereign of the kingdom…

Section 1: "In the Name of God, Exalted is His…"

In the Name of God, Exalted is His Station, to Him belongs all Grandeur and Power

Praise be to God, the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven, and the Lord of might and glory, Who hath made His throne the world of humanity and ruleth therein as He pleaseth over all who possess and all who are possessed, and over all the kings. And peace and blessings be upon Him Whom He hath sent to sanctify the world and to purify it from all that withholdeth it from the Ancient King—the Essence Who hath appeared from the Mine of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. And upon His family and companions who conquered the lands and guided the people to the straight path.

And further: my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! Your blessed letter dated the 19th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was received on the 16th of Dhi'l-Hijjah. In truth it was an ornament adorning the temple of love. God willing, may the world not be deprived and forbidden from this ornament. It was presented before His face and answers to each matter dawned from the horizon of grace.

Regarding the book of Shahverdi, may the Glory of God rest upon him, He said: "Excellent is what he hath done." The Most Glorious Name hath given it to a trustworthy person to deliver it. And likewise regarding the book of Haji Ahmad, may the Glory of God rest upon him, and concerning sending the book to the Land of Ta for binding, patience is preferable and most fitting these days. After news of ease following hardship, they will send it.

Concerning Darvish Mihdi, He made mention and these words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

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

O Zayn! We have heard mention of him who is named Mihdi and have answered thee, and We have beseeched God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make him among those on whom shall come no fear, neither shall they grieve. O Mihdi, say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name and Thy Treasured Symbol which was concealed in Thy knowledge and inscribed in Thy Books, to assist me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, the irrevocable Decree whereby the foundations of the world were shaken and the pillars of the nations were made to tremble. O my Lord! I have turned to Thee and faced toward Thy horizon, whereupon the hand of Thy decree prevented me. Verily Thou didst say, and Thy word is the truth:

"Whoso seeketh to attain unto My prison without My leave is not of Me."

When I heard Thy command, I turned to another land, awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which none hath known save Thyself, and by the Day of Return which the heedless among Thy servants have denied, to ordain for this servant of Thine that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all names! Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Strengthen me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, then cause to appear from me that which will spread the fragrance of eternity throughout the kingdom of Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Zayn! We have made mention of him and have prayed for him. Give him the glad-tidings from the Wronged One that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

Concerning what was written about Shir-ʿAli Khan, it was presented and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance pronounced:

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

O Shir-ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted. He remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and summoneth thee unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. The oppressors have imprisoned My loved ones without any proof from God. They are indeed worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all created things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all existence! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy signs, by the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, to aid me and Thy servants in Thy love, Thy remembrance, and Thy praise. O Lord! I am he who was attracted by Thy verses, and the sweetness of Thy utterance seized me in such wise that I became detached from all else but Thee in my longing to meet Thee. I left my home, turning my face toward Thy presence, but when I entered the city of Thy loved ones, Thy decree and ordinance prevented me, and when I heard Thy command I returned, trusting in Thee and committing my affairs unto Thee.

I beseech Thee, O Ultimate Goal of them that are near unto Thee, and Ultimate Hope of them that are sincere, to inscribe me among those who have attained the living waters of Thy presence and have discovered the fragrance of Thy robe. O Lord! I implore Thee by Thy greatness not to keep me distant from the seat of Thy nearness, nor to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Shir-ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. Blessed be thy father and those with him and with thee who have not violated God's Covenant and Testament, and who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them in His Manifest Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

And likewise, regarding Mirza Habib, after being mentioned in the Most Holy Presence, these exalted words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal!

O Zayn! Some of the friends have borne trials, tribulations and hardships in the path of God. Whatsoever is endured in the path of God has assuredly been and will be recompensed. One deed performed today is equivalent to numerous deeds in any other day. Blessed is the beloved one upon whom there hath descended in the Path that which hath grieved hearts. God willing, may they be gladdened through the favors of the Lord and be occupied with the mention of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. His is the right to say:

O my God, my Lord, and my Master! I beseech Thee by the repositories of Thy Cause, the dawning-places of Thy revelation, and by Thy Name through which the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge appeared among Thy creation, to accept from me what I have wrought in Thy path and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the conditions of creation cannot weaken, nor can the intimations of Thy servants prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and decreest what Thou pleasest, and Thou art the Commander, the All-Wise. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, to forgive me, my father, and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

As for the five Blessed Tablets, as commanded they should remain in your safekeeping. The letter of the honored beloved, Nabil the traveler, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, was received. God willing, may they be confirmed through the confirmations of the True Sovereign in that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Regarding the mention that was made of the son of Aqa Mirza Abdu'llah, upon them both be the Glory of God and His favors, it was presented, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke: O Zayn, upon thee be My glory! The mention of Abdu'l-Mihdi was made before the Wronged One. God willing, may they be occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and with His praise. The true divine bounty has been and is His mention and praise, and in one station His Cause, and in another His knowledge, and in yet another certitude, unto whatsoever God willeth. We beseech God to aid all to accomplish that which hath been revealed in the Book and is acceptable before the Throne. We send Our greetings to him from this distant spot and counsel him with that which will draw him nearer unto God in all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and with Him is the decree of the beginning and the end.

To the presence of His name 66 [Allah], upon him be all 9 [Baha], I convey this servant's greetings and remembrance, and they too remember that presence in all conditions. May God grant us both bliss in the Hereafter and in this world.

Regarding the question about the Huquq threshold, due to haste there is no opportunity to present the answer now. God willing, it will be sent later.

Your previous letter dated the 15th of the blessed month of Ramadan gave life to the soul and attained the hearing of the Intended One, may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake.

Concerning what you wrote about the trusts of Haji Khavar, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], they all arrived through Haji Muhammad Baqir, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise the petitions sent in the company of Aqa Nuru'llah were received.

Regarding what you wrote about Akbar, son of Aqa ʿAbdu'l from Kirmanshah, it was presented before His presence, and this utterance emerged from the horizon of proof:

He is God!

O Akbar! God willing, may you attain unto the divine bounties, both outward and inward, exalted be His glory. The world is encompassed by the smoke of oppression. We beseech God that He may illumine the people of Baha in these dark times with the light of justice and sanctify the horizon of equity from the clouds of tyranny. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou knowest and seest that this servant hath desired to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and to visit Thy Sacred House which Thou hast ordained for all people. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of its visitation and to decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And this is what was revealed for Ja'far from N.J.:

He is God, exalted is He!

O Ja'far! It behooveth thee to make up for what hath passed thee by. We counsel thee with what God hath revealed in the Book and We pray for thee and beseech Him to send down upon thee from the heaven of His grace that which will profit thee and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He knoweth thee better than thou knowest thyself, as attested by that which was revealed unto the Prophets and Messengers. Adorn thyself with the ornament of submission and say:

O my Merciful Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me content with what Thou hast chosen for me by Thy mighty and great command. Verily, Thou art God, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about ʿAli-Akbar, whom God honored through his relationship to your presence, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and He said: He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

O Ali-Qabil-Akbar! Mention hath been made of thee before the Wronged One, Who remembereth thee from the prison, while sorrows encompass Him on all sides by reason of that which hath befallen His loved ones at the hands of the armies of the oppressors. Verily, he who knoweth not his right hand from his left is established upon the throne of tyranny and uttereth that which Pharaoh uttered when he said:

> "Is not mine the kingdom of Egypt and these rivers flowing beneath me? Do ye not then see?"

Thus was it decreed aforetime and in these days. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee and My loved ones in that land to be patient and forbearing, and to manifest that whereby the signs of justice may be revealed amongst the servants. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-

Forbearing. Say: O concourse of the beloved! It behooveth you to commit all affairs unto God and to hold fast unto His strong cord. We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him and to give thee to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of bounty, and to ordain for thee from the Pen the recompense of that which thou didst desire in His straight Path. Be thou content with that which He hath willed, and glorify on behalf of the Wronged One the faces of the loved ones whom the clamour of the heedless hath failed to deter. Say: Seize ye the value of these days and cleave unto that whereby your names shall be established by the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon My handmaidens who have believed and hearkened and responded and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

And as to what was written concerning Mulla Ahmad, brother of him who was martyred in the path of God, it hath been presented to His sublime attention. He saith, and His sweet utterance is:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Ahmad! Mention hath been made of thee by him who hath arisen to serve My Cause, who hath voiced My remembrance and praise, who hath soared in the atmosphere of My will and hath acted according to that which was commanded by Me. By My life! He hath tasted the sweetness of My love and hath testified to that which My tongue hath testified, and hath acknowledged that which the kingdom of Mine utterance hath acknowledged, and hath drunk the choice wine of My presence and the Kawthar of My reunion. We make mention of thee through this remembrance whereby the fragrance of proof hath been wafted throughout all possibilities. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and remembrance while the people were wrapped in a manifest veil.

Blessed be thy brother who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath attained unto a mention from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of sincerity. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Rejoice thou in that God hath forgiven thee and strengthened thee and hath sent down for you both that which nothing on earth can equal. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed be ye both and those who are with you, and those whom God shall manifest from you both. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful.

In remembrance of Ibn-i-ʿAli Nur, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], mention was made in the Most Holy Presence. He said: "God willing, may they be steadfast and fixed upon one purpose. Divine favor has encompassed him and the one who ascended unto Him, and, God willing, will continue to do so. We make mention of the Lion and counsel him with that which shall perpetuate his remembrance. We beseech God to assist all in such wise that they be neither saddened nor veiled by the oppression of the oppressors. They who oppress the friends of God are like unto children playing with clay. We counsel all to patience, forbearance, calm and dignity. None should object, dispute or argue with anyone. They should hold fast to the cord of forbearance and the hem of patience. The Command is God's, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest.

Section 2: "O Zayn! We have made mention of him…"

> "O Zayn! We have made mention of him who was named ʿAli, whom We adorned with light, with such remembrance as the mention of all peoples cannot equal, save whom God, the Lord

> of the worlds, willeth. We have mentioned his wife and counsel her at this time to trustworthiness, truthfulness, and purity, and to that which beseemeth these days. Thus doth the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Wondrous, counsel her."

That which is necessary today is that each soul should preserve whatever of the Sacred Writings they possess in a place where no one else has knowledge thereof. This year in the Land of Ta [Tehran] many divine verses fell into the hands of the oppressors. Whomsoever they seized had Writings with them, as if the Writings were kept in a designated place by the gate. In any case, many Writings were plundered. It behooveth the people of truth to preserve them and conceal them from every treacherous one, from every thief, and from every accursed hypocrite.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His favor, he had written the names of certain ones to be presented at the Most Holy Court. These were presented, and He said:

> "O Zayn! We have made mention of Our loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor and grace. We counsel them to preserve the pearls of their Lord's love that are in their possession, the Forgiving, the Generous. The smoke of oppression hath encompassed the dwellers of the City of Fidelity through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen My Name and My loved ones. Rather, rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance which hath turned towards you from this distant place. God shall soon seize those who have oppressed without clear proof or manifest Book. Can anyone prevent that which God hath willed? Nay, by His Self, the One Who ruleth over all who are in the heavens and on earth. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, despite those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We counsel them to patience in these days wherein the raven of oppression hath croaked and every ignorant doubter hath cawed. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon them and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great."

Praise be to God that all have been blessed with His favor and have been mentioned in the Most Holy Court. It behooveth them to thank God for this great bounty.

And as to what they have written: that Aqa Muhammad Baqir—upon him be Baha'u'llah—hath submitted the request that, in his regard, and in respect of his parents and his departed sister—upon them be Baha'u'llah—supplication be made for forgiveness and loving-kindness—He replied:

O Zayn! When mention was made of these souls, divine favors encompassed them and forgiveness was sought from the Goal of all the worlds. Say: O friends of God, glorified be His majesty! Out of pure grace He created all, and through the tongue of the Prophets He hath mentioned whatsoever conduceth to tranquility, glory, nearness and attainment unto His presence. Blessed is the soul that hath heard, turned to Him and attained, and woe unto them that slumber. Verily, whosoever is enabled to perform a deed in this day shall witness its recompense in all the divine worlds. We make mention of him as We mentioned

him before, that he may rejoice and be among those who are steadfast. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to what was written regarding Mashhadi Hasan, this is what the Kingdom of Knowledge hath spoken:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Zayn! We have made mention of every soul that hath turned unto Us and have deprived no one who hath set his face towards Us. Today regard hath been and is unto acceptance, turning, mention and praise, even though one may be deprived of the ornament of truth. However this matter pertaineth especially to God, exalted be His glory. The chosen ones, the pure ones and the loved ones must conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom and speak accordingly. O Zayn! Write to him: Thou wast mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. May God willing, thou mayest be blessed with divine favors and act in accordance with that which God loveth. We counsel thee and the friends to be trustworthy, religious, chaste, truthful and to manifest that which beseemeth the station of man. Thus hath the Wronged One remembered thee and guided thee to the straight path of God. Look not unto the people and their clamor. Act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded in the Book. We beseech God to adorn the whole world with the ornament of justice and to illumine it with the light of equity. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Concerning the matter of the sum for sweets and sundry expenses which had been recorded, amounting by estimate to some eighteen shillings, more or less, according to the command, the sum of nine [units] should be given to His Honor the exalted Aqa Muhammad-Rida—upon him be Baha'u'llah—and the remainder should be expended for tea and sugar to be offered unto the guests—upon them be Baha'u'llah.

And concerning that which was recorded: His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Baqir—upon him be Baha'u'llah—hath written that should a special Tablet in commemoration of the late and exalted Haji Mirza Kamal'd-Din—upon him be Baha'u'llah the Most Glorious—have appeared but not yet arrived, this servant would explain that in those very days when His Honor Kamal—upon him be Baha'u'llah—returned unto the horizon of the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted, a Most Holy Tablet specifically addressed to the sons in the Land of Ta was dispatched. God willing, others shall in future be revealed and sent in that direction. Those affiliated with him are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, and this evanescent servant entreateth the True One—glorified be His glory—that He may adorn all with the vesture of sanctification and exaltation and with that which God loveth. Verily, our Lord, the All-Merciful, is potent over all things.

And concerning His Honor Jawad—may our spirit be his sacrifice—from among the people of the Abode of Peace, it was recorded and submitted: This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken.

I am the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Javad! Your mention was made in the prison. We have remembered thee with this clear remembrance. Behold and then recall what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Verily it is the lamp of guidance before all creatures and the Most Great Light before all nations. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> “O my son! Observe prayer, and enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong, and be patient under whatever befalleth thee; for this is a bounden duty.”

Should anyone act according to this blessed verse sent down from the Kingdom of his Lord’s Will, the Possessor of Oneness, it would suffice him. To this testify the tongues of all created things and beyond them the tongue of thy Lord’s will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for thee from the Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He hath power over all things. Praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of them that know and the God of all the worlds.

As to what was written concerning Hasan-ʿAli Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented to the Intended One. He speaks, and His sweetest utterance is:

He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

O Hasan-ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward thee, having perceived from thee the fragrance of submissiveness unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy turning and have turned toward thee from this luminous horizon. The world hath been encompassed by the smoke of tyranny, and the fabrications of false pretenders have veiled the lights of the Sun of Truth. The highway robbers stand at their posts, waiting—these robbers are in truth the divines of the age who have forbidden and deprived the people from the straight path and the Great Announcement, which adorneth all divine Books with its mention. Do people consider these objecting souls to be among the learned and count them among the righteous?

Nay, by the Self of God Who overshadeth the world! The learned one is he who hath recognized the Truth and hath drunk from the Kawthar of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful. He is the learned one, and he is as the spirit to the body of the world and as the fruit to the Sadratu’l-Muntaha. Blessed is he and blessed is he who holdeth fast unto him. Praise the Intended One Who hath made thee aware and caused thee to attain thy goal. This station is mighty—preserve it in the name of the Peerless Friend, and strive that there may appear from thee that which will cause its fragrance to persist throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Every good deed today is recorded with God as the king of deeds. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

Concerning that which was recorded: Their Honors Karbala’i Aqa-Jan and Aqa Muhammad-Hasan—upon them both be Baha’u’llah—have both sought permission that they might be favored [with pilgrimage]. In these days it hath not been, nor is it, expedient, for it is beyond the requirements of wisdom. Praised be God that their mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court and they have been favored with divine bounties. Verily, the servant magnifieth them both and seeketh from them prayers.

And concerning that which was set forth: His Honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli—upon him be Baha’u’llah—from among the people of H.M. is occupied in service to the Cause. Likewise mention was made of His Honor Aqa Mirza-i-Kuchik, who through divine grace hath turned his attention unto the Most Great

Ocean. This detail was submitted in the Most Holy and Inaccessible Court. This is what the Kingdom of Knowledge hath uttered. He said—exalted be His utterance:

He is the Herald before the faces of men

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! This Wronged One makes mention of thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from every side, and gives thee the glad-tidings of the Most Great Joy. The world's grief hath not deterred Him, nor can it deter Him, and the clamor of the nations cannot prevent Him from proclaiming His Cause. The martial array, the clashing of swords, the guns of the enemy and the weapons of the wicked have been as though non-existent. No hosts can frighten Him, no multitudes or ranks can render Him powerless. He speaks before the face of all the world, despite those who have denied God's signs and His proof, and who desired to extinguish His light. Say: Perdition befall you! He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired with power and sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and turned toward the horizon before which all horizons have bowed down. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon him who was named Mirza Kuchik, that he may rejoice and thank his Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

O thou who art mentioned! Thy mention hath come, We have remembered thee and turned toward thee, and We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Day wherein the limbs of all names have trembled for fear of God, the Lord of Lords. Behold and make mention of those who enter temples and mosques for the remembrance of God, yet when He came with the truth, they cast it behind their backs, clinging to suppositions and idle fancies. By God's life! They are indeed worshippers of idols, as testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. When the attraction of thy Lord's verses seizes thee and thou findest the sweetness of the Merciful's utterance, arise and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having given me to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having awakened me when I was sleeping, taught me when I was ignorant, and raised me up when I was seated. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

As to what was written before concerning the rosary and the other rosary: if found in the city, a crier should announce it once. If the owner is found, it should be given to him; otherwise, one should wait for one year. If the owner is found, he should pay what was spent on the crier and receive his property. If one year passes and the owner is not found, one may dispose of it as he wishes, for this is lawful according to God's Book.

Regarding what was written about him who is mentioned by name having become a bearer of books and tablets, may God confirm him and protect him so that the trusts may reach their owners.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and his daughter, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said:

> “Blessed is Muhammad, for he hath spoken the truth and that which is befitting, and blessed is his daughter for what she hath uttered. She hath spoken what beseemeth her in the days of her Lord. We send Our greetings upon them both and make mention of them and give them glad-tidings of that which the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken in this clear station.”

The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O Zayn, and upon those who have attained unto God’s favors, the Goal of the mystics. God willing, may she be successful and confirmed in serving her father.

We make mention in this station of My most truthful servant who hath attained unto pure servitude unto God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the All-Informed. He is among the Hands of the Cause. God hath honored him with attaining His presence and established him at His exalted gate.

It is requested that thou convey greetings and salutations from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land. May God willing, they all be confirmed and illumined by the lights of His countenance.

Another submission: this servant addressed a brief letter to Your Presence, and it was arranged that Shaykh Salman would come and take it and deliver it to Your Presence. Later it became known that they had forgotten. Now it is being sent to your august presence, and the petition of Ustad Abdul-Karim has been submitted and sent. May the Glory that is manifest and evident from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord’s grace be upon Your Presence and upon those who love you and who hear your word concerning God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

The servant. On the 18th of the month of Dhi’l-Hijjih al-Haram, year 1300

BH02294: Every unbiased observer will readily admit that, ever since…

In the Name of the Almighty Ordainer

Every unbiased observer will readily admit that, ever since the dawn of His Revelation, this wronged One hath invited all mankind to turn their faces towards the Dayspring of Glory, and hath forbidden corruption, hatred, oppression, and wickedness. And yet, behold what the hand of the oppressor hath wrought! No pen dare describe his tyranny. Though the purpose of Him Who is the Eternal Truth hath been to confer everlasting life upon all men, and ensure their security and peace, yet witness how they have arisen to shed the blood of His loved ones, and have pronounced on Him the sentence of death.

The instigators of this oppression are those very persons who, though so foolish, are reputed the wisest of the wise. Such is their blindness that, with unfeigned severity, they have cast into this fortified and afflictive Prison Him, for the servants of Whose Threshold the world hath been created. The Almighty, however, in spite of them and those that have repudiated the truth of this “Great Announcement,” hath transformed this Prison House into the Most Exalted Paradise, the Heaven of Heavens.

We did not refuse such material benefits as could relieve Us from Our afflictions. Every one of Our companions, however, will bear Us witness that Our holy court is sanctified from, and far above, such material benefits. We have nevertheless accepted, while confined in this Prison, those things of which the infidels have striven to deprive Us. If a man be found willing to rear, in Our name, an edifice of pure gold

or silver, or a house begemmed with stones of inestimable value, such a wish will no doubt be granted. He, verily, doeth what He willeth, and ordaineth that which He pleaseth. Leave hath, moreover, been given to whosoever may desire to raise, throughout the length and breadth of this land, noble and imposing structures, and dedicate the rich and sacred territories adjoining the Jordan and its vicinity to the worship and service of the one true God, magnified be His glory, that the prophecies recorded by the Pen of the Most High in the sacred Scriptures may be fulfilled, and that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath purposed in this most exalted, this most holy, this mighty, and wondrous Revelation may be made manifest.

We have, of old, uttered these words: Spread thy skirt, O Jerusalem! Ponder this in your hearts, O people of Bahá, and render thanks unto your Lord, the Expounder, the Most Manifest.

Were the mysteries, that are known to none except God, to be unraveled, the whole of mankind would witness the evidences of perfect and consummate justice. With a certitude that none can question, all men would cleave to His commandments, and would scrupulously observe them. We, verily, have decreed in Our Book a goodly and bountiful reward to whosoever will turn away from wickedness and lead a chaste and godly life. He, in truth, is the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful.

When thou receivest My Book and findest from it the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say:

> "O peoples of the earth! Fear God and be not of the heedless. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the pearls of the ocean of the knowledge of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Cast aside the world and whatsoever is therein, holding fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath come from the Orient of might and power with the banners of knowledge and wisdom. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of them that turn aside."

Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken forth in this mighty Prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH03377: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down at a time when griefs encompassed Him by reason of one who was deceitful and treacherous—one at whose deeds the heart of the most exalted Paradise and every fair-minded soul that hath judged justly in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been consumed.

Say: O deceiver, by what proof didst thou believe in God and in Muhammad the Apostle of God? Was it by mere words or by what thou findest in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? By God! This indeed is the Most Great Book which speaketh amidst the world and guideth the peoples to His straight path. Say: By God, O heedless one, when the verses were sent down in this Revelation, all verses bowed down before them, while thou remainest in manifest delusion.

Have thy ranks deceived thee, or thy thousands, or the clash of thy swords, or the neighing of thy steeds? Turn thee to the graves that thou mayest learn what befell thy like, O remote oppressor! Will thy riches profit thee, or thy might, or the host that marcheth before thee, or the banners that flutter behind thee? By the life of God! Nothing of all things shall profit thee, nor what thou hast amassed of the vanities of the world. Cast away what thou hast and turn thy face unto the Countenance. We counsel thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Hearts have melted by reason of thy tyranny, and the hands of the loved ones have been raised because of thy deeds. Know thou of a certainty that they shall not return except through the fulfillment of what they desire from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the Gracious. Take hold of the reins of passion, O thou who hast turned away from God, the Lord of all men, and turn unto Him that He may forgive thee what thou hast wrought in His days. Thus doth command thee He Who witnesseth at all times unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

O thou who art saddened by My sorrow and hast borne hardships for My sake, hearken unto My call. We give glad-tidings unto Our loved ones of what God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath ordained for them. Soon shall He seize them that have wronged, even as He seized the peoples before them. He, verily, is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Encompassing. Blessed are they that have shown patience in God, placing their trust in Him. Upon them shall pray the Concourse on High and the denizens of this glorious station. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04051: The verses have been sent down and the signs…

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

The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people do not understand. The appointed time has come and the Cause has been made manifest and the Herald has called out, yet most of the people do not hear. They have denied God's favor after its revelation and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of the unseen realms. We heard thy call and drew nigh unto Thee from the frequented House. The heedless ones cast Us into prison, but God hath made it the Most Exalted Paradise, despite every hateful misbeliever. The Temple of the Cause hath been established upon the throne in this Most Great Prison, calling at one time from its right, at another from its left, and at times from before its face, summoning all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We have accepted all tribulations in this path, as beareth witness He Who speaketh that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. O people of the earth! By God, the Lord of heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty. The earth hath been honored by His advent, would ye but understand. Turn ye with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon, then turn away from the dawning-places of idle fancies and the daysprings of vain imaginings. The Sun of Baha hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity in this Prison which God hath illumined with His presence. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who remaineth veiled. Thus have the heavens of utterance revolved through a breath that hath wafted from the right hand of the Will of God, the Lord of existence.

Hold thou fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving. We have sent down for thee the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with a Cause before which armies cannot stand. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon him who hath drunk My choice wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04300: In the Name of Him Who shineth forth…

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of proof! This is a Book which lamenteth for what hath befallen the people of God at the hands of such as have denied the right of God and His Cause, and followed every heedless and remote one.

O company of the heedless! Fear ye God, and oppose not those who have spoken the truth and testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. Behold ye and call to mind what befell ʿAd and Thamud who turned away and opposed those whom God had sent unto them to guide them to His straight path. Then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, and how every heedless and doubtful one rose up against Him.

Days and nights passed until there came the Day that had been promised in the Books of God and concealed in His all-encompassing knowledge. Then did the divines of the earth rise up in opposition and perpetrate that which caused the near ones to lament, and behind them the Concourse on High at eventide and at dawn. The earth with all its vastness became too strait for them, but soon shall He expand it despite them. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Give thou glad tidings unto the people of the bounty of thy Lord, and remind them through this perspicuous Book. Say: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. He hath mentioned you as a token of His grace and hath sent down for you that which cannot be equalled by the treasuries of the heavens and earth.

Say: Let not the clamor of the ignorant frighten you. All shall perish in less than the twinkling of an eye, and sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Great. Hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. We have enjoined this upon you both aforetime and hereafter. He, verily, is the All-Informed, the All-Wise.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of Paradise be upon thee and upon them that have held fast unto the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05425: The Lord of the world beareth witness unto His…

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

The Lord of the world beareth witness unto His Own Self manifest through the Most Great Name that verily He is I and I am He, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth and the Omnipotent over whatsoever He desireth. Whoso denieth Him is accounted among the ungodly in His perspicuous Book. By God! The Most Great Book hath appeared and it is verily the Mother Book in the kingdom of utterance

and the Preserved Tablet in this glorious station. Say: O concourse of humanity! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and hath been adorned with the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny, Who was concealed behind the veils of the Unseen and hidden within His inaccessible knowledge.

Arise ye from the slumber of heedlessness and passion, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! It hath been illumined by the radiant countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is every one who hath turned towards Him and every mighty one who hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us. We have turned to thee from this remote quarter and have mentioned thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of the garment throughout all lands. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Be thou grateful to God for this supreme bounty and mighty gift, and arise from thy place, turning towards the Most Exalted Station, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the worlds!"

Glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this wondrous Cause.

BH06204: God testifies that He has come with the Manifestation…

He is the Witness and the Witnessed!

God testifies that He has come with the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His utterance, Who speaks the truth and calls all to this Straight Path which has truly appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O people of Baha! You are they who have attained to that which none among creation has attained. To this testifies He Who has spoken and speaks: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Witness, the All-Hearing." How many a great one has cast the Book of God behind him, and how many a lowly one has taken hold of it with manifest certitude. This is a Day whereon all things proclaim: "The kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Leave behind the allusions of the people and take what has been given thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Give thanks unto God for that His Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in this Luminous Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Merciful. We have seen thee standing in service to the Cause and have made mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be as thou wert before—thus doth thy Lord, the Generous, counsel thee. Preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord and place thy trust in Him under all conditions. Soon shalt thou find that which hath been ordained for thee in My Mighty Book.

BH06227: The world hath been overturned through the dissension…

In His Name through Whom the signs have appeared

The world hath been overturned through the dissension of the peoples. Thus hath the banner of a thousand been raised and the ranks have appeared. Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and be not of

the heedless ones. We have enjoined upon mankind the Most Great Peace that the world and its people might find rest, but they cast the command of God behind their backs and followed the ways of the corrupt ones. O concourse of kings! By God, We desire for you naught save what profiteth you in this world and the next. Fear ye the Lord of all being, then act according to what ye have been commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Hold fast unto that which ye have been counseled from the Tongue of Grandeur in a perspicuous Book. Beware lest your power delude you. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of what ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Behold and call to mind the generations of old. Where are your fathers and your fathers' fathers? And where are the kings and sovereigns who sat upon the thrones of authority and led astray and oppressed until they returned to their place by command of One Who ordaineth, the All-Wise? We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which shall profit you. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down and dispatched this unto thee that thine eyes might be solaced thereby and that thou mightest be of the thankful ones.

BH06673: In My Name, the Outward, the Inward

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The Spirit of the Bayan was revealed, yet those within the Bayan and the various sects denied it, except those whom God preserved through His grace—verily He is the Mighty, the Protector. O people of the Furqan (Qur'an), fear God and follow not your vain desires. He guides you to the Dawning-Place of lights. Cast aside what you possess and take what is with God, the Lord of all men. O people of the Gospel, We see you wrapped in heedlessness. Fear the All-Merciful and follow not every ignorant doubter. O people of the Torah, the signs of God have filled the horizons while you remain in doubt and discord. How long will you play with your vain imaginings? Turn to the station wherein the verses of God, the Lord of lords, are sent down at every moment. Thus has My tongue spoken and My pen moved by My command, and I am the Mighty, the Bestower. We have found from you the fragrance of love; We have therefore revealed unto you this Tablet. Say: Soon shall the mysteries of the verses be made manifest and the Dove of Justice shall warble upon the branches. Verily there is none other God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

BH07545: Give ear, O people of Baha, to the counsel…

He is resplendent above His Most Exalted Horizon!

Give ear, O people of Baha, to the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen: Renounce the promptings of your own will and fix your gaze upon the will of God, inasmuch as none is aware of that which can harm or profit him; whereas the one true God, magnified be His glory, knoweth and embraceth all things, and will of a certainty ordain that which is best. Occupy not the days of your lives with the betterment of your own affairs; arise, rather, for the betterment of the world. Such indeed is the station of the people of Baha as recorded in the Crimson Book by the Pen of the Most High. Show forth the utmost love to all the peoples of the world and the diverse kindreds of the earth. The One True God, exalted be His glory,

beareth Me witness! Whoso observeth this commandment is accounted among those who tread the path of Truth: In God doth he dwell and to God doth he turn.

BH07980: O peoples of the world! The Day…

He is the Rightful Sovereign

O peoples of the world! The Day of the Covenant has come, and He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities has appeared. He has come with the truth and gives you glad tidings of that which was ordained for you by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Rejoice in this most great favor, then give thanks to God, the Lord of lords. The Path calls out and the Balance proclaims: "The Revealer of verses has come!" This is the Day wherein the ears of those near to God hear from all things the remembrance of God, Creator of heaven. Blessed is he who has heard and hastened, and woe to the most lost ones who follow vain imaginings and idle fancies. We have heard in this hour from all things that which no ears have ever attained. O concourse of humanity! The Most Great Vision has appeared and the Lord of Destiny calls out in the loudest voice at eventide and at dawn. By God! You were created for this Day—be fair-minded and follow not every doubting ignoramus.

BH08392: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

In His Name, Who is sanctified above mention and utterance!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto him who hath believed in God when He came with the truth with such sovereignty that the foundations of the earth trembled thereat, and behind them every contumacious doubter. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the world have not withheld and who hath held fast unto the Most Great Name, through which the horizon of eternity was illumined and the Sun of bounty shone forth from the heaven of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved as a token of God's grace, He the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard the Call and responded unto their Lord, the Kind, the Bountiful.

BH08750: The fire of suppositions and idle fancies has encompassed…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

The fire of suppositions and idle fancies has encompassed the world, and supreme abasement has seized the people, yet none are aware of it. Justice, like the phoenix, naught remaineth of it save its name, and equity hath taken flight to the pavilions of glory, seeking refuge from the talons of the birds of darkness. The heedless people pass their days in hopes whose fulfillment is impossible. Beseech ye God that He may illumine the world with the light of insight and grant all a portion from the chalice of wisdom. Blessed art thou and happy art thou in that thou hast heard My call and drunk the wine of revelation from the cup

of My bounty. These are words wherewith every perspicuous tablet should be adorned. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath recognized this supreme Day.

BH09066: In My Name, through which hearts are attracted!

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This is a day wherein the Book walketh and speaketh. Blessed are they that hear it! The standards of guidance have been raised, and the horizon of the Cause hath been illumined, and the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth from the Dawning-Place of Revelation: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” Take hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and place it upon thine eyes, and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of bounty hath wafted between the worlds and the mystery of Sinai hath appeared amongst the nations! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained in Thy days for Thy chosen ones. Then make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have slipped. 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 Mighty, the Powerful.”

BH09419: He hath dawned from the horizon of eternity

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God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come into the world is verily the Most Great Name, through Whom the tribes of the earth were seized with trembling, and all who are in the heavens were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it and quaffest the choice wine of its utterance, render thanks unto God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the Path was made manifest, and the Balance was established, and the Tree did speak, and the Rock did cry out, and the Resurrection came to pass, and the Hour did strike, and every wise matter was made evident.

BH09516: Say: O servants of the Most Merciful! The Wronged…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

Say: O servants of the Most Merciful! The Wronged One counsels you to fear God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and to that whereby your station may be exalted in the world. He is, verily, the Counselor, the Mighty, the Loving. The Day of Manifestation has come, while the Wronged One lies imprisoned and forbidden. Sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions, and His name is in the hands of those who are heedless of God’s outstretched path. Ask God to grant them success and to strengthen them and to make known to them His clear and manifest way. Grieve not at anything; in all matters put thy trust in God, the Lord of existence. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee this well-beloved Tablet. Take it with the hand of submission, then read it in the heights of Paradise. Thus does He command thee, with Whom is the Hidden Book.

BH09701: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh, the All-Seeing!

O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not those whom the world hath deluded with its vanities in such wise as to have debarred them from My straight Path. Say: He hath come with the truth, with signs from His presence, that He might guide you to His resplendent horizon. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil you from this manifest Truth. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to the Strong Cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. Such a one is, before God, the Lord of Names, numbered among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. To this testifieth His mighty Book. Thus hath the Speaker on Sinai spoken forth in this Prison. Joy be to him who hath hearkened unto it, and woe betide the heedless ones. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have hastened to the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom in the name of the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

BH10375: In the Name of Him Who caused the Ocean…

In the Name of Him Who caused the Ocean to surge and the Fragrance to waft! This is the Book of Effulgence which beareth witness to what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of them that cast the Command behind their backs and followed vain imaginings—a Day whereon souls shall weep and shall bewail their lot by reason of what hath come upon Him from the hosts of idle fancies in the days of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not those who disputed the signs of God when they were sent down with power and sovereignty. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge, and the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branches.

BH10515: In the Name of Him by Whom the foundations…

In the Name of Him by Whom the foundations were shaken! When the Promise came to pass and the Promised One appeared, the hearts of those who disbelieved in God, the One, the Chosen, were thrown into commotion. How many a learned one pronounced judgment against the Intended One, and how many an illiterate one turned to Him and responded to the Lord of Lords! This is the Day which was adorned with His mention in the Books of God aforetime. Blessed is he who hath understood that which God intended from the beginning to the end. We have mentioned every name that appeared before Our face, as a token of grace from Us, and verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH00008: Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise…

Section 1: “Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His…”

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

Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise, sent down Him Who was promised from the heaven of His Will, and revealed that which was inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen in His Books, His Scriptures, His Psalms and His Tablets. The Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath struck, the Path hath

appeared, the Breath of God hath wafted, and the fragrance of His garment hath been diffused, despite the company of the Bayan who broke God's Covenant and His Testament, and sought to build the edifices of idle fancies and vain imaginings with the hands of tyranny and oppression, even as they had built them aforetime. Perdition befall them! Destruction befall them! May they be cast far away!

O company of vain imaginings! The Most Sublime Horizon hath been illumined, and that which the veils of your souls and your idle fancies had concealed hath appeared. He hath indeed appeared with a sovereignty from His presence and hath rent asunder the veils and coverings with the fingers of power, in such wise that the Concourse on High heard the sound of their being rent. Fear God, O heedless ones! Bar not the people from the Path, nor hold them back from the Evidence. This is a Day wherein the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted. Fear ye God, and invalidate not the truth with your words and deeds. The servant counseleth you for the sake of God, whereunto every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify.

And prayers, peace, glory and splendor rest upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness, who have arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and who have testified to that whereunto the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of all things. These are servants whom God hath described in the Furqan and in the Bayan. Blessed is the ear that heareth and the eye that seeth, and woe unto every deceiving impostor who hath taken idle fancy as his lord instead of God and who preventeth people from the river of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

It is submitted that the letter of that honored one reached this evanescent servant. After reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, he sought the presence of the Lord of Creation, attained unto the presence of His countenance, and after receiving permission, that which was in the letter was honored to be heard, and these sublime words descended from the heaven of the grace of the Revealer of verses, He, exalted be His glory, saith:

We are the Wronged One, the Stranger

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance read it in its entirety. Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed the wine of recognition and turned thy face toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. In days when hearts and souls were agitated by the oppression of the idolators and the pillars of the House were shaken by the tyranny of the divines, they turned away at the outset of every Manifestation from the Divine Manifestation and the Dawning-Place of Divine revelation, pronouncing their verdict for the shedding of the blood of those holy souls.

What was the cause and reason for the migration of the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—from Mecca, and the ascension of Christ to the fourth heaven at whose hand matters became so difficult for that Holy Being that the hand of power caused Him to ascend and took Him to the fourth heaven? With utmost tyranny and oppression they bound the Truth with turban and cloak, and opened for themselves the door of glory and wealth in His name. If assured souls were to ponder the events of the past, by the life of God, they would lament and wail over the Wronged One of the world like those who have lost their dear ones.

At the time of Our departure from Baghdad, We informed all of the raising of a clamor throughout all regions. All, out of fear and trepidation, remained behind the veil while the Truth alone arose to establish His Cause. And when the effulgences of the Sun of Divine Unity cast their rays and the world became somewhat illumined and radiant, they emerged from behind the veil and first objected to the Truth Himself, arising with the swords of rejection to shed His pure blood. Such is the way of the people, should ye take heed, O men of understanding! O thou who art enkindled with the fire of the love of God! Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto the eternal, everlasting blessing, and that is the mention which hath flowed concerning thee from the Most Exalted Pen. Whatever is visible shall assuredly be seized by extinction, save a word which God—glorified be His majesty—doth speak. Beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His Day. The treasures of earth and what lies buried therein cannot equal His word. Be grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of the heavens and earth."

What else can this servant say? God is witness and aware that his very foundations tremble and his heart is troubled, for he has observed that in all ages and centuries certain ignorant souls who fancy themselves learned have objected to the Daysprings of Divine Unity and, with utmost obstinacy, striven to extinguish God's light. Then, when the Cause became exalted, they would grasp it with both hands and, through ascetic pretensions, gain control over the reins of the people—as you have seen and heard. And they have their likes and counterparts in these days: souls who never had any knowledge of this Cause have now arisen in tyranny and oppression, claiming complete understanding while preventing weak souls from approaching the Divine Fountain and urging them toward stagnant waters instead. May God protect His servants and preserve them from the whisperings of such souls—that is, from the hypocrites among the people of the Bayan. God protect us and you, O concourse of the believers, from the evil of these people.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones that they may drink from the ocean of the divine meanings hidden within God's words and become so enkindled by the fire burning therein that the promptings of devils shall not keep them back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. In Kaf and Ra the cawing has been raised, and the source of doubt and hypocrisy, with utmost deceit and guile and through fabricated words, has prevented weak souls from the King of Oneness and summoned them to the realm of falsehood—despite having had and still having no knowledge whatsoever of this Cause. Out of mere passion has he objected to the Lord of Names, wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies. I beseech God to guide him and not deprive him of the choice wine of inner meanings and the pure water of truthfulness, and to grant him a portion from the ocean of awareness. He is indeed powerful and mighty over all things.

In the Most Holy Book, which was revealed from God's holy kingdom in the early days of imprisonment, mention was made by the Supreme Pen of the land of Kaf and Ra and what would occur therein, and until now it remained concealed. But this year the cawer of that land has uttered words at which the heavens were well-nigh cleft asunder, the earth split open, and the mountains crashed down.

May God grant the sense of justice and bestow righteousness and truth. For twelve hundred years and more, such souls invited people to Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and whenever an enlightened soul rejected this claim and informed the people that the Qa'im was yet unborn and in the loins, they issued the decree for his death and shed his blood. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the All-Merciful's Revelation that among such souls is this wailer of the land of Kaf and Ra, for he walks in the footsteps of those souls. How many pure souls drank the cup of martyrdom through the decree of those heedless, ignorant ones! All the chosen ones and friends of God bear witness to the truth of what has been mentioned. They imagined they were championing the Cause of Truth and guiding people to the straight path, while that path was the path of hell, not the straight path.

What intoxication has seized the people that they have not yet discovered the deception and craftiness of the company of hypocrites? Inform the friends of God to guard themselves, in the name of God, exalted be His glory, from the manifestations of deceit and hypocrisy and the dawning-places of trickery and deception, and not to trust such people. For it is observed that when they despair of someone—that is, when they see their vain imaginings have not influenced or affected him—they don the garment of friendship and outwardly associate with utmost love and affection, their purpose being to find an opportunity to implant what is hidden in their hearts. In all cases, avoidance is necessary. Through the means of friendship they strengthen the foundation of enmity. Their acceptance is rejection, their kindness is animosity, their silence is deception, and their speech is deceit.

Say: O foolish ones! Today the knights in the arena of detachment should see naught but the Truth, know naught but the Truth, and speak naught but the Truth, for this is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned but Him. Today, if anyone speaks of aught but the Truth and fixes his gaze on imaginary names, he was not and is not worthy of this station, this mention, and this Cause. Say: O heedless ones! Fear God and cast not the helpless people into your snares. Let them soar with the wings of detachment in this atmosphere and enter this court with utmost joy. Would that the people knew and understood! Some time ago, in one of the Tablets, this exalted Word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all being. His word, blessed and exalted is He:

O servant in attendance! Do these people not reflect upon the greatness of this Day? This is a Day whose magnitude hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in all the divine Books. Though the days of the Manifestations of Divine Unity and the Dawning-places of Divine Light are referred to in one sense as the "Days of God," yet these days have been specifically designated and distinguished in all the Books. By God, exalted be His glory! Even as He saith to the Seal of the Prophets: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and likewise, "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's," and "Thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank," and the like thereof.

And to Moses He saith: "Lead thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the Days of God." He giveth glad tidings of this blessed Day to all the Messengers. Nevertheless, at times they speak of the Mirror, at times of the Vicegerent, and at times of the Fruit. They cling to these names and perceive not. They speak but understand not; they say but comprehend not. Say: Die in your wrath! This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Cause of God, would ye but judge with fairness. He Who was

hidden in God's knowledge and recorded in His Books hath appeared, and through Him every sealed matter hath been revealed and every hidden secret uncovered.

Now, in their baseness, the gnats raise objections against the Lord of Lords. The crow hath no portion in the realm of inner meanings, and the fly hath no share in divine melodies. This field requireth the knights of recognition, that they may spur on their steeds in the name of God, exalted be His glory! Glory be to God! Some souls speak purely out of desire, for they have drunk of the wine of idle fancies and taken gods other than God. They walk in the winds of conjecture and lead others astray by their vain imaginings. Were this servant to recount all that he hath heard concerning such matters, the pages of discourse would surely not suffice. We make mention of verses that were revealed at the beginning of imprisonment in the Most Holy Book, that perchance the heedless may become aware, the sleeping may be awakened, and they that sit still may arise. His word, exalted be His utterance and glorified His station:

> "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state displeasing unto God, and We see proceeding from thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We find also thy inner secrets, for with Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a lucid Tablet. Sorrow not on account of that which hath befallen thee. Erelong will God raise up within thee men possessed of mighty valor, who will magnify My Name with such constancy that neither will they be deterred by the learned men, nor will they be kept back by the doubts of the perverse. With their own eyes will they behold God, and with their own lives will they render Him victorious. These, truly, are of those who are firm."

When these verses were revealed, there was no mention of the clamorer of that land, and the Most Holy Book had been revealed ten years prior, as all are aware. Ever have ignorant souls adorned themselves with cloaks and turbans, and in the guise of knowledge blocked His path. Which of their traditions, hadiths and reports have proven true and accurate? Poor souls have for centuries wandered in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings due to the ignorance of those heedless ones. For the sake of God it is said: perchance they may not rebuild the edifice of fancy nor lay the foundation of vain imaginings upon the earth.

Today they must, with the power of the Friend of all worlds, break the chains of imitation and shatter the idols of fancy. They must purify their ears from what they have heard, move beyond idle talk, and turn from words to deeds. Say: O heedless ones! Who is he that hath arisen to promote the Cause, and who is he that hath summoned all to the Supreme Horizon in days wherein the hearts of the wise were sorely shaken? Glory be to God! How have they understood this Day and what have they comprehended of this Most Great Revelation?

This is the Day wherein none is mentioned save Him, and it behooveth no one to cling to similitudes, likenesses and names. This is the Day which the Books of God have extolled and to which the Prophets and Messengers have borne witness. One is bewildered what to mention. The Shi'ih sect, who counted themselves the greatest, most learned and most pious of all the sects of the world, were exposed by the dawning rays of the Sun of Revelation as the basest of all sects, for by the decree of those souls they martyred the Beloved of the worlds in that land. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Not content with this, they issued decrees for the killing of all holy souls. How many children and women

were martyred through the tyranny of those souls, and how many were left without shelter, refuge or guardian!

Section 2: "Now again a group of the world's prevaricators…"

Now again a group of the world's prevaricators have gathered and are endeavoring to establish the former foundation. The clamorer of the land of Kaf and Ra and other clamorers seek to veil the rays of the Sun of Truth behind new clouds of fancy, and to occupy themselves for another two or three thousand years with acceptance and rejection, objection and protest, cursing and reviling one another from pulpits and gatherings. By the Sun of the horizon of sanctity, this servant is ashamed and abashed at such mentions. All the divines of the age, each of whom was a leader in Iran and occupied pulpit and prayer-niche, failed to perceive even an atom's weight of truth. For had they perceived it, this unprecedented tyranny would not have occurred in the world.

Out of desire and leadership they spoke that which caused the martyrdom of the Desired One of the world, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. For were it not for those fabricated utterances, the Truth and His loved ones would not have been martyred. All the divines in the first year declared that all divines before and after had maintained that He must appear from Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Yet now this sect says He was born in Shiraz, and thus they all decreed His unbelief and the shedding of His pure blood.

O beloved of my heart, some reflection is needed so that you may become aware of the oppression of this group and enlighten some others. Most of the people cling to imitation and are afflicted with their desires. The flood of their suspicions and fancies has destroyed the foundation of faith. Woe upon them and upon those who follow them! Heedlessness has reached such a degree that they have arranged conditions for the Manifestation through their own imaginings and have limited Him through their own intimations and perceptions. And when they found Him contrary to their suspicions, they raised an uproar.

Say: This Great Announcement has never needed, nor does it need, anyone's testimony to prove His Cause. Consider what the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him—has uttered. His blessed and exalted Word states: "I have written the essence concerning His mention: He shall not be known through My allusion, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan…" unto His mighty and glorious Word: "For verily He is more glorious and exalted than to be known through any but Himself or to be described by the description of His creatures. Verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His verses, and I have received from the virgin gardens of the paradise of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him. All are upheld by His command."

Where are the attentive ears and where are the keen eyes that they might behold the effulgent lights of the Sun of Utterance and hear the call of the True One, glorified be His majesty? If all who are in the Bayan would observe and reflect upon even this one passage with fairness and justice, all would turn to the Most Holy Court and, becoming heedless of what is with the people, would hold fast to what is with God. But what benefit is there when ears are stuffed with the cotton of selfish desires, preventing them from hearing, and eyes are veiled by the veils of suspicion and fancy, keeping them from seeing?

At one time this exalted word was revealed from the Dayspring of Revelation, the Lord of Names. His blessed and exalted Word states:

> "O servant in attendance! Consider how the eyelid, thin as it appears, if it becomes a veil, prevents the eye from beholding the heavens and the earth and all that is therein—the trees, the rivers, the seas, the mountains, the fruits, the colors and whatsoever exists. Now if the thick veil of suspicion falls upon the heart, what will it do? O servant in attendance! Beseech God that He may purify all from the preventing veils, that perchance they may discover the purpose of the creation of beings, attain to the recognition of the hidden and sealed treasure, and drink of this sealed wine."

The essence of what has been revealed, by the testimony of the Beloved of all worlds, is that the Dawning-Place of verses and the Day-Spring of evidences is not dependent upon the indication of that Sovereign of existence nor upon what was revealed in the Bayan. All are commanded to recognize Him through His own Self. In this connection certain mysteries were heard from the Tongue of the Source of Names, which this servant dareth not disclose without leave. Would that the people knew and understood! Blessed is the one who, with his own eyes, turneth toward the Most Exalted Horizon and perceiveth the lights of His countenance without the veils of allusions.

The intoxication of vain imaginings and heedlessness hath veiled most people. Concerning that Ancient Beauty, whom the Point of the Bayan—may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath described as "Verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His verses," they have uttered that which hath caused the heavens to be cloven asunder and the Kingdom of Names to be sorely troubled. In truth, were anyone to meditate upon these blessed words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Bayan of God—exalted be His glory—and become informed of the pearls of utterance, he would find himself independent of all things. He would soar in the atmosphere of divine sanctity on the wings of certitude and drink from the waters of steadfastness. Today, should anyone hesitate in the least, he would be accounted among the people of the Fire. In His presence all mention is nullified, and before His utterance all utterance boweth down in submission.

On one occasion He said:

> "O servant in attendance! Today the Kingdom of the Bayan boweth down in submission before the All-Merciful. All books and tablets are suspended upon His Will, and all who are in the Bayan are commanded to recognize this Most Great Remembrance, this momentous Announcement."

Blessed is the one who hath broken the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Name of the Self-Subsisting, who hath forsaken that which is possessed by the people and held fast unto that which is with God.

Such objecting souls have ever existed. Were anyone to reflect upon the events that transpired after the ascension of His Holiness al-ʿAskari—peace be upon Him—and the machinations of the heretical divines, he would testify that all the corruption in the world hath proceeded and proceedeth from such souls. By the life of our Lord! Were it not for the lies of the leaders, the Lord Most High would not have been

martyred by the tyranny of His enemies. They appointed an imaginary person to an imaginary throne, and through imaginary traditions established that which caused the blood of the Lord of the world and the essences of all peoples to be shed. At times they would produce forged documents and attribute them to the Source of existence. The curse of God be upon the people who lie! Inwardly their purpose was to exalt their own station and prestige, while outwardly they would point to ruins—sometimes to Jabulqa, sometimes to Jabulsa, and at times to the false region which they called holy. The eternal Sovereign, concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan—may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said, exalted be His remembrance:

> "Verily, He is too glorious and exalted to be known through aught else or to seek the counsel of His creatures."

Now the heedless souls have risen in opposition and clung to the words of this one and that. Today the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims, exalted be His glory:

> "O Pen! Dost thou see anyone besides Me on this day? Where are all created things and their manifestations? Where are all names and their kingdoms? Where are all hidden things and their mysteries? Where are all outward things and their traces? Annihilation hath seized all who dwell in creation, and this is My face, the ever-abiding, the luminous, the resplendent."

Now observe to what they cling and what ropes they grasp. They desire to erect new illusory causes for the helpless people, like the delusions of old. Again I submit:

> "O God protect us, O concourse of the believers, from the evil of these people!"

Today, verily, no book among books, no tablet among tablets, and no scripture among scriptures suffices. Glory be to God above what the oppressors say!

Behold, on this day neither any book among books, nor any Tablet among Tablets, nor any page among pages can suffice. Glory be to God above what the unjust do say! On this Day all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of His Manifestation and upon whatsoever proceedeth from Him. Should a man occupy himself with vain imaginings, conjectures, and traditions, the end of such a course shall assuredly be destruction—even as hath been witnessed.

Glorified art Thou, O God of land and sea! Thou beholdest me standing before Thee, with the hands of my hope upraised to the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee, by Thy sovereignty that dominates all things and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all creation, to assist Thy servants to act with justice and equity, and enable them to turn to Thee with Thy vision and to gaze toward Thy direction with Thy light. Thou art He through Whose Name the oceans of grace and bounty surged, and by Whose Will the heaven of Thy generosity was adorned, O Possessor of Names! There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained.

If today anyone gazes upon anything other than the Truth and the utterance of Truth, he will surely stray from the path and make his abode in the fire. He says that all the Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of Paradise. If it achieves acceptance, glory be to God! How lofty is the Cause and in what clay are the

worms! This evanescent servant is bewildered, by God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. From the beginning of the Cause until now, I have had and have no desire save the good-pleasure of God. Now I have grown old and my strength has weakened, yet despite this and despite great occupation, I have engaged in this writing purely for the sake of God. God is my witness and is aware that I have sought and seek naught but His good-pleasure. For His sake I have spoken and for His sake I speak. "Whoso wisheth, let him accept it; and whoso wisheth, let him reject it." Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.

Likewise, reflect upon this most exalted Word revealed from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names, namely the Primal Point (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him). In truth, this Word is considered the essence of the Bayan. His exalted Word states:

> "In the year Nine ye shall attain unto all good, and in the year Nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God."

And addressing His Holiness the Great One (upon Him be all the most glorious glory and the most exalted exaltation), He says—His exalted Word:

This is what We promised thee aforetime when We answered thee. Wait until nine passeth beyond the Bayan, then say: Blessed be God, the Most Excellent of Creators. Now judge fairly: in the year nine when this Call was raised, where were the ears and where were the eyes? Verily there hath been and is no escape for anyone except he repent and return unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Unless one turneth away from the Heaven of testimony, the Sun of certitude, the Most Great Ocean, and the Mighty Announcement, the divine verses and heavenly evidences have yielded and yield no fruit for such a soul. Every fair-minded one testifieth that the Cause of God hath been made manifest through this Most Great Revelation in days when all were occupied with preserving their lives and were concealed and veiled in corners. God, exalted be His glory, arose by His own Self and spoke, such that the droplets of the ocean of His utterance seized the world and His traces encompassed all horizons. Blessed are the fair-minded ones and they that hear.

Likewise the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—saith: "Say: This is the News of which none hath knowledge save God, but on that day ye shall not know." Yet these unjust people have said what they have said. This is that Mighty News mentioned and recorded in all the Books, of whose time of appearance none save God Himself is aware. This is that Hour of which Christ spoke when He said: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but the Father only."

This is that Day of which Joel in his Book saith: "For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" Likewise Jeremiah saith: "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it." All that hath appeared was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers, even unto the mention of the Fortress which is now the seat of the Throne and is known as the Most Great Prison, as David saith: "Who will lead me into the strong city?" The strong city is Akka, whose fortress is well-known. This is that Fortress upon which He saith the lights of the Sun of Truth would shine and from whose horizon they would dawn. They also gave

each other and the people of this earth glad tidings that God would appear in these lands in the latter days and would manifest Himself.

Isaiah saith: “Get thee up into the high mountain, O Zion, that bringest good tidings; lift up thy voice with strength, O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him.” Zion and Jerusalem are in these lands, and He saith it shall be called by a new name, as in the land of Mystery it was named the Valley of the Noble One. This is that valley wherein the cry of all the Prophets was raised, speaking “Here am I, O my Lord, here am I.” Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for them—appeared in these lands, for these lands are connected to the land of Batha and Hijaz.

Thus He saith: “Blessed is he who hath migrated to Akka.” I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that this evanescent one’s purpose hath not been and is not to display knowledge, learning and awareness, but rather it is offered for the sake of God that heedless souls may not become the cause of people’s veiling as they have done before. These indeed are the holy lands mentioned in the Qur’an and previous Books.

Section 3: “The Lord shall roar from Zion and utter…”

The Lord shall roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem, and the shepherds’ pastures shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. And this Carmel lieth opposite to ʿAkka and in former Books was known as God’s Vineyard, and mention thereof hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily some have attained unto it, and it is among those assured matters whereon the Tabernacle of Glory must needs be raised—and praise be to God, it hath been raised—and from Zion the Euphrates of inner meanings hath flowed, despite those who cast justice aside and took up oppression.

The greatness of this Revelation is such that David, in speaking of it, declares:

> “Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His name.”

Now this blessed verse must needs be deeply pondered. Today all trees are enraptured, and rocks and stones are stirred and moved, and the mountains are in greatest joy at His passing, for the promised Hour is come and the hidden Secret is unveiled. Were this exalted Word to be removed from the Holy Books, no other utterance would remain, and no mention would be found. But this utterance is for those possessed of insight and understanding, not for every vain person who follows delusions and idle fancies.

Today the Sun of certitude has dawned. A new day it is, and new are these times that can in no wise be compared with aught else. Yet eyes are diseased and dimmed, and ears are stopped up. I beseech God to grant joy and not deprive creation of this greatest gladness. And likewise He says: “Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence.”

Were this servant to cite all the verses from previous Books and the utterances revealed therein, the readers would surely grow weary from the length of discourse. Therefore have I firmly resolved to be

most brief, and I implore those souls that are assured, content and well-pleasing to make mention of me, that perchance through their prayers and remembrance I may fulfill that which I am commanded and not fail in serving the friends of God.

Alas! Alas! Though this Cause is of such magnitude, and though its manifest power and overwhelming might have encompassed the world, yet the people remain veiled from beholding it and heedless of its recognition. He is the Almighty One of Whom the prophet Amos spoke, saying:

> "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is His name."

By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal! In this mighty verse are hidden mighty mysteries, for it gives tidings of the year eighty and likewise of the false dawn which He, the God of hosts, will darken, and of His treading upon the high places of the earth—an allusion to the journey to the great City and these parts.

This servant is astonished at what the people were content with before, and what they are content with now. If they seek verses, these have filled the horizons, and if they desire proofs, it is for the servant to establish and demonstrate them. I swear by the Self of God—may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdoms of Command and Creation be sacrificed for His sake—that mighty and wondrous things have appeared in this Revelation, and whatsoever was to occur in successive years thereafter has been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen beforehand, without any hint or allusion but rather with utmost clarity. Every fair-minded person can detect the fragrance of truth from these submissions, for whatsoever has been and is being stated is supported by clear proof and evidence.

Were this servant to recount them all, the discourse would needs be drawn out to undue length; yet will I, for the sake of God, set down a portion thereof in brief—though it hath been mentioned in divers epistles. And since some part of it, as hath been reported, hath fallen into the hands of the enemies, while some hath remained concealed, therefore doth this servant make repeated mention of it; and its recompense resteth with Him Who created him and fashioned him, and sustained him, and magnified him, and taught him, and guided him, and led him unto His straight path.

When the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the land of Mystery, on a certain day, of a sudden they encompassed the House. To relate the details of that state is neither necessary nor expedient; in brief it may be said: for a time they prevented the people from coming and going. Thereafter, however, diverse parties—who were ascribed to other governments—entered and attained the presence. And at every moment the Tongue of Grandeur uttered words whereof the tongues of the world are powerless to tell. The consuls of the governments, outwardly and in appearance, arose to render assistance and stood before Him; yet God forbade the disclosure of that which they intended.

Afterwards did Hadrat Dhabih—upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious splendour—arrive; and the Supreme Pen began the blessed Surih of Ra'is, which was completed while on the way. And at the sea-port it was read aloud, by His command, unto the appointed officer. This servant will cite a few verses thereof, that perchance the heedless may be awakened, the slumberers aroused, and the dead attain

unto a new life. The matter is in the hands of our Well-Beloved and your Well-Beloved, our Purpose and the Purpose of all that are in the heavens and on the earth. These are His words—exalted be His station, glorified His utterance, and magnified His might:

"In His Name, the All-Glorious!

"Hearken, O Chief, to the voice of God, the Sovereign, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He, verily, calleth aloud between heaven and earth, summoning all mankind unto the scene of transcendent glory. Neither thy grunting, nor the barking of those around thee, nor the opposition of the hosts of the world can withhold the Almighty from achieving His purpose. The whole world hath been set ablaze by the Word of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, a Word softer than the morning breeze. It hath been manifested in the form of the human temple, and through it God hath quickened the souls of the sincere among His servants. In its inner essence, this Word is the living water by which God hath purified the hearts of such as have turned unto Him and forgotten every other mention, and through which He draweth them nigh unto the seat of His mighty Name….

"Thou hast, O Chief, committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the most sublime Paradise. The world hath made thee proud, so much so that thou hast turned away from the Face through whose brightness the Concourse on high hath been illumined. Soon thou shalt find thyself in manifest loss! Thou didst conspire with the Persian Ambassador to harm Me, though I had come unto you from the source of majesty and grandeur with a Revelation that hath solaced the eyes of the favoured ones of God…" until He saith: "Hast thou imagined thyself capable of extinguishing the fire which God hath kindled in the heart of creation? Nay, by Him Who is the Eternal Truth, couldst thou but know it.

Rather, on account of what thy hands have wrought, it blazed higher and burned more fiercely. Erelong will it encompass the earth and all that dwell therein. Thus hath it been decreed by God, and the powers of earth and heaven are unable to thwart His purpose. The day is approaching when the Land of Mystery [Adrianople] and what is beside it shall be changed, and shall pass out of the hands of the King, and commotions shall appear, and the voice of lamentation shall be raised, and the evidences of mischief shall be revealed on all sides, and confusion shall spread by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The course of things shall be altered, and conditions shall wax so grievous, that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow out of all things. Then wilt thou behold the people in sore distress." End.

O World! Dost thou possess the power of hearing, that thou mayest hear? Dost thou possess sight, that thou mayest see? In most wondrous and clear utterance hath the Beloved of all creation spoken. The meaning of the Land of Mystery (Ard-i-Sirr) is Adrianople, which before the Most Great Prison was the seat of the Throne of that land, and its numerical value corresponds to that of 'Mystery.' He saith: The Land of Mystery shall be changed, and what surroundeth it. It shall pass out of the hands of kings, earthquakes shall appear, and lamentations and wailing shall be raised. Corruption shall be manifest in all regions and affairs shall be disordered. All these calamities are due to the tribulations inflicted upon these captives by the hosts of the oppressors.

All these things were manifestly witnessed, and no fair-minded, truthful, or just person hath denied or will deny them. He further saith: And the government shall change—meaning the first ruler shall depart and another ruler shall be seated in his place, as was witnessed. He further saith: The matter shall become severe—so severe that the sand in the hills and mountains and the trees in the mountains shall weep, and blood shall flow from all things, for that which was inflicted upon the Truth such as hath never been inflicted upon any other. Then He saith: Thou shalt see the people in great agitation.

By God's life! Agitation had encompassed all. The Muslim forces would descend upon Christian villages, depriving men and women, young and old, of life, and then burn their homes and possessions. The Christians would do exactly the same to the Muslims. Terror had seized all and agitation had encompassed everyone. One traveler wrote that passing through a certain place, he observed three hundred corpses piled up within twenty paces. The horror of that sight shall never fade from memory. In brief, all have heard of that upheaval and know of it, and nothing like it had ever been witnessed in any age. The newspapers reported things that the mind refuses to accept. Now the people of Bayan must reflect and know with absolute certainty that whatsoever came to pass had been revealed word for word beforehand by the Supreme Pen. Glory be to Him Who giveth life to the bones when they are rotted away! And glory be to Him Who informed all beforehand, and He is the All-Knowing!

But O Beloved of my heart and He Who is mentioned in my soul! All that hath been mentioned is a great glad-tiding for the friends, the chosen ones, the firm ones, and the fair-minded ones. However, it increaseth naught but loss for the oppressors, for the deaf are deprived of the cooing of the Dove of the Cause, and the blind are forbidden from the lights of the Supreme Horizon.

Likewise, exalted be His mention, universal be His grace, and magnificent be His favor, He saith in the Surih of the Temple, addressing the King of Paris, glorified be His majesty:

> "Say: O King of Paris! Tell the priest not to ring the bells. By God, the True One! The Most Mighty Bell hath appeared in the form of Him Who is the Most Great Name, and the fingers of the Will of Thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, ring it out in the heaven of immortality in His Name, the All-Glorious. Thus have the mighty verses of Thy Lord been again sent down unto thee, that thou mayest arise to remember God, the Creator of earth and heaven, in these days when all the tribes of the earth have mourned, and the foundations of the cities have trembled, and the dust of irreligion hath enwrapped all men, except such as thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, was pleased to spare…"

Until He speaketh, glorified be His majesty: "O King! Hearken unto the Call from this Fire which burneth in this verdant Tree, on this elevated Mount, upon this blessed white Spot beyond the Sea of Eternity: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful…"'

Until He speaketh, exalted be His utterance: "Lo! The Tree of the Mount speaketh in the heart of the world and the Holy Spirit proclaimeth among the nations: 'The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty…"

Until He speaketh, exalted be His glory: "O King! We have heard from thee a word which thou didst speak when the King of Russia asked thee concerning the decree of war. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the

All-Informed. Thou didst say: ʻI was asleep upon my couch when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me.' This We heard and thy Lord beareth witness to what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but thine own passions, for We tested thee and found thee to be wanting. Be discerning in thy words and be thou among the perceptive. We desire not that any word untoward should return unto thee, out of respect for the station We have given thee in this mortal life. We have chosen courtesy and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Us. It is a raiment that befitteth all souls, both the lowly and the exalted. Well is it with him who adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty.

Section 4: "Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou…"

"Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst not have cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behooveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear thou the sighs of this Wronged One and shield Him from the darts of them that act unjustly. For what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and thine empire shall pass from thine hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought.

Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause and followest Him Who is the Spirit in this straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast by this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of them that sleep. It behooveth thee when thou hearest His Voice calling from the seat of glory to cast away all that thou possessest, and cry out: ʻHere am I, O Lord of all that is in heaven and on earth!'

> "O King! We were in Iraq, until the time when the leave of departure came. They brought Us unto the seat of Islam by command. But when We came unto them, there proceeded from certain among the malicious such tribulation as the scrolls cannot recount. Thereat wept the inmates of Paradise, and the dwellers of the holy precincts, but the people are wrapped in a thick veil! Say: Do ye cavil at Him Who hath come unto you with clear proofs and divine testimony, with His evidences and His signs? These are not of his own accord, but from the One Who hath sent Him and commissioned Him with the truth and made Him to be a lamp unto all mankind. More severe became Our plight from day to day, nay, from hour to hour, until they took Us forth from prison and made Us, with manifest injustice, enter the Most Great Prison. And if anyone asked them for what crime were they imprisoned, they would answer and say: Lo, they seek to renew religion!' If the ancient Faith be that which ye choose, wherefore then have ye forsaken that which was set down in the Torah and the Gospel? Be ye clear about this, O people! By My life! There is no place for you to flee this day. If this be My crime, then Muhammad, the Apostle of God, committed it before Me, and before Him, the Spirit, and before Him, the Interlocutor. And if My sin be this, that I have exalted the Word of

> God and revealed His Cause, then indeed am I the greatest of sinners! Such a sin I will not barter for the kingdoms of earth and heaven."

Here follows details of this blessed Tablet: In the Land of Mystery (Constantinople) a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically to the King of Paris. The cause of its revelation was that the King had spoken certain words in a public gathering, saying that "We are not only concerned with managing our own affairs, but rather if any oppressed one in the world should cry out, we will answer and take his right from the oppressors." This was the essence of the words he uttered. And another statement he made in response to the Russian King, when asked "We and you are both of one religion—what caused you to support Islam and unite with it in war?" He replied, "I did not assist Islam, rather the cry of the oppressed ones whose ships you destroyed and sunk in the Black Sea awakened me from sleep, and I arose to remove this oppression."

After hearing these two statements, the Divine Tablet was revealed wherein He says:

> "We heard two statements from you on two occasions, from which the fragrance of justice and fairness was diffused. If His Majesty the King considers himself the helper of the world's oppressed ones, why has he not arisen to help these oppressed ones the like of whom the eye of the world has not seen? This despite their cry being raised from every land for successive years, during which time they have been under the lash of oppression and wrath, such that every person of insight has wept and every person of heart has lamented. How many lands have been dyed with their blood, and in how many cities has their sighing, wailing and weeping been raised!"

In this Tablet, most of the calamities that had befallen were revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen.

After it was sent, for some time no response came. Finally his minister submitted a petition saying:

> "I took your letter with the Foreign Minister to the Emperor's presence and mentioned the details. He took the letter and placed it beside him, but until now no response has appeared from him regarding this matter."

Therefore a second Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Divine Will, and one of the clergy who had attained to recognition offered to translate it into French and send it. God knows best.

This is what He says: "O King! We heard a word that you spoke when the Russian King questioned you about what occurred in the matter of war. You answered: 'I was sleeping in the cradle when I was awakened by the cry of the oppressed servants who were drowned in the Black Sea.' We testify that it was not the cry that awakened you, but rather the desire of self, for We tested and found you to be far removed from the Word." Until He says, exalted be His utterance: "If you had been true to your word, you would not have cast the Book of God behind your back."

Then He says: "By what you have done, affairs in your kingdom will be thrown into confusion, and sovereignty will pass from your hands. Then you will find yourself in manifest loss. Earthquakes will seize

all the tribes there, and from these things there is no escape except that thou arise to assist the Cause and follow the Spirit in this straight path. And likewise He saith:"Hath thy glory made thee vainglorious? By My life! This glory shall not endure, except thou holdest fast to the firm cord of Truth, exalted be His glory." Then He saith: "We behold humiliation hastening after thee, whilst thou art of the heedless"—meaning thou art asleep and unaware.

Now observe how these matters were clearly foretold, though most deemed their occurrence impossible and counted them as unattainable. Thus did someone once ask this servant whether the Emperor of Paris would be deposed, how his sovereignty would be taken from him, and how his glory would vanish, given that he was the foremost among the world's monarchs. This servant replied that he knew not and was unaware, but this much he knew: that whatsoever was revealed from the tongue of Grandeur would all be manifestly realized. Ye see and hear it.

In any case, the servant's purpose in mentioning these things is that every group might become aware of the verses and clear proofs of Truth, and know with absolute certainty that whatsoever appeared later had been revealed beforehand by the Supreme Pen. As the Tablets to the Kings revealed in the Surih of the Temple, and likewise the Tablet of Ra'is, were in the possession of most several years before their occurrence, mention is made of them. Otherwise, were this servant to recount the manifest verses and clear evidences, numerous volumes would be required, and perchance some might hesitate to accept them.

In any case, I beseech all to behold the Truth with the eye of Truth, for all are commanded thus, and this is unique to this Revelation. The Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake, saith:

> "Behold Him with His own eye. If ye regard Him with the eye of another, ye shall never attain to knowing and recognizing Him."

the ungodly have appeared with such schemes and deceits as have never been seen before, and all these things were foretold. Blessed is he who regardeth the clamor and insinuations and doubts of the people of the world as the buzzing of flies. This great Revelation and mighty Cause—I beseech God to aid His servants in that which beseemeth them.

Today the Furqan proclaimeth in most eloquent utterance:

> "O heedless ones! The Mother Book speaketh, the horizon of certitude is illumined, the proof hath dawned and the evidence is clear. Let not vain imaginings deprive you from the Dayspring of assurance, nor idle fancies withhold you from the Lord of all names."

Such utterances have repeatedly been heard from the Source of verses, and likewise these words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

"Today the Bayan calleth out with utmost loving-kindness and bounty, saying: ʿO My people and My companions! Today the Lord of the seen and unseen is established upon the throne of manifestation, and

the Mother of the Bayan is revealed. Let not your vain imaginings withhold you from the sealed wine, nor deprive you from the Kawthar of certitude."'

And at one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this blessed word:

> "If the eye be fixed upon the greatness of heaven and desire to turn for less than can be reckoned to another direction, it is not worthy to enter this court."

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of meaning and utterance! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Sun of eternity shone forth from the horizon of the world, to protect Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones from the scheming of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and have turned away from what Thou didst command them in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest Thy ignorant servants who have made deceit their weapon and falsehood their refuge and shelter, who utter calumnies against Thee by night and day, whereat the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy glory and majesty have lamented. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Cause to send down upon them that which will acquaint them with Thee and teach them Thy way and what lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Sufficient, the All-Protecting, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O friends of God! Strive that perverse souls may not, as before, afflict helpless people by casting them into the pit of vain imaginings. These are the souls of whom it is said,

> "They have changed God's favor into blasphemy and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition."

These are they who have ever transformed the divine bounty and turned people away from the straight path. In the Dispensation of the Furqan, a few souls, following their selfish desires, strove mightily to lead people astray. In every age such souls have existed and will continue to exist.

In these days certain papers have arrived which, upon examination, clearly show that they have sprung from the essence of rancor and hatred. They have perverted certain divine utterances which constitute the true bounty. The serpent has appeared in new colors, claiming friendship while seeking to hold back the servants from the supreme horizon, deprive them of the ocean of certitude, and summon them to the pool of idle fancy.

Say: O unjust one! Abandon oppression and hold fast to the cord of justice. Where were you when the darkness of tyranny encompassed the world and all were hidden through the dominion of the oppressors?

In the words he has written lies concealed a deadly poison. For instance, at the beginning of his letter he mentions the Most Great Name, writing "In the Name of God, the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious, there is no God but He, say: all shall return unto Him." Glory be to God! He has made God's Name a snare for himself and spread a net, seeking thereby to render the assured ones, the unified ones, and the sincere ones tranquil, and then to make them taste the deadly venom hidden in the fangs of his words. One is amazed at the guile and deceit of such souls.

He who acknowledges these words is freed from mention of the world, the clamor of nations, the sayings of people, and the differences of the peoples, for this is the Day of God wherein nothing else should be mentioned. This is the Day of which He says: "All things shall perish except His face." The people of Baha are today mounted upon crimson ships, and these ships sail on sea and land. Blessed is he who holds fast to them, detached from the world, its mention, and whatsoever is therein.

In any case, after mentioning the Name of God, exalted be His glory—which he imagined to be a trap—the person in question has made certain mentions unworthy of notice, writing of his own ascent to the heights of knowledge in grammar, syntax, rhetoric, exposition, logic, substances and accidents, jurisprudence, principles, peripatetic philosophy, illuminative philosophy, the philosophy of the late Shaykh, and his attendance upon Haji Karim Khan. Through these mentions he has sought to display his excellence, though outwardly he has written that he understood nothing of these sciences. Would that he had spent as much time contemplating His verses with divine insight and pondering the mysteries of divine knowledge and wisdom as he spent writing these words.

The divines of the Dispensation of the Furqan wrote such expressions for twelve hundred years, refuting and proving against each other. What these souls have reaped from the harvest of their words, these souls too shall reap.

In any case, he lies in wait for the friends and loved ones of God, and through means of love and kindness and words that neither nourish nor satisfy, he busies himself with leading helpless people astray, until he professed belief in the Tree of the Bayan and wrote:

> "Whatever I beheld of the words of the Point of the Bayan added perplexity unto my perplexity and opened not the door of recognition unto me."

Not that, God forbid, these words contain no lofty meanings, but rather because, as declared by the Author of the Bayan Himself, this Cause is now in the stage of a seed, and many desire to comprehend manifestly, clearly, evidently and openly from this seed the laws of all things, or to attain unto the conditions pertaining thereunto, save him whom God hath taught the knowledge of all things.

Section 5: "O Concourse of the Bayan and O people…"

O Concourse of the Bayan and O people of the Furqan! The rays of the Sun of Manifestation have encompassed the world, and its effulgences and revelations are manifest and resplendent. The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—hath declared that a one-year-old seed of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than the entirety of the Bayan. This is the Day to which all books, scriptures and psalms have truthfully referred, and of which they have all given glad tidings. All must turn with sanctified vision and ears purified from all mention toward the Supreme Horizon, and hearken to the Call raised from the right hand of the Most Great Throne.

Today, whosoever cleaveth to the Bayan and riseth in opposition is not counted among the people of truth, according to the testimony of the Point of the Bayan, for all matters are contingent upon His approval. The essence of the Bayan is this:

> "He shall not be indicated by any indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan."

After this blessed word, no fair-minded, informed and discerning person knowledgeable of the Bayan would raise objections against the Truth. Have they not heard Him say that the entire Bayan is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise?

It is not known what that heedless ignorant one intended by what he mentioned. If his meaning is that the Bayan is still in the stage of a seed and has not been perfected, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—hath said:

> "From the beginning of this Cause until before the completion of nine existences, creation hath not appeared, and all that thou hast seen from the seed until We clothed it with flesh—then wait until thou beholdest another creation. Say: Blessed be God, the Best of Creators."

Tell that unjust one to observe and reflect upon what hath flowed from the Pen of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of Command and Creation be sacrificed for Him. This is the day of the new creation. This is the Day whereon the tongue of all things uttereth the blessed words "Blessed be God, the Best of Creators." He declareth that the Bayan shall be perfected, and explicitly stateth that before the completion of nine existences creation hath not appeared, and all that hath been seen is from the stage of the seed until it is clothed with flesh—wait until thou beholdest the new creation. Say: Blessed be God, the Best of Creators. This is the station referred to in "and breathed into him of another spirit."

So great is this Revelation that the Primal Point hath declared:

> "It is permitted that He before Whom none on earth is more exalted should be rejected, for all creation is in His grasp and all are submissive unto Him."

None hath comprehended the greatness of this Revelation save whom God willeth. This celestial sphere requireth another Navigator, and this ocean another Diver.

Although all the days of the Manifestations of God and Dawning-places of revelation are, in one sense, referred to as the Day of God, yet these days are adorned with the ornament of distinction, as hath been detailed. All the utterances of the former idolaters have been heard and continue to be heard from the new idolaters in this Revelation; nay rather, they have said that which no idolater had ever said.

O people of the Bayan! Fear God! Object not to God through your idle fancies. He calleth you to the light while you call Him to the fire. Why do ye not understand a single word from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? No one's knowledge hath encompassed this Revelation. All the knowledge of the world is but as a drop, nay, God forgive this limitation, before the ocean of His knowledge.

The Interpreter of the Bayan—may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him—hath declared, exalted and mighty be His Word:

"Verily for you after a time there shall be a Cause which ye shall come to know, and that Day shall be like unto a time, but ye perceive not. That Tree of Sinai shall speak unto you, if ye but hear. Say: This is a

Announcement which none can encompass through knowledge, but on that Day ye shall not know." Thus did He end.

By the testimony of the Bayan and all divine Books, no one hath possessed or possesseth knowledge of this Revelation. Ponder upon the mention of "after a time", that perchance ye may inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, and the wayward may seek the straight path and the mighty Announcement, and may purify themselves from their calumnies through the water of return. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O beloved of my heart! What can the servant submit, what proof can he grasp, what evidence can he manifest? By the life of my Beloved, the very essence of proof is feeble in mentioning this path. Glory be to God from what they have said and continue to say! Throughout ages and centuries these base people have clung to vain imaginings and risen in dispute. At times mention of the Qa'im was cause for contention, at times mention of the guardian, successor, chief and the like. And on the day of His manifestation, the fruit of their discussions, beliefs and deeds was that which they witnessed. What are these images to which they cleave? Would that they had clung to but one word and had uttered it with truth and sincerity. Woe betide them and that which their hands have wrought!

Today no art among arts, no knowledge among knowledges, no name among names, no station among stations, and no book among books can suffice or benefit man except through that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Exalted be His glory:

> "This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and the Mother of the Bayan calleth out, yet the people know not and perceive not. The Prophet is he who hath believed in My Announcement, the Messenger is he who hath delivered My Messages, the Successor is he who hath counseled people regarding that which hath been sent down from My Kingdom of My wondrous commandments and ordinances, and the Guardian is he who hath bidden people to love Me and called them to My straight path."

Thus did He end.

Blessed are they whom the doubts and intimations of the people have not barred from the abode of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. All names are created through His Word. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for Him—sayeth, exalted and mighty be His Word:

> "He createth through His Word whatsoever He willeth, whether a Prophet, Guardian, Saint or Pure One, for all that hath been created are proofs from His presence and envoys from His court… Beware, beware lest in His days thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but created before Him. And beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan… Look not upon Him save through His eyes, for whoso looketh upon Him through His eyes shall attain unto Him, else shall he be veiled. If thou desirest God and His presence, then desire Him and look upon Him."

O possessors of ears! With justice speak ye, though it be in measure less than that testified to by the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all within the realms of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto

Him! Today, should anyone seek to adduce proof from the Bayan or cling unto it, the Bayan itself and whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen would disown him. As was mentioned before, He saith:

> "No reference shall be made unto My signs nor unto that which was mentioned in the Bayan."

Today the Bayan is dependent upon acceptance. Blessed are they who reflect even briefly and observe the fruits of the deeds of the people of the Furqan, that they may free and detach themselves from all such sayings, proofs and objections, and soar in this atmosphere with sanctified and delicate wings. Have they not tired of the calumnies of the Manifestations of self and desire, that they now wish anew to raise disputations, mention traditions, and create acceptance and rejection? Say: With the arm of certitude rend asunder the veils that have hindered.

By the life of our Lord! Today the Speaker of Sinai is manifest and speaking, and the hidden mystery and treasured secret is resplendent. For some time certain followers of the Bayan objected regarding the mention of Divinity, asking why the True One—glorified be His majesty—speaketh with these words, when in all the Holy Books it is said that His Holiness the Self-Subsisting shall in that Day speak the words "Verily I am God." Behold then recall what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an—blessed and exalted be His words: "The Day when thy Lord cometh, or certain of the signs of thy Lord," and "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds," and "Thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank," and similar verses. The Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said: "Ye shall see your Lord as ye see the full moon on the fourteenth night."

The Prophet Isaiah says "The Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Concerning the greatness of that Day, He says: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty." And in another place: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God."

Today, those endowed with vision behold all the atoms of creation in joy and gladness, for that which was promised from time immemorial hath been made manifest. By the life of our Beloved and our Goal! If in any heart there existed love for God even to the extent of a needle's eye, or were it to be illumined with the light of fairness through this utterance—an illumination that would endow the world with the warmth of the love of God—

O people of Baha! Leave these weak ones of the world to themselves, and with enkindled souls, strong hands and feet, penetrating vision, attentive ears, pure hearts and eloquent tongues, speak ye, see ye, and hear ye—despite those who claim to believe in the Bayan yet deny its Revealer, its Manifestor and its Sender. This wilderness mentioned in the blessed verse is the wilderness of Fayha, and this is the Holy Land mentioned in previous Books and the Qur'an. He says the wilderness and the dry lands and the desert waste shall be made glad. And whence comes this joy and gladness and delight? By the life of our Lord! From the advent of the Lord, exalted be His glory. Carmel, previously known in the Holy Books as

the Mountain of God, lies before ʿAkka, and on the other side is Lebanon, and likewise Sharon. Indeed, all divine promises mentioned in the Holy Books of the past and present pertained to these lands.

The Prophet Isaiah further says: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees." He says to make firm the weakened hands and to make steady and straight the trembling knees. "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God."

The essence of his utterance is this: In the Day of Manifestation, suffer not yourselves to be veiled from the blessed Word, "Verily, I am God." Be not shaken; with mighty hands lay hold upon the Book, and with feet firm and steadfast arise to serve the Cause. O friends! Deprive not yourselves, by reason of that which is with the people, or that which is with you, of that which is with God. This is the day of turning toward Him, of acknowledgment and assent, of crying "Yea" and "Here am I." He—exalted be His majesty—saith: "This is not the day of questioning. It behoveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to say: 'Here am I, O King of Names! Here am I, O Desire of all who are in the heavens and on the earths!'" Thus endeth His utterance.

This servant knoweth not what he should set forth, nor wherewith he should occupy himself. He is ashamed before such remembrances. The reason for the delay of these pages is that one day, in His presence, it was submitted before His countenance; whereupon He moved His blessed finger and said: "Verily, thy Lord standeth in need of no proof, no evidence, no demonstration, other than His own Self, O servant in attendance. Whosoever, in the least measure, even as the eye of a needle, hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment, beholdeth all things as proof, evidence, and demonstration. Blessed is the soul that hath cleansed and sanctified itself, with the waters of divine love, from the words and deeds, the intimations and doubts, of them that have turned aside, and hath fixed its gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon alone. Such a one is of the people of Baha; and whosoever is withheld therefrom, he, verily, is in manifest error." Thus endeth His utterance.

And on another occasion this most exalted Word was heard from the King of Names. He said: "O servant in attendance! The Pen of the Most High proclaimeth with the loudest voice: O people of the Qur'an, O people of the Bayan, and O followers of all religions! This day is the Day of God. The True One Himself hath appeared, and in the establishment of His Cause He hath never stood, nor doth He now stand, in need of any beside Him. If they regard verses as proof, then the equivalent of all the divine Books of the past and of the future—nay, more than these—hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. And if they seek clear testimonies, let them ponder the revealed Surihs, that they may become aware and may drink from the ocean of divine knowledge. O servant in attendance! This day, until they pass beyond the gulf of names, they shall neither enter nor attain unto the Most Great Ocean. This, verily, is the truth, whereof there is no doubt." Thus endeth His utterance.

Section 6: "This evanescent servant addresseth himself to all, saying…"

This evanescent servant addresseth himself to all, saying: Spend not your days in unseemly objections, unworthy words, and deeds displeasing unto God. The Cause is exceedingly precious, and in the sight of God is higher and dearer than all things. How great the pity that so priceless a thing should be expended upon selfish desires and idle imaginings that neither nourish nor avail! Glory be to God! The man of

Kirman mentioned those sciences only for the sake of vainglory, heedless that, from each one of the things he hath written, the heart must be purified for years ere it can turn unto the True One.

O learned one! If there be in thee an ear, then hear. The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—saith: "Shouldst thou recite one verse of the verses of Him Whom God shall make manifest, it would be more precious in the sight of God than that thou shouldst transcribe the whole Bayan; for on that Day that one verse shall save thee, while the whole Bayan shall not save thee."

And if, again, an ear be found in thee, hearken unto this word of the Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice. His saying—mighty and glorious is He—is this: "Verily, I am a believer in Him, and in His religion, and in His Book, and in His proofs, and in His ways, and in whatsoever shall appear from Him; in all this do I glory in my relation unto Him, and am ennobled by my faith in Him."

And yet again, if an ear be found in thee, hear, for God's sake; hear in truth; hear with fairness; hear with an attentive ear. His saying—mighty and glorious is He—is this: "O all things in the Bayan! Ye shall surely know the limit of your own selves; for the very Point of the Bayan believeth in Him Whom God shall make manifest before all things, and verily in this do I glory over all who are in the kingdom of the heavens and the earth." And His saying—mighty and glorious is He—is this: "Suffer not yourselves to be veiled from God after His manifestation; for whatsoever hath exalted the Bayan is but as a ring upon My hand, and I Myself am but a ring upon the hand of Him Whom God shall make manifest."

And His saying—exalted be His remembrance—is this: "Verily thou, and the numbers of the first Unity, and all that God—glorified be His majesty—reckoneth, God hath made only as a ring upon the hand of Him Whom God shall make manifest—exalted be His remembrance. He turneth it as He willeth; verily He is the Help in Peril, the Most High." And His saying—exalted be His station—is this: "He maketh whatsoever is upon the earth to be prophets, that they may indeed be prophets in the sight of God." And His saying—blessed and exalted is He—is this: "When the Day of the Manifestation of Him Whom God shall make manifest arriveth, all who are upon the earth shall be equal before Him.

Whomsoever He maketh a prophet, he hath been a prophet from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, for this is that which God hath ordained. And whomsoever He maketh a saint, such a one hath been a saint in all the worlds, for this is that which God hath ordained."

Glory be to God, in view of the counsels of the true Ordainer, and of the heedlessness of us servants! No counsel is there but He hath mentioned it; no providential measure is there but He hath revealed it. He hath uttered such words that every possessor of sight and every possessor of heart must lament and weep; for from His words there appeareth world upon world of sorrow, and from His utterance world upon world of grief and anguish. His saying—glorified be His majesty—is this: "His likeness—exalted be His remembrance—is as the sun. Were mirrors without end to face it, all would reflect the radiance of the sun according to their measure; and though none should face it, the sun would still rise and set, the veil belonging only to the mirrors.

Verily, I have not fallen short in My counsel to this creation, nor in My providence for their turning unto God upon the earth. Then would My inmost being rejoice, should all attain unto the summit of their existence, and reach the countenance of their Beloved, and apprehend all that can possibly be

apprehended, within the realm of possibility, of the effulgence of their Desired One. Otherwise My heart is saddened, for I have nurtured all things for this very end; how, then, should any one be veiled therefrom? For this have I called upon God, and for this shall I call upon Him; verily He is nigh, the Answerer."

Notwithstanding the providential measures of that true Ordainer, and utterances which would cleave the heart of the mountain, this people remain fixed and established in their ancient error—save whomsoever thy Lord willeth.

O ye gentlemen, and O friends of God! Hear with the ear of the soul the lamentations of His Holiness the Point, and likewise the mysteries of His Book; and ponder the manifestations of His providence, His tests, and His trials. My spirit be a sacrifice to His loving-kindness, to His remembrance, to His providence, to His counsel, and to His testing! He saith that the Bayan and whatsoever hath been revealed therein should not be made the standard for recognizing that Sun of Truth. He saith: "He is not known by My intimations"; that is, He is not known by an allusion from Me, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan. And in another place, in words of warning, He admonisheth, saying: "Beware, beware, lest thou be veiled by the Letters of the Bayan." And the Letters of the Bayan are in the station of the Imams of old, even as His Holiness Himself saith in the Persian Bayan; nay, He saith that the bodies of these Letters are in the station of the spirits of the former Imams. Yet, notwithstanding this, He saith: Be not veiled by these Letters from that Sun of Reality. And again and again, with words of warning, He saith: Be not veiled from Him by the verses revealed in the Bayan.

By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings! In divers stations these utterances flowed from His blessed Pen, even as some of them have been mentioned; and they shall come before the gaze of the friends of the True One, and they shall attain unto them. Yet, notwithstanding all these testaments, remembrances, and utterances, He tested all by the mention of one word: Mustaghath. The word Mustaghath is of the Bayan; and He saith that by the whole Bayan they should not be veiled from Him. By this slight test He beheld all brought to a standstill. At this moment it was as though the Herald of Grandeur, from the horizon of the kingdom of the Bayan of the All-Merciful, proclaimed with the loudest voice and said: "Now hath the truth been made manifest, and the falsehood of them that claim belief in the Bayan, yet disbelieve in Him Who revealed and sent it down, hath appeared."

Would that they had contented themselves with hesitation! Some, with the shafts of opposition; some, with the spears of denial; and some, with unsheathed swords, have striven—and still strive—to cut down the blessed Tree. Even as the Revealer of the Bayan hath announced with the utmost explicitness, saying that they would not consent even to the name "believer" being applied to that Tree which is neither of the East nor of the West; for, were they to consent thereto, they would not bring sorrow upon Him. In sum, since the mention of these matters is the dawning-place of grief, this evanescent one doth not venture to disclose more than this.

Glory be to God! All have become deluded, bewildered, and tested by a single word, Mustaghath, though this matter too He hath mentioned, and attachment to it also He hath forbidden. His saying—exalted is He—is this: "None knoweth the time of the Manifestation save God. Whenever He shall appear, all must

acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God." This is the truth, whereof there is no doubt.

This day the books of the world do not become a veil, nor do they hinder; and all are dependent upon, and attached unto, the Word of the True One—glorified be His majesty. O possessors of ears! Hearken unto the Call of the Desire of the worlds, Who from the beginning of the Cause until this moment hath proclaimed, and still proclaimeth, before the faces of all mankind. In one of the Tablets this most exalted Word hath appeared from the Cleaver of the Morn—His bounty encompasseth all. His saying is this: "Today is the day of sight, for the Most Exalted Horizon is resplendent; and it is the day of hearing, for the Call of God is raised at every moment." Thus endeth His utterance.

O friends! What, think ye, have the heedless souls imagined? If they remain deprived of the kingdom of the verses of God and of the heaven of the Lordly Manifestation, with what matter do they console themselves, and by what do they account themselves believers? This day, by the explicit testimony of all the Books, whosoever turneth his gaze toward aught save the True One, alone and incomparable, hath been, and shall be, numbered with the people of error. To this bear witness the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

They have clung to calumnies at which man standeth amazed. Among these is that they have attributed to His Holiness the Name of God, Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Javad-i-Karbila'i—upon him be the Most Glorious Baha—hesitation in this Cause, or, God forbid, denial thereof. The petitions and letters which he wrote in his own hand and dispatched to the Most Holy Court are extant—some from the direction of the land of Ta, and some from the quarter of Ya and Kha—and a number are aware of them. In one letter he made detailed mention of the deluded ones, from the chief among them and others. God is witness and testifieth that this is set forth in truthfulness. The True One neither hath been, nor is, in need of such mention. Were we to turn our attention to these matters, and to such kinds of references, numerous volumes would come into being, and in each a whole world would be unfolded.

At one time these words were sent down from the Manifestation of clear tokens—His majesty be glorified and His station magnified. His saying is this: "O servant in attendance! One sacrifice was found in the world, and from that day until this hour the tongues of created things and the books that exist have spoken of his remembrance and have borne witness to the loftiness of his station. And We, in every place, sent forth a sacrifice; and none of them returned alive from the altar of the Friend. Each, with utmost longing and ardor, freely offered the crown of life at the feet of the Beloved of the world of existence." Thus endeth His utterance.

Among them was the beloved of the martyrs, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Isma'il of Zavarih—upon him be the Most Glorious Baha—who, with his own hand, sacrificed himself while turning toward the House. Though this deed outwardly appeareth disapproved, yet the love of God so seized him that from every vein of his veins there shone forth and blazed the flame of fire. Likewise His Holiness Aba-Basir and Aqa Siyyid Ashraf—upon them be the Baha and loving-kindness of God—arose from the horizon of the House in the name of the True One, glorified be His majesty, and, without veil or concealment, made mention of the Beloved of all horizons. The polytheists seized them both and first cast them into prison. They summoned the mother of Ashraf, that she might counsel her son and perchance change his devotion, or else induce

him to conceal his matter. But that steadfast, firm, and upright handmaid, after entering the prison, said: "O my son! Be steadfast in the Cause of God. Beware lest thou fear, or be dismayed by the ascendancy of the polytheists." In sum, he and Aba-Basir both expended their souls, with the utmost joy and fragrance, in the path of the Friend.

Consider also Jinab-i-Najaf-'Ali—upon him be the Baha of God. When they were leading him to the altar of the Friend, he was reciting this verse: "We have found Baha and the price of blood." Again and again he recited this verse until he attained unto martyrdom.

O gentlemen! Hearken unto the story of Badi'. In truth, from every one of his movements the tokens of divine power and the majesty of the Eternal shone forth and were made manifest. He arrived in the earliest days of the Most Great Prison, at the time when the seat of the Throne was in the military barracks. For two days they summoned him to the special chamber. The door was closed, and no one was present before His face save him; nor was anyone aware what the purpose might be, until it was said: "The True One hath willed a new creation," while Badi' himself was unaware. In one place this Most Exalted Word was revealed by the Pen of the Most High in one of the Tablets—exalted be His utterance: "We began the creation of Badi'; and when his creation was completed and his character made pleasing, We sent him forth as a ball of fire," and so forth to the end of His saying—exalted is He.

Afterwards he was dismissed. Jinab-i-Amin—upon him be the Baha of God—had, in obedience to the command, set out for his homeland with the Tablet to His Majesty the Sultan. At the seaport, His Holiness Badi' learned of the Tablet and entreated that he might be its bearer. Thereafter all heard what came to pass. A single person, without weapon and without implements, wearing nothing but a shirt of coarse cotton, through the power and might of God, raised the Tablet before the Sultan and said: "I have come unto thee from the Most Great Sheba with a mighty Book"—or words to that effect. I ask for fairness: this one soul stood before the whole world. In sum, it is no wonder for the power of God that He should raise up the world of power within a man. He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Ordainer over whatsoever He desireth.

Say: O ye unjust ones! Ye held the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs to be a proof and evidence of the supreme truth of the chosen Messenger—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—and likewise ye reckoned the sacrifice of Ishmael as a sign of the loftiness of his station and of that of the Friend of God. Now reflect upon these souls who offered themselves. By the life of my Beloved, Who is the Beloved of the world, and of my Desired One, Who is the Desired of the nations! Jinab-i-Badi' appeared with such power and assurance that trembling and agitation entered the pillars of the outward world. Assuredly all have heard this, and the just do not deny it. After a few days, that holy temple was subjected to the utmost torment and torture, yet with perfect steadfastness continued to remember and speak of the Friend. This matter became the cause of the bewilderment of all, to such a degree that, while he was afflicted between the hands of the executioners, in chains and fetters, they took his photograph; and one copy of it some sent to the Most Holy Court, and it existeth now.

Section 7: “In sum, reflect upon these matters, which have…”

In sum, reflect upon these matters, which have neither likeness nor peer. This evanescent one knoweth not which sacrifice he should mention. The father of Jinab-i-Badi‘—upon him be the Baha of God—was seized in the land of Kha. Whatsoever His Highness the prince and the other people desired, that he should conceal his faith so that they might protect him from the tumult of the divines, he accepted not, and said: “These are the last days of my life, and martyrdom is sweeter and more delectable than every honey.” And he attained thereunto.

Likewise the sacrifice of the land of N. R. in the land of Ta—he who was named Mirza Mustafa, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha—and the souls who were with him, with the utmost steadfastness and the highest degree of resignation, turned toward the scene of sacrifice and offered the crown of life at the feet of the Lord of Names and Attributes. These are souls who freely offered up their lives. Take heed, O possessors of insight!

Now it is better that we turn to the land of Sad, and reflect upon His Holiness the King of Martyrs and the Beloved of Martyrs, and upon the severance of those two sanctified souls from all else but God, and judge with fairness. Whatever they desired of them, that they should conceal themselves or utter a word of recantation, they accepted not. With the utmost longing and ardor they set their faces toward the Supreme Homeland. Thereafter the Tablet of Burhan was sent down from the heaven of the command of the All-Merciful, and concerning those two souls—that is, the Wolf and the She-Serpent—there was revealed that from which every just soul may perceive the fragrance of the power and knowledge of God. His saying—blessed and exalted is He—is this: “He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The winds of hatred have encompassed the Ark of Batha…” and so forth.

O possessors of sight! Ponder a little, that haply ye may taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and deliver yourselves from the wilderness of ignorance and folly. The purpose of mentioning proofs, demonstrations, verses, and clear tokens is that perchance closed doors may be opened and broken covenants be renewed. That which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High concerning the She-Serpent and the Wolf came to pass, and all beheld it. This servant is bewildered: hath understanding utterly ceased, or hath fairness become as the phoenix? What hath happened, that the intoxication of heedlessness hath encompassed all? What hath hindered the taste, and what hath befallen the sense of smell? These things are naught but the recompense of deeds. I beseech God that He may graciously confer His aid.

O Lord! O Bountiful One! O Merciful One! What ingratitude hath appeared from Thy servants, that they have remained deprived of the waves of the ocean of mercy, and have been debarred from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Manifestation! O my God! Conceal, by Thy name the Concealer, the deeds of the ignorant. Thou art that Bountiful One Whose forgiveness the sins of sinners have not hindered, and Whose door of grace their transgressions have not shut. One letter from the book of Thy generosity became the cause of existence, and one drop from the ocean of Thy mercy became the capital of the seen and the unseen. In the utmost helplessness, ignorance, poverty, and weakness, we beseech the wonders of Thy grace; to its cord do we cling, and to its hem do we cleave. O Thou Who coverest faults!

Cover our trespasses and adorn us with the robe of Thy most great pardon. Thou art that Almighty One Who, through a single act of will, makest the powerless to be dawning-places of might and the weak to be sources of authority. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed; and Thou art the Mighty, the Wise; and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Munificent, the Bountiful.

Reflect upon another sacrifice of the land of Sad, His Holiness Kazim: that sacrifice whose self-offering illumined all horizons, and whose enkindlement imparted heat to the whole creation. He offered up his life in the path of the Friend in such wise that the Concourse on high was amazed at his steadfastness, severance, and self-sacrifice. Passing beyond him, the new sacrifice bewildered the world, and the atoms of created things bore witness to his devotion, submission, resignation, fidelity, and steadfastness.

That revered one, who dwelt in the land of Mim and was known as Mulla ʻAli-Jan, upraised the banner of divine unity in that land and was so enkindled with the heat of the love of God that he set others aflame, until the people of schism and hypocrisy broke the Covenant of God and plotted against that wronged one. Whatever he possessed was plundered; thereafter that sanctified being, together with a number of his relatives, was brought in chains and fetters to the land of Ta and sent before ʻAli Kandi. By a thousand devices and wiles they sought to break the Covenant of God and efface His Testament. But that horseman of the arena of truth and proof had closed his eyes to all else save God; he had no helper, no object, no remembrance save the mention of the Friend, the meeting with the Friend, and nearness unto the Friend. In sum, the opposers and the polytheists attained not their desire; that is, no word of denial was heard from that mine of affirmation, until he attained unto his own desire.

After the ascension of that purified spirit and the soaring of that essence of humanity, two visitations were sent down for him from the heaven of bounties and loving-kindness by the Pen of the Most High—may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation be His sacrifice. One of the two is here mentioned, that haply the fragrance of justice and fairness may be diffused, and that men may not move, as in former centuries and ages, according to vain imaginings, nor cleave to idle suppositions. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth; He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praised.

He is the Consoler from His Most Exalted Horizon.

The first light that appeared, shone forth, gleamed, and flashed from the morn of inner meanings be upon thee, O rustling of the Sidrat al-Muntaha in the kingdom of names, and O sign of the Manifestation in the world of creation. I bear witness, O master of the servants and light of the lands, that thou wast the dawning-place of concord in the horizons, and that through thy steadfastness the limbs of the people of hypocrisy trembled—those who broke the Covenant and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Meeting.

Through thee was the banner of truth planted among the people; through thee His verses appeared, His ordinances were spread abroad, and His clear proofs were made manifest. Blessed is he who turneth toward thee, findeth companionship with thee, visiteth thy grave, inhaleth from thee the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, circumambulateth about thee, attaineth unto thy presence, and uttereth thy remembrance.

Through thee the standard of divine unity was raised above the banner in the world, and the light of the Ancient of Days shone forth among the nations. Through thy humility necks were humbled, and through

thy turning faces were directed toward the Face of God, the Lord of lords. Thou art he who wast the interpreter of the Tablet of God, the expounder of His verses, the bearer of His trusts, the dawning-place of His mysteries, the treasury of the pearls of His knowledge, the dayspring of the manifestation of His lights, the fountainhead of the Euphrates of His mercy, the source of His traces, and the throne whereon the temple of His commandments was established.

I bear witness that through thy arising the sincere arose, through thy call the slumberers awakened, through thy turning the near ones turned, and through thee they who confessed the unity of God hastened. Through thee the Book appeared and the decisive Word was distinguished; and thou art the herald proclaiming the name of thy Lord in the place of return. I bear witness that in thy days the gate of meeting was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven, and from the clouds of bounty the rains of grace and bestowal poured down.

Blessed art thou, O joy of the chosen ones and heart's blood of the friends! Thou art he through whose blood God adorned the outward face of the earth, and through whose body He adorned its inward reality. Blessed art thou, O pillar of faith and dawning-place of recognition! Thou art he before whose remembrance all remembrances were humbled, and before the manifestation of whose name all names were abased.

Ah, ah! O Most Distant Goal, and O Name of God, Lord of the Throne and of the dust! What befell thee at the hands of the princes and the divines! By God! Through thy calamity the very essence of joy wailed before the Face of the Manifestation, and the dove of sorrows cooed upon the branches. Through that which befell thee, the sighs of them that are nigh unto God ascended, and the tears of them who confess His unity descended.

Thou seest and knowest, O God of the unseen and Sovereign of the seen, that the earth is stained with the blood of Thy chosen ones and Thy friends, and that there was for them no mother to bewail them, nor any companion to console their children and their wives. There befell them in the land of Ta that whereat the Concourse on high lamented.

Thou hast seen, O my God, Thy servant 'Ali cast upon the dust—he who was drawn by the breaths of Thy revelation, moved by Thy will, and enkindled with the fire of Thy love in such wise that every possessor of hearing heard, from every vein of his veins, the verses of Thy love and the mysteries of Thy guardianship. He strove in Thy path as beseemeth the struggle, and arose to serve Thee as beseemeth the arising, until he was reddened with blood before the face of the world and offered up his spirit out of longing for Thy meeting and Thy presence, O Lord of eternity.

Thereupon the Maid of Baha lamented in the Supreme Paradise, and so too the inmates of the Most Exalted Garden and the pavilion of glory in the kingdom of names. And there was none, O my God, to bear him to his resting-place, the station which Thou hadst ordained for him by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Scroll. Two of Thy handmaids bore him—those who tasted the sweetness of Thy service in Thy days and recognized that whereof most of Thy men and Thy servants were heedless.

O Lord! Bless them both in Thy Kingdom of might; then ordain for them that whereby the sincere may inhale the fragrance of Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness. O my God, and God of the names, my Creator

and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by his noble blood, by his arising for Thy Cause, by his steadfastness in Thy service, and by his offering up his spirit in Thy path, to forgive me, my parents, and whosoever hath believed in Thee and turned unto Thee. Then I beseech Thee to make me firm in Thy Cause, steadfast in Thy love, known by Thy name, and rich through Thy riches. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Ruler over all that hath been and all that shall be.

O gentlemen! For the sake of God, speak ye; and for the sake of God, hearken ye. In former times they would mention the martyrdom of His Holiness the Prince of Martyrs—upon him be the peace of God—as the mightiest proof and the greatest testimony for the Cause of His Holiness the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—even as hath already been set forth. Yet now these enkindled, assured, well-pleased, and pleasing souls, who on the wings of severance soared unto the seat of sacrifice and freely offered up their lives in the path of the Beloved of the world of existence, have not come within the sight of the heedless and the polytheists. Their vain desires have veiled them, and their idle imaginings have covered them over. By the life of God! The martyrdom of each one of the aforementioned souls is a most great proof and a demonstration most perfect and complete. Yet the True One—glorified be His majesty—hath spoken, in establishing His blessed Cause, of naught save that which hath been sent down from Him and hath appeared from His presence.

O possessors of understanding! Ponder that which, in the eighth chapter of the sixth Vahid, flowed from the Pen of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice. His saying—exalted is He—is this: "It hath been commanded that once in every nineteen days they should gaze upon this chapter, that perchance, in the Manifestation of Him Whom God shall make manifest, they may not be veiled by matters below the station of verses, which have been, and are, the greatest proofs and demonstrations."

In this chapter He saith—blessed and exalted is He: "After the setting of the Sun of Truth, it is impossible that a verse should appear from any other than Him, according to the mode of innate nature and power, without learning and without such means as are conceived among the people of knowledge. Notwithstanding this impossibility, that none save Him Whom God shall make manifest can claim this Cause, it hath been ordained in the Bayan that, should a soul make a claim and verses appear from him, none should oppose him, lest haply sorrow be brought upon that Sun of Truth."

And He continueth—mighty and glorious is His utterance: "If ye hear of such a matter and do not become assured, engage not in any action that would become a cause of sorrow unto Him, even should he in reality be other than He; though this is a conception impossible. Yet the very fact that he hath mentioned His Name rendereth it remote from the lovers of Him that they should sadden him, out of reverence for His Name. For the matter cannot pass beyond two alternatives: either it is He—and yet it is not possible that any other than He should reveal verses according to the mode of innate nature—wherefore should any soul deny the Truth, while night and day he hath wrought in expectation of Him? Or, supposing the impossible, should someone attribute himself thereto, leave his judgment unto God. It is not for the creatures to pass sentence upon him, in honor of the Name of their Beloved; though there is no such soul as could claim such a station. If such a soul appeared in the Qur'anic dispensation, he will appear also in this dispensation.

Section 8: “His verses are, in themselves, the proof…”

“His verses are, in themselves, the proof of the radiance of the Sun of His existence; and the impotence of all is the proof of their poverty and need before Him. The purpose of this command is that, perchance, in the Day of the Manifestation of the True One, their feet may not slip upon the Sirat, nor, by reason of a phantom existing in their hearts, may they pronounce, on account of one verse, a judgment upon the Fashioner of their existence, whereby in a single instant their entire being and all their deeds would be rendered void, while they themselves would remain unaware.

“If all obey this one command, it is incumbent upon God to make the Truth manifest unto them, and to cast proof and evidence into their hearts through the outward proofs that shine forth from Him, so that they may be able to express certainty concerning Him, while concerning any other than Him they may express suspension of judgment; for suspension of judgment is fitting concerning any other than the Truth. Sufficient for all the people of the Bayan, if they act according to this command, is their salvation in the Day of Resurrection. For that is the Day wherein all who are upon the illumined earth shall say, in their hearts, concerning the Sun of Truth: ‘Verily we are acting for God.’ But the sincere are those servants who look unto the Fashioner of the verses through God, mighty and glorious is He—that Sun of Truth Whose verses, which are His radiance, separate all things one from another. This is the proof of God, which hath been perfected for you. O servants of God, fear ye Me.”

O possessors of insight! Gaze upon this utterance of the All-Merciful, whose fragrance hath encompassed the world, and whose purpose is manifest, resplendent, and plain. In very truth, this chapter is a firm buckler and a strong coat of mail for the protection of the Desire of all the worlds. O people of the Bayan! Be ashamed, and ponder awhile. His verses have encompassed the world; all the atoms of created things have borne, and do still bear, witness to His greatness. Fear ye God—glorified be His majesty—and make not, through selfish designs, the provisions and utterances of the Herald to be forsaken and cast aside.

His Holiness the Desired One—may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation be His sacrifice—hath dispensed with your aid, your acknowledgment, and your faith. This, in truth, do I mention, for it hath been heard from the blessed Tongue: Turn, if ye will, toward whatsoever gate ye desire; drink, if ye wish, from whatsoever cup ye choose; and go whithersoever and in whatever direction ye are inclined. But leave this Wronged One, with these shining verses and these clear proofs, and with His arising before His enemies, to Himself. Abandon craft, deceit, guile, and fraud.

This evanescent one saith: Engage, with perfect assurance, in whatsoever purposes ye have willed; He will in no wise oppose you, “though ye should take unto yourselves at every moment a lord beside God.” But commit not a deed whereby the liver of the Primal Point should be consumed, and the eyes of Grandeur should weep. Let them read one Surih from among the revealed Surihs together with the Bayan and all the Books of God, that there may be made manifest unto you that whereof ye have been heedless. Know, with manifest certitude, and bear witness unto that whereunto the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all in the realm of possibility be His sacrifice—hath borne witness. He saith that the whole Bayan cannot equal a single verse from Him. This is the truth, whereof there is no doubt.

As for the person to whom ye have clung, by the life of my Desired One, Who is the Desire of all who are in earth and heaven, ye have not known, nor do ye now know, the reality of his affair. This servant, moreover, is forbidden to mention him—perchance its time may come. Would that the sun of permission might shine forth from the Most Exalted Horizon, that this servant could set forth what he knoweth! The Pen is bewildered, the ink is bewildered, the world is bewildered. What hath happened, that they busy themselves with the buzzing of a fly and turn away from the Lord of lords? They have broken the Covenant of God and withdrawn their gaze from His Testament.

Were a soul to ponder the lowliness and humility of the Point of the Bayan before the manifestation of this Name, he would bear witness to that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High. By the Sun of Truth! So submissive and humble was He that the Pen of the Most High is powerless to recount it.

How fitting it is to mention in this connection a matter which at this moment hath occurred to this evanescent one. In the days when His Holiness the son of Zacharias appeared, occupied himself with the baptismal washing, journeyed in the wilderness, and announced the glad-tidings, saying, “Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” he declared: Repent and turn ye unto God, for the Kingdom of God hath drawn nigh. “I baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear.” He gave the people the glad-tidings of the manifestation of His Holiness the Spirit, and said: He is mightier, and I am not worthy to carry His shoes.

Yet His Holiness the Spirit and he were living in one and the same day. But since the Cause of His Holiness the Spirit was, in that day, concealed, he saith, “He that cometh after me,” that is, He Who shall manifest Himself after me. And thereafter it is said: “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? And Jesus answered and said unto him: Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.”

Jesus is His Holiness Christ, and John is the son of Zacharias. In the Books he is called John the Baptist, for the baptismal washing was among his ordinances; and at present this rite is current and recognized among the Christians, and they act according to it. In brief, the fragrance of these days was diffused in those days, even as His Holiness the Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—completed the whole Bayan with the glad-tidings of this Manifestation. By the life of God! Were a soul, with justice and fairness, to inhale one by one the words of the Bayan, he would find from them naught but the fragrance of love for this Manifestation. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and just soul; yet most of the people are of them that deny.

O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the words of this servant, and, with perfect assurance, putting your trust in God, enter upon the Path. Caution in this day is accounted among the greatest of sins, and hath been, and shall be, in the Fire. To this the Pen of the Primal Point hath borne witness. His saying—blessed and exalted is He—is this: “Having recognized Him by His verses, beware lest ye exercise caution in knowing Him; for to the degree that ye do so, ye shall be veiled in the Fire.” Thus endeth His utterance.

Break ye the idols; rend asunder the veils of vain imaginings; gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon alone, that haply, in the Day of God, ye may attain unto true unity. By the Sun of the horizon of the heaven of

grace! Whatsoever hath appeared in this Most Great Manifestation, each one thereof is as the sun at the meridian: none denieth it save every heedless doubter. Hear this word for the sake of God, and act upon it. The proof and demonstration by which ye acknowledged the Point of the Bayan and the Messengers of old—behold now that the same existeth in a mightier and more perfect form. Observe, then, and speak with justice and fairness.

I beg forgiveness of God for my mention, my exposition, and my speech. The world is not empty of men of fairness, justice, and knowledge. Assuredly the possessors of knowledge will consider that which hath been sent down from the Pen of the Most High in this Manifestation, whether in Arabic or in Persian, and likewise that which was aforetime revealed unto the Prophets and Messengers; and they will speak with equity and utter their words with justice.

I implore Thy forgiveness, O God of existence, for any mention from which they who are nigh unto Thee might inhale the scent of comparison and limitation. O Lord! Purify the eyes of Thy creatures from whatsoever hindereth them from looking toward Thee and from placing their trust in Thee. O Lord! Adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness, and illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy recognition. Thou, verily, art powerful over all things.

At one time the Dayspring of verses and Manifestation of clear tokens said: "O servant in attendance! Know with manifest certitude that the True One—glorified be His majesty—hath established His truth, His Cause is manifest, and His light is resplendent. All the objections of the people of the Bayan He rendereth nonexistent, lost, and void by a single word which He had aforetime uttered. His saying—exalted is His utterance—is this: 'He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.'"

If a soul were, in truth, to cleave to this most exalted Word and be assured thereof, he would turn toward none save Him, behold none but Him, and accept from none other than Him; and with both his outward and inward tongue he would say:

"O my God and my Desired One! Praise be unto Thee for that Thou hast manifested Thy Self, revealed Thy verses, disclosed Thy clear tokens, and sent down that whereby every possessor of scent hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment, the breaths of Thy days, and the sweet savors of Thy Manifestation.

"O Lord! Strengthen my heart, lest the intimations of them that have turned aside from among Thy creatures, and of the ungodly among Thy servants, hinder it from turning toward Thy horizon. Strengthen, O my God, my hand to take hold of Thy Book with such certitude that the hearts of the polytheists among Thy creatures may tremble thereby. Illumine my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and adorn my temple with the robe of steadfastness in Thy love.

"O Lord! This is Thy Day. I bear witness that therein, through Thy Manifestation, the mysteries have been disclosed, the trees have yielded their fruits, the decree of divine unity hath been established, the conditions of limitation have been effaced, the standard of the Bayan hath been planted upon the loftiest summit of the realm of possibility, and Thy call hath been raised at all times.

"O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy name, the Bountiful, and by Thy name, the Preserver, and by Thy name, the Helper, not to abandon me to mine own self. Deliver me by the arms of Thy power; then guard me

from the people of the Bayan who have broken Thy Covenant, shattered Thy Testament, cast behind their backs Thy commandments, disputed with Thy verses, and disbelieved in Thy proof when Thou camest unto them from the heaven of certitude with the banners of wisdom and utterance. Thou, verily, art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful." Thus endeth His utterance.

Glory be to God! What hath come to pass, that men have withheld and deprived themselves from the manifest, resplendent, and visible Truth, and have clung to, and busied themselves with, the sayings of this one and that? The appearance of such things hath neither been, nor is, new. In ages and centuries past they clung to the cords of vain imaginings; and even after the Sun of Truth had appeared and calumnies had been unveiled, they were not awakened, but returned to their former footing and remained unaware. It is as though they deserved once more to be afflicted with the sermons of preachers and the idolatry of the ignorant.

O gentlemen! Ponder the events of former times, and their fruits and consequences, that ye may be preserved from the like of those rebellious and overweening souls. In very truth, the fruits of the deeds of such souls are a mighty admonition, a great counsel, and an exalted lesson.

But what shall this servant say? By the life of our Beloved, and of the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven, such vain imaginings are seen among certain of the people of the Bayan as have never, until now, had their like appear. A certain knowing person from among the people of God, in one of the cities, conversed with one of the deluded ones, recited the revealed verses of the Bayan, and adduced them as witness to his purpose. The deluded one denied it, saying: "That which thou sayest is not in the Bayan." Then he brought forth the Bayan and showed him the very passage of His Holiness. That person said: "This Bayan is not authentic." He was told: "Go, then, and bring the Bayan that is in your possession." He replied: "That too is not authentic." He was asked: "Where, then, is the authentic Bayan?" He answered: "It is with His Holiness."

From the foul odor of this word there wafted the stench of the words uttered aforetime, even as they used to say that ten portions of the Qur'an had been stolen, and that the complete Qur'an was with the Qa'im, and that he would bring it forth. For God's sake! For God's sake! "They have made the Qur'an into portions"—that is, they divided it, they rent it into pieces: some, they claimed, had been stolen, and some had been altered.

Section 9: "This evanescent servant beareth witness that the Qur'an…"

This evanescent servant beareth witness that the Qur'an is complete, and the Bayan also is complete. The Qur'an is that very Book which hath been in the hands of all, and the Bayan is this very Book which is now extant. But that liar's purpose is to bar the ways, close the paths, make whatever may appear from the quarter of conjecture into an authority, and cast the people into trial, even as they have done aforetime.

In sum, the hope is that the hand of power may forbid these new veils and awaken the helpless people. That shameless company—the word of that heedless one hath become the cause of the appearance of vain imaginings. Glory be to God! What hath befallen the people of the Bayan, that they deem the

truthful one a liar and the liar truthful, like the perished sect who accounted themselves the saved one? For twelve hundred years and more they called Ja'far a liar, and still do so, although that wronged one spoke but a single word in truth, uprightness, and sincerity.

Now there are many heedless, wayward, and deluded souls. Among them is Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, who accounteth himself the guide and leader of the people. By the Self of the True One! Night and day he was occupied in transcribing the revealed verses before His face, in such wise that a concealed person in His presence was unable to speak. These poor ones know not. They have heard through passion, clung to passion, and cleaved to passion; and in the end the fruits of their deeds and words have been, and shall be, even as those of the people of the Qur'an: mere scattered dust.

I beseech the True One to bestow fairness, and to remove former rancor and hatred from among His creatures. Yet this is most difficult; for souls who, through ages and centuries, have been nurtured upon conjectures and vain imaginings—how can they be worthy to behold the lights of the Sun of certitude?

This servant is forbidden to disclose and mention certain matters; otherwise, that would be said whereof the servants have until now remained heedless and unaware. His saying—glorified be His majesty and all-embracing His bounty—is this: "O servant in attendance! We speak according to measure, and not according to what beseemeth the kingdom of My utterance and the dominion of My knowledge—unless We behold the House empty of all save Me." Thus endeth His utterance.

By God! This servant hath spoken, and will speak, for the sake of God. He hath had, and hath, no design of his own. Verily, my Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of the faith of the people of the Bayan—those who have broken His Covenant and warred against His very Self.

The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—saith: "On that Day that Sun of Truth will address the people of the Bayan and will recite this Surih of the Qur'an. His saying—exalted is He—is this: 'Say: O ye unbelievers! I worship not that which ye worship; nor do ye worship that which I worship. Neither shall I worship that which ye have worshipped; nor will ye worship that which I worship. Unto you your religion, and unto Me My religion.'"

In these days this blessed Surih hath repeatedly been heard from the Tongue of the Ancient of Days. Blessed are the fair-minded; blessed are the discerning; blessed are they that ponder. It behoveth every soul this day, through the power and might of the True One—glorified be His majesty—to preserve the horizon of the Sun of certitude from the clouds of conjectures and vain imaginings, though He, in His own Self, hath ever been, and remaineth, the Preserver of all. Whatsoever is mentioned in these stations hath this purpose: that His servants may attain unto service in His Cause. One hour or two hours of this world hath never been, nor is, worthy of mention. The hope is that He will not shut the door of grace, nor deprive His loved ones of His fragrance.

O gentlemen! A specific chapter of the Bayan is devoted to the mention of this utterance. He saith that the Tree of Affirmation, by turning away from Him, is accounted as belonging to negation; and the Tree of Negation, by turning toward Him, is accounted as belonging to affirmation. In sum, say unto the deluded ones: This day is a mighty Day, illumined with the light of divine unity. There hath been, and there is, no room for delimiting partners unto God, as they were occupied with doing for years. The Most Great

Infallibility hath been, and is, peculiar to the sanctified Essence; none hath any share therein. And He proclaimeth from the pole of creation: There is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the words of this evanescent servant, and arise not in tyranny as did the people of the Qur'an. All the divines of that community committed the utmost oppression, while accounting themselves the wronged ones. Fear ye God, O people, and be not of the oppressors. In a station wherein He saith that, if a soul should advance a claim and bring forth no proof, ye should not assail him nor bring sorrow upon him—now, notwithstanding proofs and demonstrations that have encompassed the world, and whose light hath illumined both horizons and souls, they have uttered what no oppressor, whether of old or of later times, hath ever uttered.

For God's sake, ponder! Perchance ye may discover, from the ocean of meanings, the pearls of utterance. All the utterances of that Holiness were a mercy unto the servants. Make them not a vengeance upon yourselves and upon those who shall come after you. Fold up the carpets of "before" and "after," and with perfect joy and gladness enter upon this spread-out Carpet. I beseech the True One—glorified be His majesty—to aid the opposers and deniers to return, repent, and turn unto Him. How great the pity that ye should make yourselves deserving of the scourges and everlasting wrath!

Can this exalted and blessed Tree, whose branch is raised above a hundred thousand heavens, be denied? Is there any room left for hesitation or dispute? No, by His very Self, the Truth—unless the wrath of God, as the recompense of deeds, should seize them. Glory be to God! Heedless souls have purposed to veil the Sun of Truth. This verse is fitting in this station:

"These clods of earth intend, through envy's art, To hide Thy sun from every seeing heart."

Such afflictions befell the blessed Tree that, were man to ponder them even in some measure, he would destroy himself. Since this matter hath been forbidden, therefore this servant and the like of this servant have remained alive. By the Sun of the horizon of truthfulness! The pens of the world are powerless to recount it, and the hearts of the Concourse on high are consumed with burning.

Among these things was this: in this land, after the arrival in the Most Great Prison, two heedless and veiled souls associated with everyone, and in every gathering, with every person, raised some discourse. God knoweth what befell Him at their hands in the lands of exile and the countries of estrangement. They combined certain Surihs with their own fabrications and gave a sheet to everyone—by God, besides Whom there is none other God, even to the sweeper of the town—until the matter reached such a pass that the fire of sedition was kindled and the flame of hatred blazed forth from hearts and souls. At length a decree was issued by the Lord of all necks to close the door. For several months He met with no one, whether from within or without. The door was shut, and seekers were forbidden and veiled.

Until, on one of the nights, this evanescent one was occupied before His face in transcribing the verses. Suddenly the blessed tone changed, and these mighty, powerful, predominant, and subduing verses were sent down in such wise that the limbs of this servant trembled. The True One is witness and testifieth that in no wise did assurance or composure remain within his soul. His saying—glorified be His majesty, all-embracing His bounty, and mighty His utterance—is this: "The ocean of affliction hath surged, and the

waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting." Upon hearing this blessed verse, no spirit remained in this servant. Thereafter this verse was revealed: "Verily thou, O mariner, be not perturbed by the winds, for the Cleaver of the Morn is with us in this darkness which hath encompassed the worlds." From this verse a measure of tranquillity was obtained; yet it became clear and evident that a dark and grievous sedition lay behind.

In sum, whatsoever afterwards came to pass was revealed, letter for letter, in that blessed Tablet. Among other things He saith that at times We render aid through the hands of princes, ambassadors, and friends, and at times through the hands of enemies. The next day, toward evening, this servant was occupied before His face in transcribing the verses when an uproar arose. All the people of the city and the soldiery, with drawn swords, assembled before the House. The vile deeds of those souls became embodied, and there appeared what appeared. For some time this servant was disquieted and shaken, lest sorrow should befall the Beauty of the Ancient of Days. By the life of our Lord! Had the matter been left to the True One, He Himself would have sufficed, even as He sufficed against the Wolf, the She-Serpent, and the like of those souls.

Afterwards the sister of Rida-Quli took a bundle of the revealed Surihs and Tablets and delivered them into the hand of the pasha of the city—among them the Suriy-i-Ra'is—in the belief that the aforementioned pasha would arise in hostility. But the decree of the revealed verse appeared. The pasha studied them for a little while; the next morning he arose and attained the presence of His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit and my very being be a sacrifice for His footsteps—and brought all the Surihs and delivered them up. He stated: "Last night I considered these Tablets. The greatness of the Cause seized me. I knew with certitude that this Cause is true; for, were we to deny it, we would have to deny all the Messengers and all the Scriptures." He then requested the honor of meeting and attaining the Presence.

At length, one day, a man named 'Abbud, the owner of the house, came before Him and entreated that His Excellency the pasha might be permitted to attain the Presence. Permission was granted; and after entering His presence, he attained faith and certitude before His face, and whatsoever he was commanded, he performed. For the general body of prisoners who were in this city, a mighty deliverance was thereby obtained.

The purpose is that those heedless souls carried out whatsoever lay within their power. They so beguiled all the people of this land that whenever they saw any one of these prisoners, they would utter unseemly words. In sum, they became the cause whereby, for several months, the door of mercy was shut before the face of all. God knoweth what befell Him at the hands of His enemies. Whosoever hath attained even an atom of justice and fairness will bear witness that no Manifestation higher, more glorious, and more evident than this hath appeared in the world.

Have the opposers not heard the account of the mutual imprecation that occurred in the land of the Mystery? By the life of our Desired One! There appeared that which bewildered the people of the city. Since it is possible that some have not heard it, it shall therefore be briefly set forth, that the fair-minded may become aware, and perchance the opposers also may find the way.

After the arrival in the land of the Mystery, one day Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani presented himself before His face and submitted a request. It was not accepted. A few days earlier also, the Tongue of Grandeur, addressing him, had spoken these words: “O Muhammad! Thou art not informed of the way of the Prophets, nor art thou aware of the character of the chosen ones.” Thus endeth His utterance.

From this blessed utterance it became clear that he had repeated before certain persons some of the sayings of the old mystics. Likewise, a few days later he sought permission to enter His presence. After his arrival, he submitted this request: that Mirza Yahya be commanded not to write anything, for Aqa Muhammad-‘Ali of Isfahan had asked him concerning a Persian verse and he had not understood its meaning. The Beauty of the Ancient of Days said: “Siyyid, what hast thou to do with such meddling?” until at last He dismissed him.

Afterwards he went and beguiled Mirza Yahya, and outwardly, before certain persons, professed faith in him; whereas, by the Self of the True One—may my spirit be a sacrifice for Him Who is in the kingdom of command and creation—repeatedly, on the road, discussions occurred between them concerning certain matters, until at length the affair ended in opposition. Both appeared before His face and began to complain of one another. This evanescent servant loveth not to set forth the details concerning those souls.

O brethren! By God, besides Whom there is none other God, I speak in truth: I have no purpose save that renewed thick veils of delusion and lying clouds may not hinder and deprive the helpless servants. The aforementioned person, with seventy others, associated night and day on this Path, and yet wrote to various quarters: “I associated with no one.” And the deluded ones accepted it. Such is the condition of men. I beseech the True One to aid His loved ones, that the gates of falsehood may not be opened as before, nor imaginary cities be built up.

After the Most Great Separation, the aforementioned Siyyid arose through the instigation of several Persians from abroad who were in that city, and day and night associated with those souls, until, in their presence, he stated that an agreement had been made for mutual imprecation. He mentioned this matter because he felt assured that the Beauty of the Ancient of Days would pay no regard to such souls, and would certainly not gather with them in one assembly. For this reason, with complete confidence, he busied himself among the Persians with these fanciful words.

Meanwhile, a man named Mir Muhammad, who in the land of Shin had attained the presence of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—and who, in the journey to the great city, had also accompanied the retinue, arrived and became informed of the Siyyid’s conversations among the Persians. He said: “Appoint the time. I will go and submit the matter in the Most Holy Court, that He may come, so that truth and falsehood may become clear and manifest.” It was arranged that this matter should take place in the Mosque of Sultan Salim.

Section 10: “The aforementioned Mir entered and related the details…”

The aforementioned Mir entered and related the details to some of the friends, until the matter was submitted at the threshold of His presence. This evanescent one was not present at that moment. As

soon as the Beauty of the Ancient of Days heard it, He arose from His seat and, alone and unattended, directed His steps toward the appointed place. Along the way, the Euphrates of the verses of God flowed and was revealed in such wise that no one is able to describe it.

At that time this servant was in the marketplace, attending to certain affairs of the House. Upon hearing of it, I hastened with all speed. On the way it was seen that a number of the people of the city were standing bewildered on both sides of the road.

When they saw this servant, they gestured with their hands, meaning: "He hath gone in this direction." Thus this servant entered the congregational mosque and beheld the ocean of verses surging. By the life of my Desired One, Who is the Desire of all in the heavens and on the earth! Verses were being revealed in such wise that all were bewildered, wondering what had come to pass. One of the Persians was seen trembling and weeping. In His presence, among the companions, none was present save Mir Muhammad and this servant, who arrived afterwards; for all had been forbidden to enter His presence.

Thereafter the blessed Countenance turned toward Mir Muhammad and said: "O Muhammad! Go unto them and say: 'Come ye with your cords and your rods.'" The Mir went with all haste. Upon his return he submitted that those gentlemen had repented of what they had said and had excused themselves, saying that it was not possible that day. He said: "Tell them: for three days there is respite. On whatsoever day ye come, We are present." Afterwards, for a time, He occupied Himself in the mosque with prayer—that is, with the Badi' prayer. After returning, immediately upon entering the House, a Tablet was revealed in His blessed hand and sealed with His blessed seal, saying that for three days, on whatsoever day ye come, We are present. That Tablet He sent to the companions, that all might be informed; and Jinab-i-Mir also went and reported the details of the Tablet. Yet from those souls no trace appeared.

O gentlemen! Ponder how the Cause hath appeared, and how heedless are the people. Apart from the people of that city, nearly one hundred of the emigrants and travelers were gathered, and all are witnesses and testify to this matter. That blessed Tablet is extant; and the Surih of Mutual Imprecation was revealed in detail concerning that Day, and, according to command, was sent to one of the loved ones, that he might read it to the friends and loved ones of God. Assuredly most have attained the hearing of it. Some of it is recorded in this place, that the realm of possibility may be illumined with the verses of the All-Merciful, and the hearts of the world adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness. The command is in the hand of God. This is that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of the Will of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. His saying—glorified be His majesty—is this:

"O Pen of the Most High! Make mention unto Thy Name of the tidings of this city, that he may be of them that are informed. When Muhammad came unto Thee from the polytheists and said that they desired to gather with Thee in another place, then, when We heard it, We went forth from the House with manifest sovereignty.

"And We said: 'O Muhammad! The Spirit hath gone forth from His seat, and with Him have gone forth the spirits of the chosen ones, and thereafter the realities of the Messengers. Look, that thou mayest behold the Concourse on high above My head, and in My grasp the proofs of the Prophets. Open thine eye. This

is ‘Ali; then Muhammad, the Messenger of God, hath risen from the horizon of the House with manifest sovereignty. Say: He hath come with the banners of the verses from God, the Almighty, the Powerful.’

“Say: Were all who are upon the earth—of the learned, the mystics, and thereafter the kings and sultans—to assemble together, I would appear before their faces, uttering the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise. I am He Who feareth no one, though all who are in the heavens and on the earth should unite to harm Me. The verses have humbled themselves before My face, and voices have been subdued before My mighty, wondrous call.

“Say: This is My hand; God hath made it white for them that behold. And this is My rod; were We to cast it down, it would assuredly swallow the earth and all that are upon it. I, verily, am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

“O Muhammad! Go unto the polytheists with the messages of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: The Youth hath come unto you, and with Him are the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Before Him marcheth the Kingdom, and behind Him the tribes of the Concourse on high, the dwellers of the cities of names, and then the angels brought nigh.

“Say: Fear God, and oppose not Him by Whose command every wise decree hath been ordained. Say: Come ye with your cords and your rods, and with whatsoever is with you, if ye be of them that are able. We shall go to the House of God which one of the kings built and named after Salim, and We shall tarry there until the sun setteth in its west, that the proof of God and His testimony may be made complete unto them, and that they may be of those who repent.

“Say: This day the relation of every possessor of relation hath been severed, save him who hath entered beneath the shadow of this luminous, resplendent Cause. Whoso cleaveth to one of the names, turning away from its Creator, he is not of Me, and God is clear of him. We created the names even as We created all things, were ye of them that know.

“Say: Verily, I have manifested Myself for God, gone forth for God, and speak before all who are upon the earth even as I speak before Thy face. Behold, I fear no one. To this beareth witness My deed, wert thou of them that know.

“Say: The traces of the True One are manifest as the brightness of the sun and its rays. By God! They are still more manifest before every possessor of keen sight. Dost thou suppose that one other than Him is able to arise with Him? No, by His exalted, mighty Self! Verily, they who have withdrawn themselves unto the names are worshippers of idols, wert thou of them that bear witness.

“Verily, the Prophet is he who informed the people of this most upright, most ancient, and everlasting Announcement; and the Messenger is he who delivered My messages and guided them that had strayed from the path; and the Imam is he who stood before My face with manifest humility; and the Wali is he who sought protection within the strong and impregnable fortress of My guardianship; and the Wasi is he who enjoined upon the people that which had come unto him in a preserved Tablet.

“Verily, he whom the polytheists have taken as a lord unto themselves, and through whom they have turned away from God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beauteous—he was but one of the servants, and used to appear before the Face every morn and eve. From the direction of his own self the winds of passion blew upon him, through that whereby one of the devils had beguiled him. We made his name renowned among the servants as a wisdom from Our presence. Verily, thy Lord ordaineth whatsoever He willeth.” Thus endeth His utterance.

O friends! For him who is possessed of sight and heart, one true remembrance sufficeth. At this moment I attained the Presence, and the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this word—exalted be His utterance: “O servant in attendance! Say: O ye unjust ones! Have ye not beheld the waves of the ocean of utterance, nor seen the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Manifestation? Fear ye God. Turn ye from the pool unto the sea, and from fancy unto certitude. This day all his books are dependent upon, and suspended by, His ‘Yea’ and ‘Nay.’ This is the Originator of the heavens and the earth, did ye but know. The Wondrous One, from every direction, hath been and is this Manifestation. Blessed are they that know.

“Say: Would that my thoughts were your thoughts; yet I walk not in your paths. I have made plain My way, manifested My proof, revealed My verses, and summoned the servants unto My horizon. Of them there are some who have turned toward Me, and some who have turned away. He who hath turned toward Me is, verily, of them that have attained, in a perspicuous Book.” Thus endeth His utterance.

Would that the opposers had looked with the eye of justice upon but one page of the Book of Iqan and judged with fairness. Nothing revealed aforetime in such wise can equal it. This day all are seen in one same plane. Whosoever hath clung to the firm Cord and laid hold upon the luminous Hem is, in the Crimson Scroll, inscribed by the Pen of the Most High among the people of Baha. This day all the atoms bear witness and testify to the greatness of the Cause, while the opposers are heedless and astray.

His Holiness the Exalted One—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—at the end of the commentaries adduced, in proof of His truth, the testimony of two learned men: Mulla ‘Abdu’l-Khaliq and Haji Mulla Muhammad-‘Ali Baraghani of Qazvin. He saith—glorified and exalted is He: “Sufficient is their testimony concerning Me, in this Cause, as a witness.” Thus endeth His utterance.

Yet, after he had perused the blessed Tablet wherein He saith, “Verily, I am the Qa’im, Whose manifestation ye have been promised,” the first of these souls turned away with a grievous rejection; and the second soul, thereafter, did not turn toward Him, nor draw near to anyone, for these two petitions had been submitted in the earliest days of the Cause. Consider now how many of the learned, the mystics, and the jurists were seen humble and submissive before the dawning splendors of the Sun of this Most Great Manifestation. Were their names to be mentioned, outwardly there would be danger of harm to them.

Every fair-minded soul beareth witness that a world of knowledge is bewildered by the deeds of the opposers and the words of the deniers. At one time they mention the Mirror, and at another the Successor. In these days, from Kirman, they have contrived divinity for the one to whom they turn; and another soul, from the people of Kazimayn dwelling in Kirmanshah, hath spoken after the manner of “the

Greek and the Chinese." By God! They and whatsoever is with them are as houses of the spider—nay, weaker still, were they but fair.

Say: O hapless ones! Where have ye been? Hath anyone appeared save the Self of the True One? Hath any power been witnessed apart from Him? Strange indeed is it that souls who have had no knowledge of the Primal Cause should pronounce judgment.

O Muhammad! By the life of God, thou art heedless and knowest not. This servant hath not seen thee; yet, for the sake of God, he saith: Fear God and return unto the Truth. Deprive not thyself while the door is open. Those souls who prompted thee were themselves unaware and had received no portion from the ocean of knowledge. The soul whom one hath taken as a lord beside God—his writings are present before thee; thou hast seen and read them. Now read one page of the verses of the True One, and judge for thine own self with fairness.

The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—saith, glorified and exalted is He: "Were all the people of the Bayan to become, in the essence of knowledge, like unto him, it would bear no fruit save through acknowledgment of Him. Take heed, then, O possessors of knowledge; and then fear ye Him." Thus endeth His utterance.

O my brother! If a soul denieth this Cause and remaineth heedless of this Most Great Manifestation, he hath never been, nor is he now, able to establish the truth of any cause. Sorrow hath encompassed this evanescent one from every side in such wise that he is powerless to express it; for he mentioneth proofs for the Sun of Truth after its appearance and radiance, and this is a grievous error. With the loudest voice He proclaimeth: "Verily, I am sanctified above all that hath been mentioned and inscribed. My proof is that which hath appeared from Me, and My testimony is Mine own Self, were ye of them that know." Thus endeth His utterance.

Yet this servant, beholding certain souls to be weak, hath clung to the cord of reasoning, that perchance they may drink of the everlasting Kawthar from the fountain of the words of God and attain unto eternal life. Otherwise, verily, proof is ashamed to be ascribed unto Him, and demonstration blusheth to prostrate itself before His presence. Well hath it been said:

> "Even as the noontide sun hath the True One brightly shined, but alas that He hath come to the city of the blind!"

It behoveth man to be adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness. How can one pause at this station, or, God forbid, utter an unworthy word, when the Lord of existence hath Himself arisen before the face of the world, hath opened, in His name the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine, and from His blessed Pen there hath flowed and been revealed the equivalent of all that was sent down aforetime and all that shall be sent down hereafter? The Primal Point pressed the Bayan with the hand of power, and the pure water thereof is this blessed word: "He is not to be known by My intimations."

One day the Desire of all worlds uttered this most exalted Word—glorified be His majesty: "O servant in attendance! This day, were the very person of the Point to pause in this Cause, he would remain deprived

of the word of acceptance. The people are in the sleep of heedlessness, while the eye of God gazeth and beareth witness from the Most Exalted Horizon." Thus endeth His utterance.

Every possessor of scent perceiveth the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. The True One hath appeared and become manifest like unto His very existence. He hath rent the veils asunder and cleft the clouds of darkness. Be ye not again the cause thereof, nor cast the helpless people, as before, into the wilderness of vain imaginings. Fear God, O concourse of the Bayan, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Section 11: "The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else…"

The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—from the beginning of His Manifestation unto its end, was occupied with the mention of this blessed Name. In no wise did He pause in exhorting the people of the Bayan. Every blessed expression and every sanctified and pure word revealed in the Bayan He ascribed unto the True One—glorified be His majesty.

Glory be to God! Ignorance and folly have reached such a station, and malice and hatred such a degree, that they have withheld the ears from hearing. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings! Were certain of the verses revealed in mention of this Most Great Manifestation to be cast upon a stone, rivers would assuredly gush forth therefrom.

At one time this most exalted Word was heard from the Tongue of the Lord of all mankind: "O servant in attendance! The utterances which have appeared from the kingdom of divine knowledge in this Manifestation bestow hearing and confer understanding. Be not grieved by the sayings of this one and that. If but one soul should taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, he would, in the sight of God, be more ancient, more excellent, more manifest, more learned, and more exalted than all who are upon the earth." Thus endeth His utterance.

The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—saith: "If, in the Day of His Manifestation, there be but one believing soul, the resurrection of all the Prophets will be realized in that soul." This servant, when he gazeth upon the power, greatness, and sovereignty of the True One—glorified be His majesty—findeth the doors of hope opened; wherefore he beseecheth Him not to deprive all who are upon the earth of the breaths of His days. Yet when the heedlessness of the people of the Bayan, and the malice and hatred of those souls, are observed, utter despair ensueth.

Although this servant, according to his own supposition, hath desired by these writings the awakening and awareness of souls, yet it is seen that the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—hath spoken concerning this Most Great Manifestation in such wise that nothing beyond it can be conceived. Nevertheless, He saith that they would not consent even to the name "believer" being applied unto Him; for, were they to consent thereto, they would not bring sorrow upon Him.

In truth, this utterance of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all in the realm of possibility be His sacrifice—is a book of admonition, a volume of counsel, and a scroll of awakening. Yet it increaseth the wrongdoers in naught save loss, the heedless in naught save denial, and the transgressors in naught save flight.

This evanescent one declareth before the faces of all, while his heart is free from conjectures, vain imaginings, malice, and hatred toward any soul: If the Point of the Bayan—that is, He Who revealed it—should say, "O concourse of the Bayan! By what proof and demonstration have ye remained veiled from this Most Great Manifestation?" to what answer would ye cling, and upon what would ye lay hold?

If ye say, "We have been veiled by Thee," all the atoms of created things bear witness and testify that I took His Covenant before I took Mine own. "Glorified art Thou, O my God! Bear Thou witness that, through that Book, I have taken the Covenant of the guardianship of Him Whom Thou shalt manifest from all things before the Covenant of Mine own guardianship. Sufficient art Thou, and whosoever believeth in Thy verses, as witnesses. Thou, verily, art sufficient unto Me; upon Thee have I placed My trust, and Thou hast ever been the Reckoner over all things."

And with an utterance more manifest than the sun in the midmost heaven have I enjoined all: Be not, through Me, veiled from that Desire of all the worlds. The Book itself beareth witness and testifieth. And if ye have remained deprived of the Sovereign of the days through the Bayan, every line and every page thereof beareth witness and testifieth that I proclaimed with the loudest voice: Be not deprived, by the whole Bayan, nor by its Revealer, its Manifestation, and its Sovereign.

If ye gaze upon an attribute and have thereby been debarred from the Lord of attributes, I have explicitly and fully declared that all mention of good revealed in the Bayan had for its purpose that Sun of Manifestation. And if by the word "Mirror" ye have been veiled from the Sun of inner meanings, it hath been revealed in the Book: "O suns of the mirrors! Look ye unto the Sun of Truth, for your subsistence dependeth upon Him, could ye but perceive. Ye are all like fishes moving in the water within the sea, yet ye are veiled from the water and ask concerning that whereby ye subsist," unto the end of My saying: "I will complain unto Thee, O Mirror of My bounty, concerning all the mirrors; all, according to their colors, look toward Me."

And if ye have remained veiled by mention of the Fruit, this is My Covenant and My Testament with My Lord, aforetime and hereafter: "O God! Make this whole Tree to be for Him, that there may appear from it the fruits of whatsoever God hath created therein for Him through Whom God hath willed to manifest whatsoever He willeth. For, by Thy might, I have desired that there be upon that Tree no branch, nor leaf, nor fruit that will not prostrate itself before Him on the Day of His Manifestation, nor glorify Thee through Him as beseemeth the loftiness of the loftiness of His manifestation and the sublimity of the sublimity of His concealment. And shouldst Thou behold, O my God, any branch, leaf, or fruit that doth not prostrate itself before Him on the Day of His Manifestation, then cut it off, O my God, from that Tree; for it is not of Me and returneth not unto Me."

And if ye have remained veiled by mention of Mustaghath, this call hath been raised throughout the whole Bayan: Were He to appear at this very moment, I would be the first of worshippers and the first of them that prostrate themselves. And if ye cling to certain words, I have stated with the utmost emphasis that the entire Bayan is not equal to a single verse of His.

Now, O people! Is that soul whom ye have taken beside Him, and whose words ye have deemed verses, higher and more beloved in your sight than Me and than My Bayan? Fie upon you, and upon your paucity

of understanding and your lack of fidelity! The greatest of your vain imaginings and conjectures is that ye have supposed My Manifestation to be like the former Manifestation, and have appointed a successor and vicegerent. Ye are wholly veiled from the Day of God and its station, and deprived and unaware of the splendors of the Sun of true divine unity.

O wrongdoers! The fragrance of My most pure blood is still wafting from My garment. Have the swords of those ungodly ones, sharpened for twelve hundred years with the whetstone of malice and hatred, and watered with venom, not sufficed, that ye should once more wander bewildered in the wilderness of these vain imaginings? Be content with that which ye wrought for twelve hundred years. Hath it not been revealed in the Bayan that ye should not be veiled from the Lord of the names by the names, even by the name of the Prophet? For that name itself is created by His word.

Glory be to God! Notwithstanding the waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, the radiances of the Sun of counsel, and the manifestations of the luminary of providence and instruction from the right hand of the blessed heart of the Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—the winds of despair are blowing in such wise that grief hath encompassed the world and become the cause of despair to sanctified and illumined hearts. This evanescent one in particular hath been so seized thereby that he hath accounted the appearance of anything else among impossibilities.

In the seventh chapter of the second Vahid He saith—glorified and exalted is He: "O people of the Bayan! Do not what the people of the Qur'an did, lest ye render void the fruits of your night. If, at the time of the manifestation of His verses, ye say, while believing in the Bayan, 'God is our Lord, and we associate none with Him,' or 'This is that which God promised us from the Manifestation of His own Self; we will call upon none beside Him,' and if ye obey Him in that whereon ye stand, then have ye made manifest the fruit of the Bayan. Otherwise, ye are not worthy of mention before God. Have compassion upon yourselves: if ye assist not the Manifestation of Lordship, at least bring Him no sorrow," until His saying—exalted be His station: "If ye attain not unto the meeting with God, at least bring no sorrow upon the Sign of God. He passeth over the profit of those who profess the Bayan, provided ye forgo inflicting harm upon Him—though I know ye will not do so." Thus endeth His utterance.

Glory be to God! Behold that blessed Countenance: how great a despair had seized Him, that, notwithstanding His countless counsels, His firmly established covenants, His well-grounded testaments, and His manifest provisions, the greatest despair is apparent and evident from His blessed utterances. Blessed are they that weep.

And in the station of supreme compassion and perfect awareness He saith—mighty and glorious is He: "How many a light there is which He calleth fire." Likewise He saith—exalted be His remembrance: "Though I behold His Manifestation like this sun in the midst of heaven, and the setting of all else like the stars of night in the daytime." Every possessor of hearing and sight beareth witness that that Holiness—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—was, at all times, occupied with the mention of the Beloved of the world of existence, and, through every provision of His Pen, His utterance, and His remembrance, foretold that which hath appeared, and will appear, from the people of the Bayan.

By the life of my Desired One, Who is the Desire of all who are in earth and heaven! His grief is grievous, His sorrow is great, and His despair of those who are in the Bayan is greater than every great thing. O concourse of the heedless! Hearken unto the words of this evanescent servant, and, through selfish passions and unworthy calumnies, stain not that most pure and most holy Hem. If ye turn not toward Him, be silent. He saith—exalted be His remembrance—that in the Bayan there is no mention save the mention of Him, that perchance, at the time of His Manifestation, He may behold no sorrow from them that believe in Him. Likewise He hath spoken this blessed Word, which is as a light amidst the world. His saying—glorified and exalted is He—is this: "The Bayan, from beginning to end, is the repository of all His attributes, and the treasury of His fire and His light."

It is hoped that the heedless among men may, through that which hath been mentioned, ascend unto the heaven of awareness. Thus He saith—exalted be His remembrance: "Were all to be nurtured through the training of the Point of the Bayan, and were they to look unto the Source, the proof, and the evidence, they would not remain veiled at the time of the Manifestation." In this station He saith—exalted is He: "It is as though it is seen that all these companions have been illumined with the honor of faith in that Sun of Truth." Consider the allusions and the explicit statements. He saith that it is hoped that these companions—that is, the companions then existing—may attain the honor of faith, even as they did attain it.

The one God is witness, and the all-knowing True One testifieth, that this evanescent one hath, sincerely for His sake, and for the sake of His loved ones and His friends, mentioned that which would profit the fair-minded and deliver them. From the utterances of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—whether Arabic or Persian, some of that which was in view hath been mentioned. Yet today the Mother of Utterance saith that the whole Bayan is a remembrance of Him, and its rejection and acceptance are dependent upon Him and suspended by His will.

If, by the grace of the True One—glorified be His majesty—the horizon of justice and fairness be sanctified from the clouds of conjectures and vain imaginings, all would bear witness to that which this servant hath mentioned; for all know that no soul hath been, or is, informed of this Cause to the degree that this servant hath been. Nevertheless, souls who were unaware of the truth have uttered that which certain ignorant ones of the world have seized upon, and have brought upon the Countenance of the Ancient of Days that whereat the rock cried out… Thus endeth His utterance.

And in the Tablet to Mulla 'Ali of Bujistan it was revealed—exalted is He:

That which hath been sent down from the Pen of the Most High shall assuredly appear. Recite ye the Suriy-i-Ra'is, and likewise the Tablet to the King of Paris, which is among the portions of the blessed Surih of the Temple; and likewise the Tablet of Fu'ad, which was revealed specifically for one of the loved ones. This Tablet was revealed at the time when the Pasha, who had been the foreign minister of Rum, had returned to his own seat, and he had been the cause of the last sedition and of the migration from the land of the Mystery to 'Akka.

There were two persons who, after the Sultan, were chiefs over all: one was Fu'ad Pasha, and the other 'Ali Pasha. At times this one was grand vizier and the other first minister of foreign affairs, and at times

the reverse. In that Tablet He saith—exalted be His glory: “Erelong shall We dismiss him who was like unto him, and shall seize their prince who ruleth over the lands; and I, verily, am the Mighty, the All-Compelling.”

Likewise, in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, consider the Point situated between the two seas; the intent of that Point is Istanbul, for on one side of it is the White Sea, and on the other side the Black Sea. In sum, whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High hath all appeared; and the other prophecies which are in the Tablets shall all likewise appear. We bear witness that He is the All-Knowing, the Almighty, the Hearing, the Seeing, the All-Informed….

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BH00550: Praise be to God, Who hath adorned the preamble…

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

Praise be to God, Who hath adorned the preamble of the Book of Revelation with the letter Ha’ following the letter Ba’, through which the Trumpet was blown and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, and through which the path of grace was raised up and the balance of justice established, and through which the limbs of all names trembled and the foundations of those who denied God, Creator of heaven, were shaken, and through which the tribes lamented and the widows cried out, and through which the banner “Verily He is God” was raised throughout all regions of existence and the standards “Truth hath come, the Knower of the unseen” were unfurled. Glorified be He Who hath appeared and made manifest through the Most Exalted Word that which all in the kingdom of creation are powerless to describe.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of our Lord, the All-Merciful’s will, be upon those who have cast away vain imaginings, shattered the idols, and hastened with their hearts to the horizon whence the Sun of certitude hath dawned forth and the Kingdom of utterance appeared and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O Light of hearts and Fire of souls! I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved Name, through which the blood of lovers was shed in separation and livers were melted by the fire of longing, to assist Thy chosen ones to stand firm in Thy Cause in such wise that love of life shall not prevent them from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of attributes and Revealer of verses. Then send down upon them, O my God, from the heaven of Thy grace that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty, that they may abandon all they possess and arise to that which beseemeth their station. O Lord! Thou art the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving.

Thou dost witness, see and know what hath befallen Thy trusted servants at the hands of Thy wicked enemies. O Lord! This evanescent servant hath mentioned one of Thy loved ones out of love for Thy Beauty and longing for Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to assist him in Thy remembrance and praise, then inscribe him with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet, and ordain for him that which shall profit

him in this world and the next. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy clear signs, Thy Revelation and Thy power to aid him to stand firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter, thy letter reached Me and the breezes of thy love wafted over Me. When I read and found its purpose, I ascended to the Most Exalted Summit until I attained the presence of the Lord of all beings, and I stood before the Throne, still and silent, observing. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke and said: "What is this in thy right hand?" I opened it and presented what was therein. When it was completed and ended, He, exalted be His glory, said: "He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

This is Our mention unto one whose book hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names in this station which hath been named the Luminous Spot, and at other times the Heaven of this Heaven, and by the Most Beautiful Names of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest render thanks and arise to serve the Cause on this Day whereon the clamor hath been raised from all sides and the Tongue of the Chosen One hath spoken: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Soar upon the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest hear the warbling of the Bird of Utterance.

By the life of God! It will attract thee to a station which the pens of the world are powerless to praise and the tongues of them that remember are incapable of describing. Blessed is the soul that hath not been hindered from the Truth by the conditions of creation and hath rent asunder the veils through His Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. This is a Day wherein the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath spoken: Come ye and draw nigh, O people of creation! By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and that which was treasured up and promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed.

We counsel the chosen ones of God and His loved ones with that whereby His Cause may be exalted and His virtues manifested among His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings unto the faces of those whom the conditions of the world have not prevented from the Creator of heaven and who have spoken what they heard from the Truth and acted upon that which they were bidden in His perspicuous Book. How many a servant hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and how many a servant hath turned away by following the dawning-places of idle fancies who cast the Book of God behind their backs and held fast unto that which they possessed. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And how many a servant hath turned toward and then away, and how many a servant hath stood with such steadfastness as caused the mountains to be scattered and every mighty idol to fall. Thus have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee the verses that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and be of them that are thankful.

Today the Essence of bounty calleth aloud unto all beings with the most exalted call and guideth creation unto the Truth. In such wise, a hundred thousand such as this evanescent one are powerless and incapable of mentioning, expressing, and manifesting the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. What can a drop perceive of the waves of the Most Great Sea, and what can it express? By the Sun of Truth, all who

are in earth and heaven have been and are powerless. The Seal of the Prophets and Messengers—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath confessed His bewilderment. What then can this servant say and what can he manifest? I seek His forgiveness, I seek His forgiveness, I repent and I repent. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful, the All-Pardoning, the All-Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Rida, nephew of the late and exalted Haji Dhabih, upon both of them be the Glory of God, that his circumstances had not yet been presented at the Most Holy Court—this servant, about a year ago, was present one day at the Most Holy Court when mention of him was made in a letter from one of the friends. He showed favor and established his relationship to one who believed not in Him Who believed and was martyred in His path. He said that God willing, he would be confirmed in preserving this station. Likewise, in a letter which this servant submitted to the beloved Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, a Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of grace for the aforementioned one, and mention of him whom God had related to Him was detailed from the Supreme Pen.

God willing, they will be assisted in preserving the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Today it is incumbent upon everyone to hold fast to that which causes the steadfastness and exaltation of God's Cause. Whatever they have done in the path of God is remembered before God and they have surely attained and will attain its recompense. Today is such a day that if someone takes a single step for God's sake, its effects will be reflected in the mirror of knowledge which exists within all creation. How then could pure deeds, goodly words and praiseworthy conduct manifested by someone in God's path remain without effect? Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above what they describe and exalt above what they mention!

And regarding what you wrote about being in service to the exalted Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, hoping to attain His presence—this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Giving revealed in response, blessed and exalted be His words:

Today the sun of grace is shining and the ocean of favor is surging. The Truth, exalted be His glory, openly and manifestly hearkens to the call of His loved ones and bestows His response. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The whole world was created for the meeting with God, and all divine Books bear witness to this truth. Nevertheless, in the days of His manifestation all were heedless and turned away, save whom God willed. Today, those who have drunk from the wine of utterance and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful are mentioned before God as the gems of existence. They must know the value of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and cling to those means which cause and promote the exaltation of the Cause, that perchance the people of the world may not remain deprived of the Most Great Ocean and may attain their ultimate goal.

Their names have been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book, and He shall write for whomever desired the reward of meeting Him. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He counsels all to be steadfast and faithful to this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled. Thus has the decree been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in this mighty Prison. Prayers, peace and glory be upon those whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O friend! By God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting! The people are heedless and deprived of awareness. Night and day, without cessation, there hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will that which the world of creation is powerless to comprehend or reckon. Nevertheless, the opposers have uttered what they have uttered, even though, by His very Self, the Truth, none other than this servant hath been or is aware. In any case, with a hundred thousand lamentations, entreaties and supplications, I beseech the friends of God that they all strive to reform the world, that perchance the vain imaginings of the past may not hereafter emerge and deprive the people of the Dayspring of certitude. Let them arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good and the Lord of those who act.

And now, they had written that his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be 95 [Baha'u'llah], is engaged in a trade in the Land of Ta. This matter is adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance, for all are commanded in this day to pursue a craft, profession or trade, and the work of craftsmen is accounted as worship in God's Book. Well is it with them and pleasant it is unto them. And God willing, may his honor Mirza Jahangir be assisted in the mention of Truth and the service of Truth. Mention was made of them before the Most Holy Court, and this servant's hope is that from the friends of God in this springtime of Revelation there may appear such a matter as shall endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names. This is not difficult for God. I convey greetings and salutations to those two honored friends and commit them to God, exalted be His glory. May the Glory that is manifest, resplendent, dawning and evident be upon you and upon those who have turned unto His straight Path.

BH00878: A mention from Us to him who turned…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

A mention from Us to him who turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and attained the Living Waters in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and spoke that which the Dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. God testifieth that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, and He is the One promised in God's Books of old. Blessed be the people who understand.

We have appeared and made manifest the Cause. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned away, those who disbelieved, those who pronounced judgment against the Lord of the seen and unseen, and those who shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all mankind in days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne and the tongue of grandeur proclaimed:

> "There is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

They who have attained the recognition of God are indeed the denizens of the most exalted Paradise in the Preserved Tablet. We bear witness that thou hast turned, recognized, and spoken that which the Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, and hast answered thy Lord when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Verily, nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He witnesseth

and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the Loving. Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of the Lord of Names, then drink therefrom in spite of them that deny the signs of God.

O Jalil! The Desired One of the world remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is the one with vision who hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the one with hearing who hath heard when the Call was raised in the Kingdom of Creation, and the one with a heart who hath turned to the Praiseworthy Station. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My favor which have preceded existence. Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee before, and now once again, as a token of grace from Us.

Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thy letter was presented and the servant in attendance hath laid it before Us. We have answered thee with this inscribed Tablet, which, when it descended from the heaven of the Cause, the other Tablets prostrated themselves before it. Thus did My Pen speak when the Wronged One was in this forbidden place. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have taken hold of the Book of God with strength from Him and have drunk the sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

O Jalil! God willing, thou shalt attain to the most great steadfastness and service to the Cause of the Lord of creation. These are the days that have been mentioned and recorded in all books, scriptures and tablets. The whole world hath been created for this Day, yet all are veiled from it save whom thy Lord willeth. Today, any good deed that appeareth from anyone, purely for the sake of God, shall endure for as long as the kingdom and the heavenly dominion shall endure. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and gladden them all with the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Thy letter was presented and the fragrance of steadfastness was wafted from it. This station is most great—preserve it in the name of God.

When thou didst inquire about divination (jafr), in truth this is not and hath never been the day for questions, even as the Primal Point, Who gave the people glad tidings of the Lord of the Beginning and the End, forbade all from asking questions in this Most Great Revelation. Some time ago this Most Great Verse was revealed from the Supreme Pen: “This is not the Day of questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Kingdom of Creation, to arise and say: ‘Here am I, here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Creator of Heaven!”’ For these fleeting days were not and are not worthy of such things. The souls that are serene, content and well-pleasing should regard time as precious and act in accordance with that which is befitting this Day. That which is visible shall ere long be rolled up like a scroll. Most grievous would it be should man occupy himself with aught else but Him on the Day of God. We have ordained for thee that which will dilate the breasts, gladden the hearts and bring delight to the eyes.

Previously, whatsoever was asked from the Dayspring of Divine Knowledge received detailed answers which were revealed and dispatched. In these days We desire to speak on every matter even as the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid you in that which beseemeth the Day of God.

Were the friends of God to recognize their station in this Day, they would perish from joy and gladness. Give thanks to the Desired One of all worlds that He hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison. One word from Him is more exalted than all things. Were people to become aware of its station, they would assuredly sacrifice their lives to attain it. At all times, with the utmost joy and radiance, strive ye to offer the Living Waters to those who thirst in the valley of mystic knowledge in the name of the True One. This service hath no peer or likeness.

Today the comprehensive book of divination is that Most Exalted Word which hath flowed and will continue to flow from the Supreme Pen. From it can be derived all that lieth concealed within the tabernacle of God's knowledge. Should anyone reflect upon the verses and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, he would testify to that which My Pen hath testified at this moment. The divine worlds have been and shall forever be without end. The deeds of the Prophets and Messengers bear witness to this clear pronouncement. Reflect, that thou mayest know that thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Today no matter among matters and no thing among things can compare with a single mention proceeding from a sincere rememberer. Today man is able to deposit precious pearls in the treasuries of the Trustworthy, the All-Wise. Today is the day of planting, today is the day of fruit, and today is the day of grace and bounty. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not all from the ocean of inner meanings. Verily He is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hast, through the light of Thy countenance, illumined all regions and before the manifestations of Whose power all created things have bowed down in submission. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, Who calleth out with the most exalted call in the Most Great Prison and summoneth the nations unto Thee, that Thou mayest ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones, and Thy friends that which shall shield them from the evil of Thine enemies and draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. O my Lord! Aid Thy servants to stand firm in Thy Cause, to arise to serve Thee, and to place their trust in Thee under all conditions. I beseech Thee by Thy glory and the lights of Thy throne to assist Thy loved ones in Thy lands and Thy chosen ones in Thy realms. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. There is no God but Thou, the Everlasting, the All-Sufficient, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH00908: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world…

He is God—exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world with the lights of His firm Command and hath manifested what He desired for the advancement of the peoples, and hath bidden them to bow down in humility before those who were drawn to the Manifestations of eternity, through whom was raised the standard that there is none other God but Him. Exalted, exalted be His station, and exalted, exalted be His might and grandeur! He is the One Who hath embellished the brocade of existence with the mention of the Seal, through Whom was revealed that which was hidden in His knowledge and inscribed in His Book and remembered in the hearts of those near unto God and the minds of the sincere ones. Prayers and peace

be upon Him and His family and His companions whom God made the stars of the heaven of His grace and the ships of bounty, and through them He revealed what He desired, though the idolaters detest it.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter hath brought me joy and your words have stirred me for they wafted the fragrance of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal. The servant beseecheth his Lord in all conditions to strengthen you and assist you to mention and praise Him in the Kingdom of Creation. O thou who art remembered in the heart of this servant! The station of Islam hath declined, religion hath weakened, and the banners have been reversed. We must supplicate God at all times, at eventide and dawn, that He may assist His loved ones and servants and raise up one who shall arise to redress what hath been lost. Your honor hath heard what the strong hath wrought upon the weak, and what hath befallen God's cities and lands from cannons and rifles. We beseech God to adorn the world with the ornament of justice that perchance the fire of hatred may be stilled. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Thereafter His writing was presented before His face. They said: God willing, may they be occupied at all times with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love emanateth from them. They have spent successive years in service until the light of gray hair hath appeared upon their countenance. God willing, may they be safe and protected and gladden the friends with greetings and salutations on our behalf.

As to what was written concerning the House and his honor Mirza regarding [Baha'u'llah]: their best course is to say what they had said at first and acknowledge that all these properties belong there. If from the beginning, during the upheavals in that land, they had spoken truthfully and stated that these properties were not theirs, none of these matters would have occurred and they would have found themselves at ease in every way. For His Holiness and they themselves know that in this place nothing even as fine as a hair has emerged or will emerge that deviates from justice and fairness, and their interests would certainly have been protected in any case. A hundred thousand regrets that one should be heedless of what benefits them and be unaware of their own harm and benefit. All their properties revert to this place according to valid deeds, but when the decree of imprisonment, trials and emigration came to pass, they did not release even one house.

Although in truth this matter arose from their fear, yet one of their station should not be so weakened by the clamor of the heedless that a house which was the dwelling place of the Desired One should come to such a pass that one of the friends must repeatedly purchase it to uphold the Cause. God is witness that I do not consider this fitting for his honor Mirza, for this shame and disgrace will endure until the Day of Resurrection. We hope that God willing, they themselves will arise to make amends for what has passed. A petition from them reached the Most Holy Court. God willing a reply will be sent later. Regarding them, from before, that is from the beginning of the upheavals in that land, the friends were written to not interfere in any way and to remain silent and say nothing discourteous. Convey my greetings to them.

As for what you wrote about purchasing the House, in light of what was previously submitted, they said how can we buy our own property again? For now we are content with imprisonment. But all bear witness that all those properties belong to this place, unless they wish to transgress justice and fairness and speak falsely. But afterwards some friends came to this servant [saying the House] should be saved

from the hands of the heedless. Therefore as per the previous telegram this was expressed to that beloved one. And truly this servant pondered that if he takes action it is not permissible since it is clear and evident that the properties have no connection to his honor Mirza, and if no action is taken it is observed that House is afflicted and tormented by the heedless ones themselves.

And it is a pity that that House from which the mention of God, exalted be His glory, was raised night and day should now fall into ignorant hands. And this servant had no funds ready to send and did not wish to burden anyone. Therefore this servant wrote to his honor Afnan to purchase it in his own name at the price that beloved one had written. Later God willing when funds arrive this servant will deliver them to his honor Afnan. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds. We place our trust in Him in all matters. We beseech from His wondrous bounty that He protect us from errors and mistakes and assist us in what He has commanded in His wise Book. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

I convey greetings and nothingness to all the friends in that land. May all be confirmed in that which God loves. Peace be upon you all, and the mercy of God and His blessings. Again I submit that if the friends in that land can acquire the House according to the wish of that Beloved One, it would be most excellent. In truth, it is mentioned and described as the King of deeds and the Sovereign of what is known. And according to that Beloved One's words, to sacrifice this unworthy sum for the House is, outwardly, the highest of all deeds that has been or ever shall be, for its remembrance is enduring and everlasting, adorned with the ornament of immortality, and the sum will eventually reach them. So either the first option or this one, whichever is feasible, would be good—whether they acquire it from that land or the House. May all the friends of that land be assisted to achieve that from which the fragrance of sanctity, holiness and what is known wafts forth. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

BH01418: O people of Zirak! The glances of the favor…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

O people of Zirak! The glances of the favor of the Lord of Names have been directed towards you from the Mountain of Akka, and He maketh mention of you through verses whose fragrance hath perfumed the world. Blessed are they who today have inhaled this sweet fragrance and have turned towards the supreme horizon. The whole world hath been created for the Day of God, that all may partake of the outpourings of the True Bestower and receive their portion. Yet they are seen to be deprived, for their past disobedience hath debarred them from the most great bounty and the most luminous prospect. Among the people are those who have committed that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise to lament, and among them are those who have hastened unto the Countenance and stood before the Door and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens: "Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The divines of the earth, who are accounted as ignorant in the sight of God, are the greatest veil for mankind. Blessed is the one whom this veil hath not withheld, who through the power and ascendancy of the Most Great Name hath rent it asunder and turned towards the horizon of God's Cause.

O friends! Know ye your station and recognize your worth. I swear by the Sun of proof which hath shone forth from the heaven of utterance that all things are turned towards you and are engaged in your remembrance. Soon shall every ear hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Explicator, the All-Informed.

Be not grieved at what hath befallen you in the path of the Desired One of the world. Death shall overtake all, and its agony shall encompass all. Blessed is the state of one who hath harmed no one and who endureth harm from these base people in God's path, and who holdeth fast to the cord of patience and resignation.

O My loved ones! We left the mansion and with Us were certain souls, among them the Most Great Branch, and behind him the two Branches, and My brother, and My other nephew, and behind them Muhammad-Quli, and Abdul-Baha who attained the presence of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and he who was named Hasan, then Mustafa whose father was martyred in the land of Ta, he being among those who showed forth great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. And among those present was Abdul-Ghani, who had migrated from Hadba after the Sun of Permission had risen from the horizon of his Lord's command, the Most Glorious. We entrusted to him the matter of food during this luminous journey. And Ja'far would carry God's bounty from the city to the land, and from the land to the mansion, and thence to the mountain.

When We arrived and entered the tent of glory pitched upon the mountain, the servant who was present brought a letter from one of My loved ones who was named Hussein, and presented its contents before the Face. When it was completed, the ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful surged, and there was revealed for him and for every name that was in his letter that which caused the river of life to flow upon all possibility. Exalted is He Who hath appeared through His Most Great Name and hath spoken among the nations that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Books and Scriptures. He is verily the Explicator, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thus have We recounted unto you what appeared on this mountain as a bounty from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Give thanks unto God for this supreme favor. He is with you under all conditions. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O friends! All that hath appeared in these days hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that all may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterance and hold fast unto that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Strive that ye may attain unto that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. Let not what hath befallen you cause you grief. The whole world shall return to extinction, and that which hath endured and shall endure is a word that proceedeth from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning a soul. Verily it shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, and it shall be a brilliant lamp unto him in every world of the worlds of his Lord. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken as a command from Us, and I am verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH01439: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. From everlasting He hath been the Deliverer of His servants and the Guide of His creatures, the Proclaimer of His Cause and the Revealer of His bounty. He is He Who hath appeared and made manifest whatsoever He willed, in such wise that neither the veils of the mighty nor the signs of princes have hindered Him. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed unto them that whereby the horizons have been illumined; through His remembrance the hearts of the sincere have been quickened, and the faces of them that know have been made radiant. By His Name hath every decree appeared, every lofty gate been opened, and every barren womb brought forth.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of creation, Revealer of verses, and Manifestor of proofs! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy supreme wisdom, by the hands of Thy Cause, and by the kingdom of creation, to send down, from the clouds of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, upon Thy loved ones that which shall comfort their eyes and gladden their hearts. Then ordain for them, from the Pen of Thy decree, a blessing from Thy presence and a favour from Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And now, O thou addressed! Inasmuch as the sapling of a new love hath been planted in the soil of the heart through meeting and reunion, it is hoped that the True One—glorified be His majesty—will cause it to yield wondrous fruits and mighty clusters. He is indeed powerful over His command. Praise be unto God: thy remembrance, in all joy and fragrance, hath not been severed from this servant; it remaineth, and shall remain.

Erewhile this most exalted word was heard. He said that joy and salvation lie in unity and concord. God willing, the fragrance of this state shall never cease to be diffused. There is no power and no might save in Him; no refuge and no flight save unto Him.

As to what thou hast written: praised be God, thou hast hastened unto that which is the intended goal. With earnest endeavour thou hast arisen and hast been adorned with the ornament of acceptance; blessed art thou, in that thou hast been drawn nigh.

A Tablet, wondrous and impregnable, was formerly revealed and sent, and therein mention was made of the blessed and honoured departed one—upon him be the glory of God, His loving care, and His bounty. This servant is incapable of setting forth, in full measure, his station.

Praise be unto God: in these latter days, by a wondrous and new remembrance, a longing hath arisen—would that the servant were in your company! Praise be to God, ye have been adorned with the ornament of wide-heartedness; act according to the will of God. In truth, poverty before Him is riches, and remembrance of Him is life.

Moreover, tidings were sent concerning the conditions of Ahmad—upon him be the glory of God—together with a mighty Tablet, each letter whereof testified to love, grace, and mercy. These Tablets are being dispatched unto the beloved throughout the regions of the kingdom. Neglect not these luminous and manifest favours.

And as to the letter that was sent: the answer shall, God willing, be forwarded thereafter. In all circumstances we beseech the True One to confirm the beloved, to strengthen the inquirers, and to enable all to render service.

O my God, have mercy!

With greetings and reverent remembrance I submit: Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH01627: O ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! The letter…

In His Name, the Answerer

O ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! The letter which his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, wrote to you was presented before the Face. Praise be to God that he is engaged in service to the Cause and adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. Blessed is he and those who have drunk the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Strong, the Mighty. His sighs in divine love were witnessed and his words of longing and yearning were heard. His is to praise God throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. From the phrase “He is the Helper in all conditions” a most sweet fragrance was diffused, and this word from the realms that have no beginning supported him according to its meaning, until it manifestly appeared in this season which is the spring of all seasons and in this century which is the beginning of centuries, flowing from his tongue and pen and heart.

Its beginning was from the confirmation of the Truth, glorified be His majesty—there is no doubt that its end too shall return to the Truth. This opening to his letters is blessed and auspicious, and assuredly its effect has appeared and will appear. That which he wrote that “until now I have not consented to its change”—the Truth too does not consent.

Say: Be steadfast in the Cause, detached from all beings and all names. We make mention of Muhammad-i-Qabli-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, and give him glad tidings of My remembrance of him and My turning toward him from this mighty, exalted station. And We send greetings from this station upon him and upon those whom God has related to His servant—verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. And We make mention of him who was named Abdu’l-Husayn and Ali-Qabli-Akbar and he who was named Javad, that they may rejoice in God’s favor and mercy and remember God in His mighty, wondrous Day.

O friends! Arise with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds, in such wise that the entire world may testify to this most great station. The degrees of steadfastness, detachment, firmness and constancy become apparent only at the time when the clamor of the barking ones, the ungodly and the atheists is raised. God willing, drink at all times from the pure water of the Kawthar of the utterance of the Beloved of all creation. Its intoxication is the cause of awareness and its taste is the taste of everlasting life. The Most Exalted Cup is before the faces of the people of creation. Blessed is he who drinks, and woe to the heedless! This is a Day when the denizens of heaven have turned toward the people of earth, for the earth has become the seat of the Most Great Throne. Blessed is he who has recognized this station and held fast to the favor of his Lord and clung to His luminous, flowing robe.

And concerning what was mentioned about the khans—God willing, may they be occupied with the remembrance of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and hold fast to His favor in such wise that neither might and grandeur nor worldly means may prevent them from the Most Exalted Horizon. May they be confirmed in that which causes the fragrance of eternity to be inhaled. In truth, if anyone in this place of tribulation occupies himself with the mention of transient things and worthless ornaments and their accumulation, every person of insight would testify to his loss. If human aspiration is confined to these numbered days, such a one was not and is not worthy of mention. Beseech the True One to confirm His loved ones in that which is lasting and eternal. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what was written about the leaf who was the wife of him who ascended to God—We heard. Divine favor was and is with her. God willing, may she attain to what is befitting and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. We have made mention and continue to make mention of all those related to you and to his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, both female and male, young and old. All are beneath the gaze of favor and the pavilions of grandeur. Beseech the Truth to assist all to preserve their stations. Verily He is the Guardian of the Cause in this world and the next, and the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasses all who are in the heavens and the earth. The glory from Us be upon you and upon them and upon My loved ones and chosen ones who have aided My wondrous Cause.

BH01687: Praise be sanctified above the realms of meaning…

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

Praise be sanctified above the realms of meaning and utterance unto the Beloved of all creation, Who is worthy and deserving, for by His blessed name the banner of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” hath been raised and planted in the kingdom of creation. Exalted be His greatness and glorified be His majesty! There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this Wronged One of the world in the Most Great Prison, and as it indicated thy well-being, it brought joy. God willing, in all conditions—coming and going, turning and advancing—may it be for God, in God, and unto God. O Maqsud! I swear by the Sun of Justice which is concealed behind the clouds of oppression that there hath been and is no purpose save the attainment of the servants to their highest stations. Nevertheless, there hath befallen this Wronged One that which no one hath seen or heard. I call them unto the light while they call Me unto the fire. We beseech God, exalted be He, to judge between us with truth. Verily He is the Commander, the Just, the Wise.

Both before and after, mention of thee hath been made in this Prison. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to aid thee in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to protect thee from the oppressors and transgressors of the earth. Thou hadst mentioned bewilderment. In one station bewilderment is highly praiseworthy. The Seal of the Prophets hath said: “Lord, increase my bewilderment in Thee.” However, regarding outward matters, keep thy gaze fixed upon this blessed word which, like the Most Great Luminary, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom. He saith: “The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion.” In every matter consult with

souls who are assured, tranquil, content and pleasing to God, and act upon that which is found preferable. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This Wronged One remembereth thee in the midst of sorrows, and were We to mention that which hath befallen and continueth to befall, it would surely cause grief to overtake the friends. Therefore silence is preferable. In these days adverse winds are blowing in this land. We conclude Our words at this point with: There is none other God but Him, and he who holdeth fast unto patience and forbearance is among the triumphant ones in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy second letter which thou hadst sent from the Holy Land arrived and what was mentioned and written therein was observed and presented before His presence. He said: Write:

> "O Maqsud! We have heard thy call and hearkened unto thy lamentation and sighing in thy longing and eagerness. Praise be to God that the fragrance of love was wafting from every word. God willing, may this station endure. The servant in attendance hath repeatedly recited what thou hadst composed. Thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and the glances of grace and kindness have been directed towards thee. Man is great; his aspiration too must be great in reforming the world and bringing comfort to nations. We beseech God to assist thee in that which befitteth the station of man. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon wisdom, for certain among the possessors of ulterior motives have been and are attempting—Glory be to God!—to attribute to this holy station, which hath desired naught save love, fellowship, the development and betterment of the world and humankind, that which causeth the tongue and pen to be ashamed to mention. We have remembered and do remember thee, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect thee through the hands of power and might, and to acquaint thee with that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the Master of all humanity. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty."

God willing, this Wronged One is among the faithful and hath not forgotten nor will forget thee.

BH01742: O Abbas! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

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

O Abbas! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with a remembrance by which those near unto God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, are moved. The Hour has come, the Call has been raised, the Cry has appeared, the mountains have passed away, yet the people are heedless. The world has been overturned, the Throne established, and upon it sits the Lord of the Manifestation and the Speaker on Sinai, yet most people do not understand. The Mother Book has appeared and calls out between earth and heaven, summoning all to the Praiseworthy Station. Among the people are those who deny, those who turn away, those who dispute the signs of God, Lord of what was and what shall be, and those who break God's Covenant and His pledge with such tyranny that the dwellers of the cities of names and the inhabitants of the Kingdom lament. When We observed carefully, We discovered that Our enemies are, for the most

part, the divines. Thus does the Most Glorious Tongue recount unto thee from the Supreme Horizon. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We manifested knowledge for the recognition of the Known One. Yet when the horizon of Manifestation shone forth and the Known One came, the divines denied Him at first, save whom God, the Lord of existence, willed. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess. By God! The Most Exalted Pen has been raised and announces to all the appearance of the Known One, to Whom ye turned morning and evening. Say: Why do I see you, O heedless ones, approaching the House while turning away from Him Who raised it by His command? Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who has come to you with a manifest Book, before which, were ye to be fair, all the books of the world would bow down. Be not of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day promised to you in God's scrolls and books, and this is a Cause whose pledge was taken by Him Who knows what was and what shall be.

Say: O company of oppressors! Ye have wrought that which has caused the Concourse on High to wail, the denizens of Paradise to lament, and the sighs of the Supreme Paradise and the tears of the angels and the Spirit to descend. Say: If ye possess anything greater than what has come from the heaven of divine Will, then produce it. Follow not every ignorant rejected one. Say: Come, that I may show you what ye have neglected on this Day which has been attributed to God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, the breezes of Revelation have blown, and the Nightingale of the Cause has sung upon the branches: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Abbas! Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of eternity. Remind the people of this Most Great Announcement, at whose appearance the limbs of vain imaginings and idle fancies trembled. Beware lest the power of princes and the doubts of divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names. Be as an immovable mountain in this ordained Cause. Say: He has come with the truth and pays no heed to your acceptance or rejection. He has appeared and manifested what He willed, despite you, did ye but know. He it is Who speaks in every condition:

> "There is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved."

Thus have We opened before thy face the door of grace with the key of justice. When thou attainest unto it, say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! I testify that Thou hast forsaken rest for the elevation of the nations, accepted abasement for the glory of the world, and chosen exile that servants might reach the Supreme Homeland, the station which God has sanctified beyond the comprehension of minds."

O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Take the Sealed Wine in the name of the Wronged One, then drink thereof with this remembrance whereby souls and hearts have been attracted. We have written for thee the reward of attainment in My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Rejoice, then give thanks to the Lord of the Frequented Fane. We have accepted thy turning, thy devotion, and thy

work in God's path. Blessed art thou in that thy deeds have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

BH01795: The servant beareth witness, at the outset of his…

The servant beareth witness, at the outset of his words, that there is none other God but Him—He Who hath ever been and shall ever be, even as He was from everlasting; He Who hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor peer, neither minister nor associate, neither equal nor likeness. He hath sent down the Books and commissioned the Messengers, that He may draw mankind nigh unto the Most Great Sea and guide them unto His straight path.

Blessings and peace be upon His envoys, His chosen ones, and His Messengers; and upon Him through Whom the Furqan was revealed and by Whom the religions were distinguished one from another. Exalted is the All-Merciful, Who manifesteth whatsoever He willeth and accomplisheth whatsoever He pleaseth—He, the One, the Single, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. And blessings be upon His family and His companions, whom God hath made the hands of His Cause among His servants, and through whom He hath caused religion to prevail, though every hater should hate, every hypocrite deny, every repudiator turn away, and every crafty materialist utter falsehood.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! The dominion prostrateth itself before Thee by Thy names and Thy attributes; and likewise those who have hastened unto the horizon of Thy revelation, and those who have quaffed the cup of testimony through Thy love and in Thy name. I beseech Thee to send down upon those who have been named by the two Most Exalted Names, and upon those who are with them of Thy loved ones and Thy friends, a blessing from Thy presence and a mercy from Thy bounty.

O Lord! Cause them to drink of Thy goodly qualities, and enable them to fulfil that which Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. Then make them ensigns in Thy realm and standards bearing Thy name throughout Thy dominions. O Lord! Thou seest them holding fast unto the cord of Thy utterance and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity. I ask Thee to open for them, with the keys of Thy bounty, the gates of Thy successive mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses, and to ordain for them that wherewith Thou hast adorned the best of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all existence.

And now, this servant—though unworthy to set forth that which is befitting of such mention—hath attained unto the honour of presenting these words. Yet the knowledge thereof resteth with God and His chosen ones. This is testified by Him Who possesseth the knowledge of the unseen and the seen, and He sufficeth as Witness.

The blessed missives that arrived in former times were presented before the Countenance, and were received with favour. God willing, despair not of the utterance of God, for every letter may become a cause of love to the worlds. This is not hard for God.

As for the beloved ones—may the spirit be a ransom for them—unto Siyyid Sahar and Mirza Murshid—upon them both be the glory of God—waves of unnumbered greetings are conveyed. We have sought protection for them from the Lord, the Preserver, the Possessor of the Names, and have dispatched it

unto that quarter in writing. God willing, it shall reach them, and this blessed word shall be upon their tongues in all conditions: “O Lord! Cause me to alight in a blessed abode.”

This servant continually beseecheth the True One—glorified be His majesty—to preserve the friends, and to maintain the blessings that have been attained through the Beloved. And should admonition be required, it too shall be given in due measure.

To Husayn—upon him be the glory of God—a letter hath been sent to the servant; an answer hath been revealed and dispatched, that it may reach him.

I render service to all, and convey greetings; and I entreat that, in all circumstances, ye may be confirmed in whatsoever God loveth and in that whereby His attributes are made manifest. Though darkness encompass the world, the lamp must not be extinguished. God willing, through the light of His loving care and the guidance of His wisdom, the lamp shall ever remain radiant and shining. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The servant prayeth, and God is the Hearing, the Answering.

Peace be upon you, and upon those who have held fast unto that whereby man is exalted in the realm of being, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of all that hath been and all that shall be.

BH01833: Praise be to God Who hath caused us…

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

Praise be to God Who hath caused us to know the unity of His Essence and the sanctification of His Being from creation and whatsoever pertaineth unto it, and hath made us to be among those who acknowledge the Word which His Beloved and Chosen One taught us—that there is none other God but Him, Who was and is and ever shall be, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Your esteemed letter with its spiritual tidings that brought joy and delight hath arrived. Praise be to God, health is attained, the fragrance of love is diffused, bounty is descending, the door is opened, the sun is shining, the star is gleaming, and the tree is flourishing and speaking. We need life that we may engage in circumambulation, yet great would be the loss if God should not assist in this mighty matter. The command is in His hands and He is the All-Informed.

Regarding the Tablet of Ustad Ali-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God, which you mentioned—some of it was written by the Blessed Beauty Himself. God willing, the names mentioned will also be recorded therein and sent. Concerning Jinab-i-Fu’ad, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, according to the command, movement is not permitted and patience is preferable. Verily God is with the patient ones. They said if God willeth, in another instance the answer to Andalib will be written and sent. Jinab-i-Samandar should repeatedly inquire on behalf of the Wronged One about their condition and that of the prisoners, upon them be the Glory of God, and should also ask Ibn-i-Attar on behalf of the Wronged One about Ismi, upon him be my Glory and Grace, and Jinab-i-Ali, upon him be my Glory and Loving-kindness, and the other loved ones. The purpose is to show love. By the life of God, they

have not been and are not absent from sight for a moment, and their reward is with God, exalted be His glory. What is now necessary is that they should beseech God to make the bitter draught sweet and grant patience. By My life, from some the fragrance of contentment is wafting. If God willeth, all shall attain to this most exalted station.

Regarding what was written about permission for the spiritual friend Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God—it was submitted. They said to wait a few days and afterwards the answer will appear and be sent. Likewise, especially for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Kazim-i-Isfahani, resident of Khadra, after this a token of loving-kindness will be shown according to what was promised. And likewise, especially for the beloved of the heart Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Haydar-Ali, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, a wondrous and sublime Tablet hath been revealed and will be sent.

They said to write to the one named Jud to write two words to Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be my Glory, and send the Tablet in the handwriting of the servant, but make no mention of Ibn-i-Abhar. Just write that they had asked for him before, and now you should send him. According to the command they should depart by way of H and M, and en route, that is after leaving Mosul, they should completely conceal the Cause until they arrive. The purpose is that they should move with the utmost wisdom. And it was written that from a certain place an amount of thirty tumans would be sent for their expenses. If it has not arrived, Jinab-i-Samandar or others should give it and later when it arrives they can receive it back.

Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01986: O beloved of my heart and joy of my…

O beloved of my heart and joy of my soul! The gift arrived—praise be to God, praise be to God! And all benefited from it—thanks be to God, thanks be to God! You wrote about its good and bad qualities with detailed criticism. God forgive! God forgive! Then God forgive such extensive criticism!

Once His Holiness David wished to meet a thankful person. He observed someone who had taken some wheat and barley mixed together and ground it between two stones until it became like flour. Then he kneaded it and made a loaf, and made a fire from some straw. After the flames died down, he placed the loaf on the embers. When it was partially cooked, he took it off and placed it in his lap. Taking the first morsel, he said:

> "In the name of God and by God! O Lord, my God! How can I thank Thee? I did not plant this wheat, nor did I know of it. I did not tend its cultivation, nor was I aware of its harvesting. Yet Thou bestowed it upon me through Thy special favors and bounties. I eat that for which I have not labored in the least. This is naught but Thy boundless generosity."

In such case, how can this evanescent one mention a blessing that appeared before him without any effort on his part and from which he partook? Even favorable mention would cause embarrassment, let alone anything else. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to count these servants among the thankful ones.

Once this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names. He said that one of the chosen ones asked a mystic: “How are you faring?” He replied: “When we find food we eat, and when we lack it we are patient.” He said: “This is the way of our dogs—when they find food they eat, and when they do not they are patient.” The mystic asked: “How then do you and your friends fare?” He replied: “When we find something we share it, and when we lack we give thanks.”

In such case, one melts away at the mention of anything that carries the slightest scent of unacceptability, let alone stating it explicitly. This is a station where allusion has no place and investigation falls short. However, for the sake of expressing truth and teaching and learning, the truth must be told, which is that your bread was somewhat blackened on the surface, redolent of the fragrance of the loved ones of the world. And since it was adorned with the ornament of patience, it became somewhat excessive—sourness overcame it, lest it harm those of bilious temperament. Furthermore, like the nobles of Iran it had substance—that is, it was heavy and weighty. In any case, we thank God and we thank you, for He says “If ye thank Me, I will thank you.” When God renders thanks, His servants are even more worthy to thank one another.

In brief, these were the minor incidents regarding the bread that were mentioned. The detailed account shall await the time of presence. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH02036: God willing, may you be enkindled with the fire…

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

God willing, may you be enkindled with the fire of divine love and illumined by the light of His countenance. The whole world was created for the recognition of this blessed Day, yet when the dawn of God’s Day shone forth from the horizon of His Will, all were found to be troubled, shaken, heedless and veiled, save those who cast away vain imaginings and turned to the horizon of certitude.

Consider the past ages and cycles: whenever the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Daysprings of God’s Cause appeared from the horizon of His Will, all arose in opposition and inflicted upon those Manifestations of Divine Unity and Dawning-Places of His Cause that which the Pen is ashamed to recount. Despite witnessing with their outward eyes the transience of the world and its passing away at every moment, they still cling to it while remaining heedless and veiled from that which endures throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

You must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, and in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, revive the withered souls of the heedless through the springtime of the All-Merciful’s utterance. Whosoever arises today to serve the Cause in the name of Truth will assuredly be accompanied by divine confirmations. All that is witnessed in the world will soon return to nothingness, but that which proceeds from anyone through love of God and His Name, exalted be His glory, will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Well is it with them that act!

Strive to drink from the Living Waters in the name of the All-Merciful—a drink after which no thirst remains. Thus does the Wronged One make mention of you from His Most Great Prison, that you may be among the steadfast. Today Satan calls out in the name of the All-Merciful, and the deniers among the

people of the Bayan are busily engaged in leading people astray with the utmost deceit and guile. God willing, may you attain such a station that you regard all else but God as non-existent and null, and engage in serving His Cause with complete strength and power.

In all conditions, fix your gaze upon the horizon of wisdom, for this mighty Command and firm Decree has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Books, Scriptures and Psalms. He commands all to that which benefits them. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven of knowledge was raised up and adorned with the suns of utterance, to make me detached from all else but Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and placing my trust in Thee. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify me from the mention of any but Thee, and enable me to arise to serve Thy Cause, and make me of those who desired for themselves only what Thou didst desire for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen and didst command them in Thy Books and Tablets. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the Most Great Name, not to deprive me of the outpourings of Thy days and the fragrances of the garment of Thy Cause. Thou art He Whom the affairs of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

BH02070: O ʿAli, O thou who hast clung…

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

O ʿAli, O thou who hast clung to the cord of My loving-kindness, who soarest in the atmosphere of My love, who gazest upon My countenance and drinkest the Kawthar of My utterance! Hearken unto that which the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning thee in these days wherein His Name and His loved ones have been imprisoned in the land of Ta through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought—they who have followed their own desires and turned away from what God, the Lord of all worlds, hath desired. He testifieth to thy turning toward the Countenance and thy devotion to the Most Sublime Horizon, and thy rising to serve the Cause. By the life of God! Nothing existeth but that the hand of justice shall seize it and return it to nothingness, save this testimony which the Most Glorious Pen hath uttered before the face of the Lord of Names in this station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High. Verily thy Lord is He through Whom the ocean of bounty hath surged amongst the nations, and the fragrance of faithfulness hath wafted through the kingdom of creation, and the sun of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the world.

Give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, then praise Him for this great favor. Verily He hath appeared with truth and caused thee to appear, and taught thee and made thee know, and guided thee to a path that all straight paths have circled round. And He hath sent unto thee one of the leaves among the leaves and a handmaiden among the handmaidens—this is of His favor unto thee and unto her. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The servant beseecheth before the face of his Lord that He unite you both and send down upon you from the heaven of His grace a blessing from His

presence and a mercy from His own Self, and draw you nigh unto Him in such wise that your names shall not be known save through His Name, nor your mention save through His mention.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all possibilities and the controls of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when it appeared, the earth quaked and the heaven was cleft asunder and the sun was darkened and the moon was eclipsed and the mountains moved, to bless us with the garment of reunion through Thy Name, the Holy, the Blessed, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then ordain for us every good thing which the Supreme Pen hath sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' and whatsoever lieth within Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! The tongue of my inner being and my outer self, and the tongues of my members and parts and features and elements, all testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou art He before the manifestations of Whose face's light every countenance hath prostrated, and before every one associated with Thee every sovereign hath bowed down, and around Whom all have circled. I beseech Thee by Thy Self, through Thy all-compelling and supreme Will, to ordain honor and glory for Thy loved ones, O Lord of the Kingdom of eternity! There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who have been imprisoned for Thy Name and the manifestation of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. Then send down upon them at all times the rain of Thy mercy and the outpourings which none hath known save Thy knowledge. O Lord! The Wronged One remembereth Thee through their tongues and on their behalf, and praiseth Thee for what hath befallen them in Thy path and Thy love—what befell Thy chosen ones of old who held fast to Thy Covenant and Thy Testament until they sacrificed their spirits for Thy Name. There is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH02160: The Word of God speaks with truth from this…

He is the One speaking from the Divine Lote Tree

The Word of God speaks with truth from this station which God has made the dawning-place of His revelation, the dayspring of His signs, and the manifestation of His Cause that was mentioned in His Books and Scriptures and in His preserved Tablet. The hidden mystery has appeared, yet most of the people perceive it not. The Promised One has come, yet most of the people understand not. They have violated God's Covenant and His testament, and have committed that which has caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names to lament, yet they perceive it not. This is the Day wherein He Who conversed on Sinai calleth aloud with the most exalted call, yet most of the people hear not. They have cast aside the truth, clinging to the vain imaginings of men. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The servant in attendance was present and read thy letter before the Wronged One, and We found from it the fragrance of thy love and thy humility and lowliness before God, the Lord of what was and what will be. We have answered thee with that which shall diffuse the fragrances of loving-kindness and shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon when the learned ones and divines of the earth turned away from it,

save those whom God desired, the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to serve the Cause by My command, then guide the people to the Most Great Path of God through this Name whereby that which was hidden in the treasuries of might hath been revealed. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander, the Ancient of Days.

Say: O people of the earth, fear God and follow not your desires. By God! The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth aloud and summoneth all unto the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: This is the Day in which the breeze of life hath wafted and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been diffused. Turn ye with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless ones. Say: O people of the earth, cast aside what ye possess that I may show you what God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible, possesseth. Beware lest ye deny God's favor after its revelation and bestowal. Reflect upon God's Cause and His sovereignty, and be not of those who cling to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Arise to remember and praise in such wise that neither the oppression of rulers nor the opposition of divines shall deter thee. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this forbidden spot.

We desired their life and preservation and a station whose mention transcendeth every pen and tongue, yet they pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as hath caused the denizens of the Kingdom to cry out. Blessed is he who is not prevented by the turning away of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Thus have We revealed before all faces and eyes the pearls of wisdom and knowledge from this Sea whose waves proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful in His days and hath spoken His praise and remembrance and drunk the choice wine of love from the cup of His bounty. He is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark whom We mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma' from God, the Lord of existence. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this irrevocable Cause.

BH02140: After offering praise and glorification to the Beloved…

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

After offering praise and glorification to the Beloved of the worlds and salutations upon the honored loved ones—upon them be God's peace—it is submitted that for some time there has been no news from that honored brother. Every soul who turns from that direction to this direction makes most complete and perfect inquiries about your circumstances. God willing, you are in perfect health and well-being, occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. In all conditions we servants must be occupied with that which causes the appearance of the stations of love, wisdom, faithfulness and human qualities and conditions. And I beseech God to confirm us—verily He has power over all things and He is the Hearing, the Answering One.

Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-Ali and Aqa Lutfu'llah have arrived and praise be to God they are safe and well. This servant requested Jinab-i-Aqa Lutfu'llah to come to the garden for certain reasons, after which Aqa Ghulam-Ali also arrived, and now by God's grace and bounty both intend to be occupied in this land. In any case, this servant supplicates for good and blessing and bounty for them.

The letters sent to you from Iran were read repeatedly. The flame of love appears to emanate from their every limb—their hearts have melted in separation. You should send them a reply, and from here also it is hoped that, God willing, a messenger will be found and a Tablet sent. Convey greetings and praise on behalf of this evanescent servant to the friends in that land. God willing, may they be eternally mentioned in the Kingdom of Names. Do not consider this statement impossible, for if a person in their life becomes occupied with and achieves good deeds and praiseworthy character, their mention is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity, and as long as mention remains, life remains, as mentioned in previous accounts.

I send greetings to the light of my eyes Aqa ʿInayatu'llah and their sister. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve them all—verily He has power over all things. Peace and mercy and praise be upon you and your family and upon every steadfast believer. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The servant, 3 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1300

Four letters were sent—truly it is a burning fire and had a great effect upon this servant. You should write to give them the glad tidings of the Tablet and the appearance of the favors and kindnesses of the Intended One regarding them. Blessed are they, as their remembrances were present and they were mentioned in that which its traces and fruits will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This evanescent servant sends greetings with a hundred thousand tongues and expresses pure sincerity in service to them. Glory be upon them.

They have requested a receipt for twenty tumans—you should write and send it so that it can be sent.

BH02149: In My Name, that has power over all who…

In My Name, that has power over all who are on earth and in heaven!

Glorified is He Who has sent down the verses and manifested what He willed. He verily is the One Who speaks at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and He has sent down for you that which cannot be equaled by all things. To this bears witness the Lord of Names in His mighty prison. The servant in attendance before the Throne has read your letter. We have answered you with this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto God that your call has been heard in this spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, though most of the people are heedless.

We found your letter purified from vain imaginings. Ask God to keep you steadfast in your condition. He verily is the Almighty, the Powerful. O Ghulam! Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen has moved to mention you while the Wronged One walks in His noble station. We have aided you to recognize Him Whom the world has failed to know, and guided you to My Straight Path. Hold fast to My Sure Handle, detached from what is with the peoples. Thus does the Ancient of Days command you as a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

Your letter was seen. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was wafting from it. God willing, may you be illumined by the lights of His countenance and enkindled with the fire of His love to such degree

that neither the circumstances of the tyrants nor the sophistries of the Pharaohs who are the divines of the age would prevent you. Whenever the horizon of the world was blessed with the lights of revelation, the divines of that age arose in utmost rejection and protest, and issued the death warrant for His pure blood. This is not the first Cause that has appeared in the contingent world. In all ages and centuries that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to lament has appeared from them. All the books before and after have testified to this blessed Day. Nevertheless, that which has occurred is such that pen and tongue are powerless to mention it. Glorified is He Who speaks and continues to speak under all conditions, and manifests through His sovereignty whatsoever He desires in such wise that neither the power of the mighty nor the clamor of the divines can frustrate Him. He does what He wills and ordains what He pleases. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding your desire to attain His presence—blessed are you and your desire. He verily records for whosoever desires it the reward of attaining His presence. He is the Hearer, the Answerer. In these days this land is somewhat in turmoil and matters that cause grief are present. Therefore permission for visit has been delayed. However what is regarded today as among the most important deeds before the Self-Sufficing, the Most High has been and will be the teaching of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. God willing, you will be enabled through divine confirmation and heavenly favor to achieve this mighty endeavor. Strive that perchance you may quicken those in the graves through the living waters of utterance which have flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Be speaking in My Name, gazing toward My horizon, and holding fast to My mighty cord. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02253: Praise be to God Who has uplifted truth…

He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

Praise be to God Who has uplifted truth and brought down metaphor, Who has illumined Yathrib and the Hijaz through His Most Praiseworthy Name. He is the Founder of the foundation of religion, the Establisher of its pillars, and the Manifestor of its mysteries. He is the Speaker Who announced to all the promise of the Meeting on the Day of Resurrection. He is the Herald Who summoned all to the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. And the prayer that has dawned from the horizon of God's will be upon His family and companions who made the Faith victorious despite the opposition of the ungodly, and who drew their swords against the ungodly and hypocrites who broke God's Covenant and His pledge, and followed every impostor, deceiver and idol who denied God's grace and mercy when He appeared with the truth with manifest sovereignty.

And furthermore, the servant has attained to the presence after becoming aware of your noble writing and presenting it today before the Countenance. Then did the utterance speak forth in the kingdom of proof in such wise that this servant was struck senseless. When he recovered, he beseeched God, the Lord of the Covenant, for the unity of the loved ones throughout all regions. Verily He is the Answerer, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

They said: O Name of Generosity! We have heard your call and witnessed your turning to Us. We beseech God to assist you and grant you the good of the hereafter and this world. In His grasp are the reins of all

hopes and in His right hand are the destinies of all souls. At times He speaks that which draws the servants near to Him, and at times He manifests that from which the people of error flee. Exalted is God, the Lord of Names and Sovereign of all things, Who has spoken and caused all things to speak His praise and glorification. There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be joyful in all conditions and be assured of God's favor. After the cup of reunion, let longing increase and make the most complete preparation for nearness. God willing, the meeting will occur soon and We shall make up for what was missed. Convey greetings to the friends and likewise to your family and those with you. End.

Praise be to God, you have attained to mention, utterance, promise and nearness, even if on credit. But what is available now in cash is this: As commanded, on Tuesday the 19th of the blessed month of Ramadan, his honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, should seat the travelers in a carriage—including he who was named before the Countenance as Haji Ahmad and those with him, and the two who are in the guest house, these being four in total—and bring them. Or if they come on horseback, that is also good if they come two at a time separately. This lowly one conveys greetings to each one and gives them the glad tidings of attaining the presence. The servant beseeches the Lord of nations and Goal of the world to write for each one of His loved ones and friends that which befits His grace, generosity and favors. Verily He has power over all things. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

BH02314: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds…

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

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon Him Who subdued the world through His Name, the Guardian over all nations, and upon His family and companions who aided the Faith and raised its banners in the name of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Your esteemed letter arrived, praise be to God. It was a herald bringing news of sincerity, health and wellbeing. Yet sincerity is for God, the Truth, and health and wellbeing are for all. After offering praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, you proceeded to mention your pilgrimage. Afterwards you wrote that God willing, may you ever be favored with divine grace and steadfast in His service. We beseech God to assist all to do what is befitting and to manifest and bring to completion specific civil matters with perfect sanctity and detachment.

Regarding what you wrote about the claims of certain ones—there is no doubt that the creditors are embarrassed while those who should pay show no shame on their faces. This is not new but has always been thus, hence it was said: "A loan is scissors that cut affection." His honor Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, is truly a quiet and silent person who certainly avoids matters that cause aversion and ill-feeling. However, in conducting business one must follow its proper conditions. Therefore they must keep accounts and make claims, as they themselves are in debt and payment of debts is necessary. As He, glorified and exalted be He, has said: "The payment of debts is an urgent obligation." If

one does not collect, they certainly cannot make payment, and even if claims are made, no one gives anything.

Until the child cries, how can it drink milk? Until the cloud weeps, how can the meadow smile?

God willing, may the debtors be enabled to pay and the creditors to collect. Another petition: whenever you meet with the friends and loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty, mention this lowly one. This servant has ever mentioned and continues to mention each one in the Most Holy Court, and requests all to beseech God to protect this servant from error, mistake and from all that is unworthy of God.

Remember the beloved one, His honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. It is hoped that this servant too may come to those parts. God willing, whatever remains of mentions due, I take upon myself so that I may attain the presence of the friends. Peace shining from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who took the cup of conjecture and cast it behind them, then took again the cup of certitude and drank therefrom in the name of God, the Mighty, the Wise. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH02342: Say: O concourse of earth! Know ye My station…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing.

Say: O concourse of earth! Know ye My station this day? By the life of God! This is a Day whereon the ages are in My sight but as a single minute, the oceans but as a drop, and the suns but as one rising. Thus speaketh the Most Great Book concerning this Momentous Tiding.

O Most Noble One! Remind the people with wisdom and with eloquent exposition, that haply they may be awakened by the Call, arise from the slumber of passion, and turn unto God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: The world hath been shaken by the breezes of Revelation, and every soul enkindled with light hath been adorned with the vesture of the grace of his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

O thou who hast turned toward My Horizon! I was seated upon the Throne, in one of the mansions, when My present servant entered bearing thy letter—that same letter which, when it was read, caused every atom to testify to thy rising up, thy lowliness, thy submissiveness, and thy remembrance and praise of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. It was read, on thy part, with such purity that from it the fragrance of faithfulness was diffused throughout the Kingdom of creation. Exalted be the Lord of Names, He Who nurtured thee, strengthened thee, and guided thee unto His straight Path.

And when this was accomplished, We sent down the verses which, were We to cast them upon the inanimate, it would be moved, would speak, and would testify that there is none other God but He, the Speaker, the Beholder, the Hearing, the Seeing.

The Tongue of Eternity proclaimeth, in the Most Great Prison: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” By God! The Hidden Treasure hath been disclosed and the treasured

Secret made manifest, and the Tongue of Grandeur crieth out amidst the world: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the True, the Knower of things unseen.”

O concourse of earth! Fear God and follow not your vain desires. Follow Him Who summoneth you unto that which shall draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. The world and whatsoever ye behold this day shall pass away; but honour and dominion shall abide with God, the Lord of whatsoever hath been and shall be.

Lay aside the books of the world, and take fast hold of the Book of God with a power from Him. Thus doth the Guarded Tablet from His presence command you.

We have beheld thy turning; We have turned toward thee. We have heard thy call; We have answered thee from this exalted station. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and attain unto My Tablet, arise from thy place, turn toward My Horizon, and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, for having made mention of me whilst Thou wert imprisoned amidst the oppressors among Thy servants. I bear witness that Thou hast appeared and hast brought to light that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of being.”

The glory that shineth from the horizon of My mercy rest upon thee and upon such as hold fast unto My outstretched Cord.

BH02371: Praise be to God, Lord of what was…

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

Praise be to God, Lord of what was and what will be, and peace and blessings be upon the possessor of the praised station and the manifest Cause, who was named Muhammad and Ahmad and Mahmud by God, the Mighty, the Loving, and upon his family and companions, the lamps of guidance and lights of the throne amidst creation and manifestations of oneness through the hidden mystery, through whom the secrets of creation were revealed.

And then—may my spirit be a sacrifice for your love—the servant has been honored by your address and ennobled by your letter, and has learned of your favors, your resolve and your attention in service to your Lord. After my reading and learning, despite my immaturity and lack of understanding, I turned to the Most Great Joy and presented it before His face. He said—and His sweetest word is:

> “The name Jud, upon him be My glory—they sent two gifts, one delighting the spirit in the form of moderation, and the other strengthening the body. Praise be to God, he has always been and remains mindful of matters related to the House. Blessed be the sender and the one sent to, and also the sender and the one sent to. We beseech the Most High to assist him in this and to reveal his reward so the world may see, though He has already manifested it through His grace and favor. Peace and glory and exaltation be upon him and upon those in his household and upon My loved ones there.”

End quote.

God willing, tea will be prepared for breakfast and your beloved's instructions will be followed. As for the wheat, it was truly observed to be very good and desirable. If similar can be produced in that land, several choice seeds should be obtained and sent to be planted and harvested. The profit is from God. May the friends of God, exalted be His glory, enjoy the most excellent bounties. He is indeed the Beneficent, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Further, this servant knows not what to submit and what to mention—whether to complain about the fast or express satisfaction. If we say we were and are satisfied with it, it is observed to have become a barrier and cause of prevention, and the reason for separation and remoteness which has ever been detested. And if we mention anything less than good, this would be counted among real transgressions, for it has been and remains among the greatest bounties with God, the Lord of Names. Wisdom lies in being grateful in all conditions, in delegating to Him and relying upon Him. Surely the Just, the Trustworthy has not and will not let slip the interests of His friends. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of creation and the Protector of the servants and lands. Peace be upon you and upon the people of devotion who enjoin good and forbid evil and act according to what the All-Giving has revealed in the Book.

BH02473: In His Name Who shineth forth from the horizon…

In His Name Who shineth forth from the horizon of certitude! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who hath turned unto Him and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Verily he hath attained unto the mention of the Wronged One time and again, and this is yet another time when the gaze of God hath been directed towards him from the Most Exalted Station.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth in the name of thy Lord, and gazing towards the horizon whence the lights have shone forth. Take thou the reins of the Cause by Our command and remind the servants of this News wherewith the Books of God have formerly given glad tidings, and that which was revealed in the Bayan. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee from this Station which God hath made the Dawning-place of inspiration.

Remind My loved ones on My behalf and illumine them with the lights that have shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen, from which the decisive Word hath appeared. Say: Hold fast unto deeds and unto that which We have revealed concerning conduct, then know ye that these are God's hosts on earth. He in Whose possession is the Mother Book doth testify to this. Aid ye your Lord through goodly character—through this His Cause is exalted in all regions. Say: Be ye My trustees on earth, that every seeker and every aspirant may find in you the fragrance of trustworthiness and assurance. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Convey My greetings to all the friends of God and be vigilant at all times, for great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. Say: O friends! With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and strive to make up for what hath passed, for this Day hath no likeness or equal. Hold fast unto the hem of righteousness and fix your gaze upon the Most

Exalted Horizon. The Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Dayspring of Revelation hath appeared. All the divine Books and the Prophets and Messengers gave the people of the world glad tidings of this blessed Day, yet all remained heedless save whom God willed.

His honor Ahmad hath sent a petition to the Most Holy Court and hath returned. We, verily, have pardoned him and forgiven him. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Ask ye God that He may aid all to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and preserve them from aught else save what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He is powerful over all things. God willing, that honored one shall, through the heat of divine love, set aflame the frozen servants and draw them to the straight path.

Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and in that this Book hath been sent down unto thee which shall testify for thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God.

BH02572: O thou who hast turned towards Me! The Wronged…

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power

O thou who hast turned towards Me! The Wronged One turneth unto thee and from this exalted station doth greet thee with praise. And now, the petitions that were submitted in thy name have been presented at the Most Holy Court and an answer hath been revealed.

The one named of God, M.H., upon him be My glory, hath made mention of Master Aqajan Salmani. We have mentioned him before and mention him now, that he may rejoice in My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have remembered every servant who hath turned and every maidservant who hath turned, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We greet him from this station, and his wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when most of the servants turned away. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having taught me and made me know Thee and mentioned me in Thy Great Prison and guided me to Thy straight path and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and cast upon me Thy Most Exalted Word whereby every wise command was revealed.

The servants and handmaidens who have turned towards God are all blessed with His mention—some have outwardly attained His presence while for others it remaineth preserved and concealed behind the veil of chastity. All must, God willing, act according to what God loveth and fix their gaze upon the horizon of His good-pleasure. The command is in His hand and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

They have likewise made mention of Mirza Mu'min. Wondrous and sublime Tablets have repeatedly been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will especially for him. We greet him from this station and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath attained unto mention; let him preserve what God hath graciously bestowed upon him as a token of His grace and bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of his wife as We mentioned her before. She turned towards God and migrated until she attained His presence in Baghdad in the presence of Him Whom the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, had promised.

O My handmaiden! He who is named of God, upon him be My glory, hath made mention of thee and presented thy services at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to serve the friends of God and this service hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor. He is verily the Protector of every maidservant who hath turned towards God and the Helper of every servant who hath attained unto My sealed wine. Likewise have all the souls mentioned been blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may all be assisted to do what befitteth and beseemeth this divine Day.

Glory be upon them from the Wronged One, the Stranger, the Unique.

BH02596: After praise and glorification of the Goal…

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

After praise and glorification of the Goal of the worlds and His chosen ones and friends, it is submitted that your letter was received. Praise be to God, it indicated the wellbeing of that honored brother's blessed being and his relatives, which brought joy and delight. In truth, letters have been and are half of meeting and encounter. In any case, they are the cause of gladness and the source of joy. The remembrance of friends brings happiness to the Friend, especially if that remembrance is for the sake of God. However, after learning what was mentioned, amazement upon amazement arose, for by the truth of Truth, never did such words emerge from this servant. Apart from all this, what has occurred that one would commit an act or speak a word that would cause grief to friends? You yourself know that this servant has always been occupied with conveying words of love and affection. God willing, we hope that the Truth, exalted be His glory, will adorn all with the ornament of trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Today is and has been the day of goodly words, goodly deeds, and good thoughts. God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost joy and fragrance, and pass your days and nights in perfect ease, wellbeing and health. Convey greetings and praise to Jinab-i-ʿInayatu'llah and his mother and sister. God willing, may they dwell and rest in the shadow of the Tree of Grace. Peace and glory be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings. The servant

The various letters you sent arrived. God willing, after review news will be sent. Convey greetings from this ephemeral one to the honored master Jinab-i-Sabri Effendi, may the Glory of God be upon him. Due to the abundance of occupation, this servant does not have time to trouble the friends, therefore he seeks pardon from all. Peace and glory be upon him, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Regarding what you mentioned about having sent a letter previously—it did not reach this servant, and this letter also reached this servant after four days since it was outside the city and the messengers had forgotten. In any case, upon review and reading, the reply was submitted.

BH02580: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

In the Name of God, Exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and created the Messengers and sent them to the servants that they might make known to them the matter of origin and return and guide them to the path of righteousness, until He sealed divine revelation and prophethood with Him by Whose traces the world is illumined and through Whom the decree of unity was established among the nations—He in Whose palm the pebble spoke and to Whom the leaves and the date-stone bore witness, the King of the chosen ones and the Goal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. And the prayer that shineth forth from the horizon of God's tender mercy, exalted be His glory, and the peace that appeareth from the kingdom of His will, widespread be His bounties, be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom God separated truth from falsehood and through whom appeared the decree of the verses and decisive utterance. These are servants whom the hosts of the world prevented not from the Ancient King. They arose and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

Through them flowed the Euphrates of divine knowledge and surged the ocean of wisdom and exposition, and the light of oneness shone forth from the horizons of the hearts of all contingent beings. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His greatness and exalted be His power. I bear witness that there is no God but God, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and in recognition of His oneness.

And then, may my spirit be sacrificed for thee, thy esteemed letter was the cause of joy and spiritual delight and gladness to this ephemeral one. After perusal it was presented before Him and He said:

> "God willing, he hath been and is successful. Whatever hath thus far been commanded unto him, he hath immediately arisen to execute. We beseech God to make him distinguished among his peers and companions and to illumine him with the lights of divine unity and in all conditions to aid him to act according to the Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise, the All-Subduing, the Omnipotent."

End quote.

Furthermore, he conveyeth greetings to all the gentlemen of that land and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make them appear as standards among the people—that is, to appear among the people with truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, religiosity and chastity. Each of these qualities is like a standard, as every fair-minded and informed person will testify. Likewise I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant them the good of this world and the next. He is the Hearer and He is the Answerer. And praise be to God in all conditions, and peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

BH02719: O Husayn! Hearken to the call of the Wronged…

He is the One manifest and sovereign over all who are on earth and in heaven.

O Husayn! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One Who summons thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and invites thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of ancient days. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard thy call therefrom. We have answered thee with a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down, and with a

mention that hath gladdened the eyes of them that are nigh. The Wronged One hath heard the cry of thy heart in thy love for God and thy yearning in separation from Him, and hath witnessed thy turning toward this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Book and the Most Great Prison in My perspicuous Book. Thou art he who hath turned toward My horizon and attained unto My love and recognition and hast drunk the choice wine of My tender mercy from the hand of My bounty. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

The Most Exalted Pen hath loved and continues to love to speak in the most sweet Persian tongue. Thy letter which was sent in the name of the servant was presented before the Countenance. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh of His Name this day and blessed is the eye that gazeth toward His horizon. This blessed Day is truly mighty and great, and is known in the divine Books and Scriptures as the Day of God.

Every soul is able this day to attain unto enduring stations. God willing, thou shalt, through divine grace and heavenly confirmations, preserve thy station and likewise recognize its worth, for thou art recorded and inscribed among the foremost in the Book of ʿIlliyin and art distinguished by the special favors of God and successful in attaining His peerless Name. Keep this most exalted station hidden from the eyes of the heedless and the veiled ones, for the treacherous have ever lain in wait for the precious gem. God willing, thou must be engaged in mention and praise with a new spirit, a new tongue, and boundless strength and power, and remain firm, steadfast and resolute in service to the Cause. Soon that which is hidden shall appear in the realm of manifestation, and the deniers, unbelievers and heedless ones shall cry out “Alas for us, for what we neglected towards God!” In all circumstances keep thy gaze fixed on wisdom and hold fast unto God, exalted be His glory. Verily He hath raised thee up through His grace and ordained for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that know. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02877: The servant in attendance read thy letter before…

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names.

The servant in attendance read thy letter before the Wronged One, and it was heard. From its words and phrases wafted the fragrance of love. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of the eternal Beloved’s grace and remain turned toward the horizon of His Cause. O thou who art enkindled with the fire of separation and who hast turned to God, the Lord of the Day of Divorce! Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in thy Lord. Verily He is the companion of him who hath no companion, and the helper of him who hath no helper, and the succourer of him who hath arisen to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and the strengthener of him who hath turned unto Him, and the answerer of him who calleth upon Him. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Face, and the ear that hath attained to His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause, to possess spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds, and to speak goodly words. By My life! Whoso acteth in accordance with what hath been enjoined upon him by God is assuredly among those who are nigh unto Him in a manifest Book.

Praise be to God that in this blessed day thou hast inhaled the fragrance of His garment and turned toward the straight path of God. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. By God’s life! The precious

jewels of the earth and the treasures of kings cannot compare with it. Know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever will be with His loved ones. He verily is the Near One, the Watchful.

O Tahmasb! Give praise to the Lord of eternity Who hath granted thee success and Who in this Most Great Prison hath made mention of thee. That which this Wronged One hath ever desired is the salvation of all, and ever shall be. God willing, thou shalt speak the praise of the Beloved of all worlds with the utmost joy and delight, and hold fast unto the Will of God. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Lord of eternity was in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be among those who are firmly established.

In these days this region is somewhat disturbed; therefore it is not permissible to journey to this place. The Wronged One beseecheth God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence and to decree for thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH02917: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness and My favor which hath preceded existence itself, and My mercy which hath encompassed all that was and shall be. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor what every ignorant and veiled one may utter. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning unto Me, thy recognition, and thy presence before the Wronged One. Thou art he who heard the Call and responded to thy Lord, the Lord of Names, when the peoples turned away from Him save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. We have heard the yearning of thy heart, the sighing of thy soul, and the lamentation of thy inner being, and such sorrow hath seized Us as none can reckon save the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing.

We have ordained the laws for love and unity, for kindliness and concord, yet the people have made them the cause of hatred. This is naught but a grievous error. We have manifested Our Self and revealed that which draweth hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon, the Station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have borne the tribulations of earth for the unity of all therein and the revelation of what God hath willed. Yet the people have cast the Command of God behind their backs, following every heedless and remote one. By My life! I have been saddened by thy sadness, and found Myself in such grief as would, were it to be apportioned amongst the peoples of the earth, cause them to wail as do the bereft.

We have freed thee and purified thee and caused thee to know and speak forth this wondrous Cause. We guided thee at the beginning and were thy leader unto My Straight Path. This is a bounty that no thing in the kingdom can equal, as doth testify He with Whom is the Clear Book.

O My Name along with My Name! Nothing shall harm thee. Hold fast unto it and place thy trust in God, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from this Cause at whose appearance all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save those who came unto

God with a mighty, powerful and illumined heart. Thus hath surged the ocean of meanings, and the breezes of God have wafted, and the white ships have sailed thereon through My Name, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and earths. Guide thou the servants thereby, as a command from My presence. This beseemeth the days of God, the Single, the Peerless. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness and the light gleaming from the direction of My prison be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon them that love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH03435: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be the peace of God…

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be the peace of God and His care, and the Glory of God and His mercy! Praise be to God that thou didst arrive in the Most Great Prison and didst attain the presence of the Wronged One in thy comings and goings. And now, by leave and will, thou hast decided to return. Praise the Desired One of the worlds that thou hast attained to that which most are heedless of.

Convey greetings and salutations to the friends of God, exalted be His glory. Say: The Wronged One of ʿAkka counseleth all to fear God and to that which exalteth the station of man. The true Law of God consisteth in such matters and deeds as are the cause and source of the manifestations of human stations. This is the good that hath been enjoined in all the Books of God, exalted be His glory, and whatsoever is contrary to this station is accounted as evil and must needs be shunned.

If thou attainest the presence of the two Names, namely Jamal and Zayn, stand thou before their faces and convey greetings from the Wronged One unto them. Similarly, give thou glad-tidings to the friends of that land through the remembrance of this Wronged One—all are remembered by Him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them, draw them nigh and acquaint them with that which beseemeth them. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Some of the friends who are engaged in serving the Cause and are adorned with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are in truth among the pillars and chosen ones of the earth. The outpourings of divine mercy have been and continue to be especially destined for such souls. Convey greetings to the captives of that land, whether young or old, male or female.

In these days the letter of Jinab-i-Zayn and Jinab-i-Mirza ʿAbdu'llah was mentioned by this servant in the presence. God willing, a reply will be sent. We beseech God to grant them that which will draw them near unto Him in all His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Peace and Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them by God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03426: O ʿAbd-Qabil-Husayn! This is the Day which hath been…

He is the One manifest above all things!

O ʿAbd-Qabil-Husayn! This is the Day which hath been mentioned and recorded in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures as the Day of God. All those who are nigh unto God, the believers in divine unity, and indeed all the peoples of the world, have awaited this most mighty, most holy Day. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God—exalted be His glory—all were found heedless and veiled, save those souls who freed themselves from idle fancies and vain imaginings and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

Today the ocean of grace is surging and the straight path is clear and evident. How blessed is the state of those whom neither the doubts of the divines, nor the intimations of the mystics, nor the might of rulers hath withheld from the Lord of all names. Whosoever hath on this Day attained unto the divine Word hath attained unto all good. Blessed is the soul at whose mention My Most Exalted Pen hath moved, and woe unto the heedless! For the sake of fleeting days they have turned away from the immortal Kingdom of God. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss.

Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in this Clear Book, for nothing among all things can equal it—to this doth the Lord of all creation bear witness on this luminous night. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have observed thy devotion and made mention of thee in such wise as shall never come to an end, enduring as the most beautiful names of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

Hold fast to the cord of His grace and be thou of those who are steadfast. At the end of this Book We counsel thee to manifest the utmost steadfastness, for Satan calleth from behind the All-Merciful throughout all creation. This is what We have previously informed the servants of, and in this wondrous Tablet. Strive thou in thy days that there may appear from thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey unto the people with wisdom and utterance, that they may forsake what they possess and take hold of that which they have been commanded by One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation in the name of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03446: Praise be to God! The Fire of Manifestation…

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

Praise be to God! The Fire of Manifestation is kindled and visible from the Blessed Tree, and the Light of Divine Unity is shining from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Will. The Speaker of the Mount is established upon the throne of grandeur, yet the people remain deprived and forbidden from His presence and meeting. All tongues speak in praise of this blessed Day, all ears are attentive to hear the Call, all books, scrolls and psalms make mention of this most exalted and most holy Revelation, and all

eyes are expectant. Yet when the world was illumined with the lights of the dawn of Revelation, all peoples were found heedless and veiled, save whom God willed.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Who summons thee from the precincts of the Most Great Prison and calls thee to the highest horizon. The people of the world who were seekers, yearning and expectant of the divine Day, are all occupied with these fleeting days and heedless of, nay, turned away from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained the recognition of God and whose mention hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Book. He shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Blessed art thou for having attained unto a Tablet that cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth on earth. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, beareth witness unto this.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, for having made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, for having guided me to Thy path, and for having cast upon me Thy Most Exalted Word. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names to make me steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, and standing firm in this Cause whereby the limbs of the people of Thy kingdom have trembled. O Lord! Thou art the Answerer and I am the supplicant. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the fragrances of Thy Robe, nor to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH03568: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter hath reached Mine ears, bearing witness to thy humility and lowliness, thy rising and sitting, thy movement and stillness, for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Through this the gates of loving-kindness were opened, the heaven of mercy was adorned, and the Euphrates of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Wise, did flow. Thou hast been with Me for successive years, and the glance of My love hath at all times been directed toward thee. He Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance doth testify to this, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. By My life! We have found the fragrance of My love in every word of thy letter, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and confirm thee, and ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next. He, verily, is the Generous, the Gracious.

In truth, thou art witness and testimony to steadfastness. Well is it with thee and blessed art thou! More than twenty years have passed during which thou hast been with Us. This service is most great, and this bounty most abundant. By the life of God! Countless benefits lie hidden and concealed therein. We beseech God that He may cause thy kindred to hold fast to this Most Firm Handle in His love. Fix your gaze upon truth, speak the truth, and cling to truth. Convey My greetings to Umm-Tirazullah, upon her be the Glory of God. Say: By Him Who hath raised me up, made me manifest and caused me to speak, God's love for you surpasseth that of all kindred and relatives. God willing, thou shalt attain complete sanctification and turn to God with thy whole heart. The beginning was from God, glorified be His majesty, and unto Him is the return. We beseech Him, exalted be He, that He deny thee not the

outpourings of the clouds of His bounty and the ocean of His grace. Verily, He hath power over all things. Glory be upon thee and upon them that love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03955: With the name of God, exalted be His glory…

With the name of God, exalted be His glory. Forgiveness and mercy.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Repeatedly hast thou been enabled to make mention of the Most Great Name and the Wronged One of the world, and been assisted to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of eternity and the Beloved of all nations. All people, after striving, are deprived, and after seeking, are forbidden, save whom God willeth. All things in the world, with their diverse objects and ornate treasures, cannot and will never equal one word of the sublime Words. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to achieve that which is acceptable at the Divine Threshold. Strive thou to discover the fragrance of the Word and to become detached and free from aught else but God.

His honor Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli mentioned thee in the Most Holy Presence through this servant who is present, wherefore this Tablet was revealed and sent.

O ʿAli! Strive thou that the dawning-places of love may seek thee out and gather round about thee. It is beloved that thou be called, in the presence of the Countenance, the father of mankind. Know thou that which the tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken, and be of them that act. We beseech God to assist thee in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Make the Word of God, which all must obey, thy highest goal, thy most exalted hope, thy purpose and aim, thy beloved one, thine heir, and thy wealth.

O ʿAli! Strive thou to attain unto this station. Turn thou with thy whole being, then act according to that whereby the near ones perceive the fragrance of thy Lord's good-pleasure, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings to thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My acceptance of what she hath sent time and again. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon My male and female servants who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03844: Glorified be He Who hath revealed whatsoever He willeth…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the unseen!

Glorified be He Who hath revealed whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He doeth what He willeth in His dominion in such wise that neither the clash of the swords of the world nor the clamor of the cannons of the nations can hinder Him. He hath arisen to establish His Cause with a power whereby the Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath struck, the Reality hath appeared and the Great Calamity hath occurred. Thus hath the matter been decreed through His command, and He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Yusif! Thy letter hath come before the Prisoner, and there hath been revealed for thee that which brighteneth the eyes. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of the hosts, the Nurturer of the seen and the unseen! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by the Point through which all things were distinguished, and through which was manifested that which lay hidden in the kingdom of names, to assist me in this Cause whereby the heart of the world hath been shaken and the nations have lamented, save those who have held fast to the cord of Thy grace and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. I implore Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee, to ordain for me from the Supreme Pen that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having taught me Thy path and guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy hidden knowledge and the Manifestation of Thy Cause, and for having remembered me through that which nothing that is seen or witnessed can equal. I testify that Thou art He Whose grace hath encompassed all, Whose mercy hath preceded all, Whose proof hath been perfected, Whose bounty hath been completed, and Whose evidence hath shone forth in such wise that none can deny it save every froward reprobate.

BH03999: O son of Dhabih, who has attained the presence…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O son of Dhabih, who has attained the presence of God! These are the days of manifestation, and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining, and the ocean of generosity is surging. Therefore, the mention of those souls who have turned towards Him has flowed and continues to flow from the Supreme Pen.

This Day a door is open wider than both heaven and earth. The eye of the mercy of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds is turned towards all men. An act, however infinitesimal, is, when viewed in the mirror of the knowledge of God, mightier than a mountain. Every drop proffered in His path is as the sea in that mirror. For this is the Day which the one true God, glorified be He, hath announced in all His Books, unto His Prophets and His Messengers. Were the greatness of this Day to be revealed in its fullness, most men would swoon away and fall prostrate. Nevertheless, the station of each one is clear and evident.

It is hoped that through these torrential rains now falling, there may spring forth from the soil of men's hearts that which is worthy. Ask ye of God to strengthen His loved ones to preserve that which He hath bestowed, lest vain imaginings and improper deeds and actions change it. Dhabih and his kin have been and continue to be mentioned in the presence of God. Be ye thankful unto God for this mighty favor.

O youth! Hold fast with all thy strength to the hem of the grace of thy Lord in such wise that no earthly power can weaken it. Thus doth God counsel thee from the precincts of His mighty prison. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and My tender care and My loving-kindness, and be thou of the thankful ones. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have laid fast hold on My strong cord.

BH04099: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! Set…

In His Name, the Compassionate, the Commanding, the All-Wise!

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! Set thy face toward the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, that thou mayest visit on behalf of him whom God hath extolled in His Book, and given to drink of the Kawthar of His presence and the Salsabil of His reunion, and caused to speak forth His remembrance and praise, and established to serve His Cause. When thou desirest to turn toward the direction before which all directions have bowed down, say: "O my Lord! I have desired Thy presence and Thy meeting, and to stand before Thy door which hath been opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Possessor of great bounty.

Accept, then, what I have done and perform in Thy path out of longing for Thy beauty and passionate love for Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy generosity to ordain from the Most Exalted Pen, for him on whose behalf I would visit Thee, that which befitteth Thy loftiness and Thy generosity, and to decree for him that which shall abide with him in every world of Thy worlds." Then arise from thy place and say: "My God, my God! Unto Thee have I turned, and through Thee have I drawn nigh, and in Thee have I placed my trust. Have mercy, then, upon Thy servant who hath wandered through the lands and traversed the regions until he arrived at the place of imprisonment."

Then walk with dignity and tranquility, saying "Here am I, here am I" until thou standest before the door. Then say: "In the Name of God and by God! There is no power nor strength except through God!" Then enter the place of the Wronged One and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of the sincere ones, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and caused me to hear Thy call and to behold Thy beauty manifest and resplendent. I beseech Thee to preserve me under all conditions beneath the canopies of Thy bounty and the pavilion of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

BH04178: This Wronged One hath enjoined upon all people…

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty

This Wronged One hath enjoined upon all people to observe what is praiseworthy and forbidden what is blameworthy. He beseecheth God—glorified be His majesty—to adorn all with the ornament of trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and purity. If no trace of humanity is manifested from someone, dried bones are better than they. All are poor before the manifestations of His riches, and weak before the revelations of His power. One must turn with one's whole heart to the Supreme Horizon. In truth, none attaineth unto this most exalted station, this most sublime summit and this ultimate goal except by washing the heart with the water of recognition and burning away all else save God with the fire of His love. A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls who have accepted, remained firm, become assured, walked uprightly, been well-pleased, given pleasure, and acted; and a hundred thousand woes upon those souls who have turned away, denied, remained heedless, and forsaken.

God hath ever gazed upon what is praiseworthy and commanded its observance, yet most of the people of the earth have spoken unjustly and concealed the Sun of Justice behind the dark clouds thereof. These

deeds have appeared in the form of bullets and cannons, as hath been witnessed. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily He is powerful over all things. Your petition was received and read. This imprisoned Wronged One beseecheth God to assist you to perform such deeds as shall endure as long as His names endure. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be unto Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds.

BH04237: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Answerer in all circumstances

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One from all eternity and powerful over whatsoever He willeth. The essence of knowledge hath confessed its powerlessness to know His presence. He is the Sanctified, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Ali! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance hath read it. We answer thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Thy sins have been forgiven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. God hath forgiven His servants who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when the company of divines and learned ones turned away from it, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee to manifest great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, and to fear God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thou art he who hath perceived the fragrance of the Intended One when most of the servants were veiled from it. Preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We make mention of thy son Muhammad and counsel him with that which will cause the Cause to be exalted among the servants and with what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad! Be steadfast and say: O Beloved of the world Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy Cause to protect me from the evil of the enemies of Thy Self who have broken Thy covenant and testament and turned away from Thee when Thou didst come from the Dayspring of might with clear sovereignty. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will make me independent of all save Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH04314: O my handmaiden! Bear thou witness to that whereunto…

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

O my handmaiden! Bear thou witness to that whereunto God did Himself bear witness ere the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. The Wronged One doth testify at this moment that whatsoever was sent down aforetime from the heaven of the Divine Will was in truth sent down for My Own Self, yet most of the people remain heedless. Through My Will hath God's Will been manifested, yet the people have denied this mighty Cause.

O handmaiden of God and leaf of the Tree of His love! The exalted one, upon him be My glory, and his kindred have ever been and shall ever remain beneath the sheltering care of God, exalted be His glory. By My life! He hath indeed taken his seat upon the throne of glory in a station where tongues and pens fall short of describing it. This is of the bounty of his Lord unto him—verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Be thou at all times filled with supreme joy and occupied with the remembrance of God. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused every seeing eye to weep, every tongue to lament, and every heart to be filled with utmost grief. All that hath befallen you—its recompense lieth treasured within the divine knowledge. Soon shall the people of the earth behold the station of him who was raised up in My straight and manifest path.

Know thou the worth of this blessed Tablet and inhale from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness. Convey My greetings to thy daughter and say: Thou hast been and art under the shadow of God's tender mercy. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks. Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04374: Today the horizon of the heaven of manifestation…

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

Today the horizon of the heaven of manifestation is illumined and radiant through the will of God, glorified be His majesty. At all times God Himself calls out and summons His servants to the supreme horizon. Yet the people are found to be heedless and veiled, nay rather, dead and lost. In this spiritual dawn, whose breeze is like unto the water of paradise, none has become aware or lifted their head from the couch of negligence save whom God has willed. All who are on earth have been created for the recognition of this blessed Day, yet despite this they remain heedless of it. Soon the cry of departure will awaken them, but that awakening will yield no benefit nor bring forth any fruit.

Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Rather give thanks to thy Lord for having revealed unto thee and caused thee to hear and to know that which was hidden behind the veils of the unseen and inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Thou and the other friends must exert your utmost endeavor to attain unto the wine of steadfastness. This is the counsel of God unto His loved ones, for there are many traitors, thieves and calumniators who have misled and continue to mislead the people in the name of truth.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My presence in this mighty prison. We send greetings from this spot upon the faces of My loved ones in that land who have cast aside vain imaginings and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH04465: God bears witness that there is none other God…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

God bears witness that there is none other God but Him. He has sent forth the Messengers and made them the lamps of His Cause among His servants and the emblems of His remembrance in His kingdom. Whoso turns unto them hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath commanded all to give glad-tidings unto the people of this hidden Name and treasured Mystery through His word: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad-tidings of the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." Yet when the promise came to pass and the Speaker on Sinai appeared, the servants turned away save those who cast the world behind them, turning to the Supreme Horizon—the Station wherein the Lord of creation did proclaim: "There is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Rejoice thou in the tablet of thy Lord. Verily it is a leaf from the leaves of My Sadratu'l-Muntaha, moving by the movement of the will and purpose of God, and it is an eternal, fresh fruit which neither winds nor tempests can alter. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. By God's life! All that is on earth cannot equal it, as attested by Him in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of Command and Creation. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth this wise Remembrance. Thus hath the ocean cast forth the pearls of knowledge and wisdom—gather them in My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. God hath forgiven whomsoever sought mercy from His presence. He is verily the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH04507: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned and attained unto the lights of the Kingdom when the Sovereign of the Realm of Might came with a name whereby all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the worlds. The land of mystical knowledge hath recounted what it heard from the tongues of the people of Baha who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon on a day wherein all the tribes of the earth turned away, save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, willeth. O Ashraf! That which thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord hath been presented, and the servant who was present before the throne of thy Lord the Most Great did recite it, and thy call and that which proceeded from thy lips attained unto the hearing of Him Who is Wronged and then of those whom the hosts of tyranny did not prevent from turning unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, and the face that hath turned toward Him, and the heart that hath turned to His luminous horizon. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee unto this most great bounty and guided thee unto His straight path and sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of His most excellent names. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen testify in this wondrous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause and speaking My praise amongst My servants. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from this News whereby the idols were

shaken and the pillars of false gods were scattered and every lofty mountain was crushed. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04581: O Husayn! Thou hast aimed for the ultimate goal…

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

O Husayn! Thou hast aimed for the ultimate goal and turned thyself to the most exalted summit and highest horizon, attaining thereunto through the infinite favors of God, exalted be His glory. How many were the servants who, both before and after, yearned for the divine presence and heard its glad-tidings in the holy Books, yet when the divine morn dawned and the sea of reunion surged, all were deprived save a few.

Some among the people were held back by pride, others by worldly ornaments, some by idle fancies and vain imaginings, and yet others by tyranny and wickedness. The cause and reason for all this were and are the divines of the age. Give thanks unto God for having protected thee, confirmed thee, drawn thee nigh unto Him, and given thee to drink of the choice sealed wine through His Name, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou the value of this bounty, for verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The assured and tranquil souls of that land have all, through God's grace, attained, and their names have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid them in such wise that the might of the peoples of the world shall not debar them from the outpourings of these divine days. Soon shall the people and all that they possess perish. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one, every learned and informed one. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom the censure of the censurers hath not deterred from this Most Great, Most Pure, Most Shining, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous Cause.

BH04595: O Mahmud! The Adored One has turned toward thee…

He is the All-Knowing Witness Who speaks.

O Mahmud! The Adored One has turned toward thee from this praised station and makes mention of thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have turned toward thee time and again and have sent down that which illumines hearts and brings solace to eyes.

Take hold of thy Lord's Book with His strength and say: O people of the earth! By God, the Truth has come and the Day of Reckoning has appeared. Come, that I may show you His most exalted horizon and His Balance which has been established in His Name, the One Who holds dominion over all who are in the earth and heaven. Beware, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of the choice wine of revelation. Leave behind what ye possess and take what has been given you by God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

This is the Day that was promised you in the Books of old and in the Furqan which was sent down unto Muhammad, the Messenger of God, from God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest ye do what the people before you did. Fear God and follow not every doubtful idolator. Leave behind vain imaginings, then

hasten with radiant faces to the Most Great Ocean which has appeared in the name of your Lord, the Goal of all desire.

Blessed art thou, O Mahmud, for having uttered the praise of thy Lord when most of the servants turned away from Him. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who has believed in her Lord and turned toward the Dawning-Place of lights. We send Our greetings from this station upon her and upon My loved ones there and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

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BH04364: I bear witness to that which God did testify…

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

I bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified from peers and likeness, and will forever continue to be what He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of Command and Creation, and in Whose right hand is the empire of knowledge and wisdom! I beseech Thee by the lights of the morn of Thy Manifestation and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty, to send down from the clouds of Thy grace that which will cause me in all conditions to turn my gaze toward Thee, to be submissive to Thy command, and humble before Thy presence.

O God of the world and Sovereign of nations! I am one of Thy handmaidens and a leaf from the leaves of the Tree of Thy Will. I beseech Thee to protect me from the tempests of Thy trials and the storms of Thy decree. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy generosity and grace that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. My outer and inner tongue bear witness to Thy singleness and oneness, and to Thy power and greatness amidst Thy creation.

O Lord! Disappoint not this handmaiden who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty, and deprive her not from the river of Thy nearness and the ocean of Thy gifts. Thou art He, O my God, to Whose greatness all created things have testified, and to Whose power all contingent beings have witnessed. I beseech Thee by the Point through which Thou didst distinguish Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04423: By God! The Mother Book hath been sent down…

In the name of Him Who rules over all names!

By God! The Mother Book hath been sent down, yet the people do not understand. That which was recorded in the Book hath been fulfilled, and the All-Bestowing One hath come with a sovereignty that

neither ranks nor hosts could withstand. He hath spoken the truth and summoned the people with the most exalted call to the praiseworthy station. Among them are those who hastened to the supreme horizon, and among them are those who turned away and disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath attained to hearing, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Say: O concourse of the earth! Do ye not behold the ocean and its waves, and the sun and its radiance?

Do ye not hear that which hath been raised from the supreme horizon? Fear God and be not of those who turned away from the Truth when it came with manifest sovereignty. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and your idols beneath your feet, and say: O God of the worlds and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy garment, and the station of meeting Thee, and the Kawthar of reunion with Thee, that Thou mayest rend asunder the veils that have come between us and the lights of Thy countenance, and prevented us from that for which we were created in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor distance them from the shores of Thy nearness.

They are Thy servants and Thy creation, possessing for themselves neither benefit nor harm, neither standing nor sitting, neither life nor resurrection. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy signs to aid them to turn unto Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

BH04907: O Ali! The servant was present with your letter…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O Ali! The servant was present with your letter and read it in the presence of the Wronged One. The fragrance of love was inhaled from it. Blessed is he whose sighs ascend and whose tears fall in longing for the presence of the Prisoner Who has summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The mystery of the divine Books is today manifest and evident, yet the people remain veiled from it. O Ali! For thirteen hundred years the divines of the earth, its jurists and all people lamented in separation and sought with their souls the Day of Manifestation. Yet when He Who conversed on Sinai dawned from the horizon of revelation, and the Kingdom of Meeting was adorned, and the ocean of reunion surged, all turned away and denied and remained heedless, save a few of the letters of the face.

Such is the condition of the servants. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day, and to make thee steadfast in this Cause, for truly mighty it is. Take the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of Him Who is the Goal of the worlds and drink therefrom in His blessed Name. He is the Helper and the Succourer, and He is the Witness and the Beholder. There is no God but Him, the Witness, the Perceiver, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to send down upon thee a blessing from His presence and to make thee steadfast upon this glorious and wondrous Path. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brothers and upon whoso hath attained unto this resplendent station.

BH04631: The Revelation which, from time immemorial, hath been acclaimed…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing.

The Revelation which, from time immemorial, hath been acclaimed as the Purpose and Promise of all the Prophets of God, and the most cherished Desire of His Messengers, hath now, by virtue of the pervasive Will of the Almighty and at His irresistible bidding, been revealed unto men. The advent of such a Revelation hath been heralded in all the sacred Scriptures. Behold how, notwithstanding such an announcement, mankind hath strayed from its path and shut out itself from its glory.

Say: O ye lovers of the One true God! Strive, that ye may truly recognize and know Him, and observe befittingly His precepts. This is a Revelation, under which, if a man shed for its sake one drop of blood, myriads of oceans will be his recompense. Take heed, O friends, that ye forfeit not so inestimable a benefit, or disregard its transcendent station. Consider the multitude of lives that have been, and are still being, sacrificed in a world deluded by a mere phantom which the vain imaginations of its peoples have conceived. Render thanks unto God, inasmuch as ye have attained unto your heart's Desire, and been united to Him Who is the Promise of all nations. Guard ye, with the aid of the one true God—exalted be His glory—the integrity of the station which ye have attained, and cleave to that which shall promote His Cause. He, verily, enjoineth on you what is right and conducive to the exaltation of man's station. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Revealer of this wondrous Tablet.

Give thanks that thou hast been addressed by the Wronged One from the prison, and that He hath revealed for thee that from which thou dost inhale the fragrance of His loving-kindness that hath pervaded the heavens and the earth. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of them that know. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy family and upon them that have held fast to this firm and mighty Cause.

BH05207: In My Name, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Informed

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O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! The days are the days of God—a single moment thereof cannot be compared with centuries and ages. A particle in this Day is beheld as the sun, and a drop thereof as an ocean. Should anyone draw but a single breath for the love of God or in His service, it is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as the most meritorious of deeds.

Were the excellences of this Day to be mentioned, all would fall unconscious save whom thy Lord willeth. Therefore it behooveth thee in this Day to strive to attain the lights of the Sun of divine good-pleasure. One word is better, higher and more enduring than a hundred thousand children. God willing, thou shalt attain to this exalted and most sublime station, that thy mention may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou never despondent, but hold fast to the hem of God and place thy trust in Him. Say: O my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee with my spirit, my being, my soul and all that I possess, and have laid my hope, my trust, my will and my desire before the throne of Thy grandeur. Aid me, through Thy bounty and grace, to achieve what Thou desirest. Thou knowest that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me. Ordain for me that which is best for me. Verily Thou art the Witness, the All-Knowing, the Compassionate, the All-Informed, the All-Wise.

BH04965: Verily the Light calleth aloud and the Fire proclaimeth…

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

Verily the Light calleth aloud and the Fire proclaimeth: Blessed be the ear that hath heard and hath attained unto that which God hath desired in His glorious and wondrous Day. Verily He hath come for the life of the world, yet the peoples sought to slay Him. Woe unto them! Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Say: By God! The Sinai circleth round Me, and the Lights have prostrated themselves before this resplendent Light. Among the people are those who speak according to their desires, and those who have risen up to calumny, and those who have clung to them that have violated the Covenant of God and His Testament. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and I am of those who bear witness.

O peoples of the earth! Abandon that which ye possess, in hope of that which is with God. Thus doth He Who speaketh the truth command you. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed art thou for having mentioned the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee from His presence that which shall suffice thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, if thou art of them that are steadfast. Hold fast unto the Book of God and that which hath been sent down from Him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Books have testified to My Book, and it is this Temple which hath been established upon the Throne, to the despair of every remote adversary. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of My grace. Rejoice thou in this great bounty. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon those who have cast away all else save Me, who have held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My luminous robe.

BH05241: O My leaf! With the ear of thy soul…

In His Namea€“the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My leaf! With the ear of thy soul hearken thou unto the call of the All-Merciful. From the Most Great Prison hath He turned unto thee, and solace thee with His remembrance and with His verses. Know thou that every hearing ear, if kept pure and undefiled, must, at all times and from every direction, hearken to the voice that uttereth these holy words: “Verily, we are God’s, and to Him shall we return.”

The mysteries of man’s physical death and of his return have not been divulged, and still remain unread. By the righteousness of God! Were they to be revealed, they would evoke such fear and sorrow that some would perish, while others would be so filled with gladness as to wish for death, and beseech, with unceasing longing, the one true God -exalted be His glory—to hasten their end. Death proffereth unto every confident believer the cup that is life indeed. It bestoweth joy, and is the bearer of gladness. It conferreth the gift of everlasting life. As to those that have tasted of the fruit of man’s earthly existence,

which is the recognition of the one true God, exalted be His glory, their life hereafter is such as We are unable to describe. The knowledge thereof is with God, alone, the Lord of all worlds.

From the Supreme Pen, in this Most Great calamity, there hath flowed that which shall endure for everlasting in the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Grieve thou not: from Us it came, and unto Us it returneth; and We are, in truth, the Preserver, the Truthful, the Trustworthy. Happy art thou, and blessed is thy lot, in that the glance of the Wronged One hath been turned toward thee from His exalted and impregnable station. The glory be upon thee, and upon My leaves who have clung fast unto the Lote-Tree of My mighty Cause.

BH05068: Glorified be He Who appeared and manifested whatsoever He…

In the Name of Him through Whose manifestation the Path appeared and the mountains were moved!

Glorified be He Who appeared and manifested whatsoever He willed through His word “Be, and it is!” We make mention on this day of My loved ones who fulfilled the Covenant of God and His testament, and held fast to His firm and extended cord. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions through what hath befallen My friends at the hands of those who have broken My Covenant, denied My right, and cast behind them what was sent down unto them from My forbidden Kingdom.

O My loved ones in My realms! Be not grieved at what hath befallen you in My path. Soon shall annihilation overtake all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and ye shall find yourselves seated in the seat of truth with God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible. By God! I created the world for your sake, and the next world rejoiceth at your presence, did ye but know.

Beware lest ye be frightened by the might of the divines through whose command the rulers have risen against you and perpetrated that which hath caused the Spirit to lament in the luminous Spot and the near ones to cry out. Preserve your stations through patience and tranquility.

Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen command you from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth, and verily I am the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence.

The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to My mantle and shown patience in what hath befallen him for the sake of My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH05267: Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His Most Exalted Word and turned thy face toward the One True Goal and drunk from the ocean of reunion and meeting. My Most Exalted Pen hath previously testified for thee even as the Tongue of Grandeur doth testify at this moment. The entire world cannot be compared to a single word revealed from the presence of God, for from it wafteth the fragrance of

immortality and the happenings of the world can never affect it. Your honor must remain watchful at all times to preserve this most exalted station. Soon will the Sun of Justice emerge from behind the clouds and its rays encompass the world. The Command is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

God willing, outwardly and inwardly occupy thyself with the triumph of God's Cause. Soon will sovereignty pass away and might and power shall remain with its Master and its Lord. The triumph of God's Cause hath ever been and shall continue to be through goodly deeds and praiseworthy and pleasing character. God willing, may all be enabled to do that which will exalt the Word of God, exalted be His glory. He is with thee under all conditions and He is the Preserver, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not held back from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05412: Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose fire…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose fire of love the world hath been set ablaze and before Whose Most Great Name the nations have bowed down! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was raised up, the Kingdom of Names was adorned, and the hearts of the Concourse on high were drawn forth, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon him who hath turned unto Thee that which will aid him in all the worlds of Thy worlds and draw him nigh unto Thee in such wise that the people of Thy earth shall not prevent him.

O my Lord! Thou seest him turning unto Thee, placing his trust in Thee, and hastening unto the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and whatsoever lay hidden in Thy knowledge to accept from him that which he hath wrought in Thy path and to ordain for him the best of what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Disappoint not him who hath turned his face unto Thy countenance and hastened unto the door of Thy grace. Open, O my God, before his face the door of Thy knowledge, then write down for him that which he hath desired of the wonders of Thy grace and Thy favors.

Thou art He Whom the tyrannies of the oppressors cannot frustrate and Whom the rejection of the Pharaohs cannot withhold. The atoms have testified to Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty, and all created things to Thy greatness and Thy dominion. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. Praise be unto Thee! Verily, Thou art God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH05445: In My Name, the Near, the Watchful

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The day of patience hath come, and the hour of steadfastness and remembrance of God, the Sovereign, the Unconstrained. In truth, this is the day of patience. That honored one must become the dawning-place of patience and steadfastness. There hath befallen you that which hath grieved the heart of the One Who is the Purpose of the world. The cause and reason for what hath befallen is manifest and

evident before the Face. And in Our inquiring after you there are signs that thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

A Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in remembrance of the Most Exalted Leaf. By My life! Nothing on earth can equal it. That which was revealed in her name shall never be exhausted and will never come to an end. That honored one is mentioned before the Face and standeth before the Gate. That which hath been ordained will assuredly come to pass. Be thou assured and be of those who are firmly established. We have revealed that which all atoms testify to God's tender mercy, His compassion, His loving-kindness, His bounty and His favor towards you, O My Afnan! Verily, He is with you—He seeth and heareth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. Convey greetings from the True One to all the kindred, and impart unto them the word of patience. God willing, may all attain unto this holy and blessed adorning, and be content and thankful for that which God hath ordained.

BH05537: In the name of the One Who witnesseth…

In the name of the One Who witnesseth and is witnessed! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who are in the contingent world, that He might draw them nigh unto His Kingdom and give them to drink of this choice and forbidden Kawthar.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Say: O concourse of creation, come ye, come ye, that I may give you to drink of the Water of Life. Then come ye, come ye, that I may show you that which hath delighted the eye of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Beware lest the ornaments of the world withhold you from the Lord of all beings. Leave behind what the people possess, clinging fast to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

They who have denied God's Cause and His sovereignty, who have rejected His proof and disputed His signs—these are the people of the nethermost fire. Thus doth the Salsabil of utterance flow from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Drink ye thereof, and be not of them who comprehend not.

The Wronged One remembereth you by night and by day, and sendeth down for you that whereby your remembrance shall endure as long as God, the Lord of the kingdom and the realm, endureth. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My raiment, render thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!

Thus have We adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The light shining from the horizon of the All-Glorious be upon thee and upon them who have believed in the Truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05679: We send greetings from this station upon Ismi Jamal…

He is God, exalted be His glory. Greatness and power.

We send greetings from this station upon Ismi Jamal and those with him, and upon Ismi Zayn and those with him. O Muhammad! At the time of departure We promised to send a Tablet especially for you. Verily

He hath fulfilled His promise and doth fulfill even as He fulfilled, and He is the All-Faithful, the All-Bountiful.

We beseech God that He may enable that honored one to preserve the pearls of the ocean of knowledge which he witnessed during his presence, and that He may assist him to take hold of the Book with such power that the weak ones of the world—that is, the souls who are not assured—shall be powerless to prevent it. O Muhammad! Rejoice, for by the life of God, He Who cannot be described by what hath been said or is said doth make mention of thee. Verily He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he whom Thou didst cause to enter into the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness without my knowledge, nay, at the time of my heedlessness. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy generosity and the sea of Thy bounty that Thou wilt make me to be of those whose deeds Thou hast accepted in Thy path and whom Thou hast forgiven through Thy grace and Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH05831: The very rocks have testified to the Lord…

He is the Perspicuous, the Manifest Expositor

The very rocks have testified to the Lord of all being, yet the people remain behind a mighty veil. There is nothing that hath not borne witness to this Cause, yet the people persist in manifest doubt. They have denied God's favor after its descent and cast behind their backs His wise Book. They have slain him who spoke the truth—for this the Concourse on High and those who circle round His mighty Throne have cursed them. Say: O people, have mercy upon yourselves and oppose not Him Who hath come to you with the proof of the Spirit, the testimony of Muhammad and the evidences of the Messengers. By God! The Mother Book hath testified to My manifestation and circled round Me, yet most of the people remain heedless.

They have cast aside what was sent down from the heaven of their Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and taken what their divines possessed of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily these people follow their divines who have prevented them from turning to the face of God, the Lord of all worlds. God shall soon seize them with His justice—then shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in this exalted castle, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. The Glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold of My luminous hem.

BH05991: O He Who is God, exalted be His glory…

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

O Lord of Lords and Merciful One to all who are owned! I beseech Thee by the Treasury that shall never be exhausted and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all servants, and by the ships of Thy power and the heavens of Thy grandeur, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! I have aimed for the ultimate goal and the highest summit—I

beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the oceans of Thy mercy and the suns of Thy favors. Ordain for me through Thy grace what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and holding fast to Thy robe—I beseech Thee not to deprive me of any good thing Thou hast sent down in the scrolls of Thy glory and the tablets of Thy Command.

Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can defeat. Thou doest what Thou willest and decreest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy servant al-Baqir and upon him who was named Javad, from the heaven of Thy mercy, the rains of Thy favors, and ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. Thou hearest and seest. Verily Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05748: In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

In remembrance from Us of him who found the fragrance of the garment and turned to the lights of the Countenance when the horizon of the world was illumined by this Most Great Light, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. O peoples of the earth! The Day of Hearing has come, for the Lord of Names calls out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, summoning all to that which they were promised by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Say: Verily the Promised One is He Who speaks at this time in this Clear Tablet, and this is the Day of witnessing and meeting, for the Most Great Scene has been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the verses were sent down and the clear proofs appeared and whatsoever was hidden in His all-encompassing knowledge. We called the servants to the Lord of creation but they turned away in such wise that the dwellers of Paradise and every person of insight lamented. Blessed art thou and those whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from the Truth—they arose and spoke that which the All-Merciful revealed in His Mighty Book. Thus did the Dove of Eternity coo, that thou might thank thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto the days of God and held fast to His firm cord, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10163: In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon…

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of the world

O Ghulam Husayn! Special divine verses have been revealed for all the names mentioned in the letter. God willing, may all be illumined by the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings and receive their portion from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance.

This is the Day in which God's most excellent favors have been poured out upon men, the Day in which His most mighty grace hath been infused into all created things. It is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to reconcile their differences, and, with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving-kindness. It behooveth them to cleave to whatsoever will, in this Day, be conducive to the exaltation of their stations, and to the promotion of their best interests. Happy are

those whom the all-glorious Pen was moved to remember, and blessed are those men whose names, by virtue of Our inscrutable decree, We have preferred to conceal.

Beseech ye the one true God to grant that all men may be graciously assisted to fulfill that which is acceptable in Our sight. Soon will the present-day order be rolled up, and a new one spread out in its stead. Verily, thy Lord speaketh the truth, and is the Knower of things unseen.

We send from this spot Our greetings upon My loved ones there, and upon thee, and upon those maidservants whose call We heard in My days. And We remember with joy and fragrance every male and female servant who has ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus moves My Most Exalted Pen, as a grace from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon you, upon My maidservants, and upon all who stand firm and steadfast.

BH05993: O Muhammad! We have heard the clamor of thy…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Forgiving, the Generous

O Muhammad! We have heard the clamor of thy heart, and the cry of thy inner being, and the lamentation of thy limbs, and We have witnessed the burning of thy members and that which hath encompassed thy breast—the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The servant who was present hath read what thou didst send unto him, and hath been blessed by the attention of Him Whom those near unto God have taken as a guardian for themselves, and the sincere ones as a Lord of their beings, and the lovers as the Beloved of their hearts, and those who love as the Dear One of their souls—He Who at times speaketh from the Most Great Scene, and at times from the Most Great Prison, and at other times in an atmosphere wherein naught of all things can be mentioned, and at yet other times in a station which those in earth and heaven are powerless to comprehend.

And He hath answered thee with words which, by God, travel and move more swiftly than lightning, and from their movement is generated a heat that outpaceth fire, that it may draw thee to the sanctuary of holiness and nearness and majesty. Verily He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have discovered from thy letter the fragrance of love for the Generous One Who was mentioned at the end of thy letter. Blessed is he in that he hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and was honored by attaining His presence, and was favored by dwelling in His vicinity. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Kind.

BH06173: In the Name of the one incomparable God!…

In the Name of the one incomparable God! The True Cupbearer bestows the eternal Kawthar. I swear by the waves of the ocean of utterance that all the outer and inner seas cannot equal a single drop thereof. How blessed is the one who has attained thereunto on this divine Day.

All the kings and queens of the world, in centuries past and present, sacrificed their lives yearning for one blessed word to appear from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the King of Oneness, yet did not attain it. But thou, through His all-encompassing grace and His pre-existent mercy, hast attained unto "O My leaf" and "O My handmaiden." Give thanks for this mighty favor and remember this lonely exile. Know

thou the value of this supreme station and most exalted rank, and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Goal of all worlds.

Were the effect of this bounty and its fruit to appear outwardly, thou wouldst observe the people of the world bewildered, nay thunderstruck. His is the generosity and the bestowal, His are the blessings and the gifts. He ordaineth through His Most Exalted Pen whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Verily He is the Ordainer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06600: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the Most Exalted Horizon

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is indeed the Mystery that was hidden and treasured from all eternity. Through Him the Most Great Sign hath appeared, and the Most Exalted Summit hath been raised up, and the Call hath been lifted, and the Balance hath been set. He hath come from the heaven of the Divine Command, with the standards of the Bayan on His right hand and the hosts of revelation with the banners of divine knowledge on His left. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned unto Him, and woe betide him who hath denied God and turned away from the Path.

O Siyyid Qabl-Husayn, rejoice that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee with a mention which, when sent down from the heaven of grace, the Kingdom of Utterance bowed down before it. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, then thank Him in all conditions. He is with His accepted servants and aideth them as He pleaseth, through a command from His presence. He is indeed the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from God, the Lord of all men. The glory shining forth from My horizon be upon him who hath mentioned thee, and upon thee, and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

BH06566: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the signs and called all to His Straight Path. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed He Who spoke before the creation of the heavens and earths, and through Him hath appeared that which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in the Books of the Messengers.

O Muhammad-Taqi! The Most Great Name remembereth thee from the direction of His mighty prison. Grieve not over worldly affairs. Soon there shall descend upon him who is steadfast that which is ordained for him from the presence of One mighty and powerful. For every hardship ease hath been ordained, and for every difficulty facility, in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice in thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him, for verily He loveth them that put their trust in Him.

When thou receivest My Tablet and findest the fragrance of My utterance, glorify thy Lord with praise, then read the Tablet with myriads of them that are nigh. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the Prison be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in this wondrous Revelation.

BH06559: Praise be unto Him Who hath sent down…

In the Name of the All-Knowing

Praise be unto Him Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and hath spoken that whereby those that lay in their graves arose on a Day when the earth recounted her tidings and the breath of her Creator and Fashioner wafted over her, and the limbs of them that denied God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, were made to tremble. Blessed are they who have heard and responded and have arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and radiance in such wise that neither hosts nor multitudes could deter them.

O Baqir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison, then give thanks to thy Lord for having turned unto thee and revealed for thee that which hath illumined existence. My Name, upon Him be My glory, hath made mention of thee, and We have sent down for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm above. And We make mention in this station of him who was named Andalib, whom We mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. And verily I am the One Who doeth what He willeth through My word “Be” and it is. Blessed is he who heareth from him that which shall guide him unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Glory be upon thee and upon those who heard the call when it was raised from My praiseworthy station.

BH06598: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is the Lamp of Guidance among creatures, the Most Great Sign unto all peoples, the Dawning-Place of the Cause amidst humanity, and the Manifestation of Bounty to all who are in the heavens and on earth. O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon. He counseleth you with that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds—with trustworthiness, religious devotion, chastity and fidelity, and with that through which the essence of justice may be made manifest in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down this noble Tablet. The Wronged One hath desired naught for Himself on earth—to this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify.

Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice that the Ocean of Gladness hath mentioned thee from this station, glorious and sublime, which hath been designated as the Most Great Prison in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the choice wine of revelation when the Dove of Paradise warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH06603: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Power

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who speaketh the truth is indeed He through Whom the Books were sent down and the Scriptures were revealed and every wise command made manifest. Blessed is the one whose strength the conditions of creation have not weakened, who hath turned with his whole being unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. This is the Day wherein the Spirit calleth aloud and remindeth mankind of this Momentous Announcement. How many servants have read the Books of God and His Scriptures, yet when their Revealer appeared they denied Him—these are accounted among the most lost in a clear Book. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us.

We have turned toward thee and remembered thee with that which shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent Names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest My virtuous character and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. Thus hath the pen of the Most High traced its course in My mighty and impregnable dominion. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH06731: In My Name, through which the ocean of life…

In My Name, through which the ocean of life surged!

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. Herein We make mention of him who turned to the Countenance, that it may be an everlasting treasure for him with his Lord, the Preserver, the Trustworthy. O J.G.! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison precincts, summons thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, and guides thee to His straight path.

Blessed art thou for having detected the fragrance of My raiment, turned thy face toward My countenance, and heard My wondrous call. Be thou in all conditions firmly attached to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Grieve thou not over anything. The Most Great Joy hath appeared, inasmuch as God hath come with His manifest Command. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken what came to him from God, the Peerless, the All-Wise. Thus hath the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance been wafted throughout creation. Blessed is he who hath found it, and woe betide the heedless. The glory be upon thee, upon thy mother who hath heard the call and turned unto it, and upon every maidservant who hath attained to the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06400: I bear witness, O my God, that Thou art…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou art God, that there is no God but Thee, alone with no partner. Thou hast ever been one in Thy Essence and one in Thy attributes, sanctified above every wondrous mention and every beauteous praise, and Thou wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, facing Thy countenance, and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of Thy wisdom not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy Book, nor to withhold from me the ocean of Thy mercy and the Kawthar of Thy utterance.

O Lord! I implore Thee by the stronghold of Thy grandeur and the pavilion of Thine infallibility to protect me from the arrows of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs and have rejected Thy glory and Thy sovereignty. Then grant me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy recognition and the Salsabil of Thy love, and cause me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppressors among Thy creatures nor the rebellious among Thy servants shall keep me back from it. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06549: Your mention hath reached the Wronged One…

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

Your mention hath reached the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and from the Most Sublime Horizon and the Most Exalted Pen these words have been revealed, that they may be unto thee a glory, an honor and a treasure with God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath today turned toward the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and faced the Dayspring of His Cause. The conditions of the world and whatsoever is therein are transient. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is enduring and everlasting.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the lands were subdued and the servants were drawn! I beseech Thee by the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the tears of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee, to illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and my tongue with Thy remembrance and praise, and my head with the crown of Thy love. O my Lord! I am he who hath sought the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained from Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen servants. Then write down for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

BH06596: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been, and will ever be, even as He hath been. He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O people of the earth! Be fair in your judgment, by God, and transgress not against Him Who hath come to you from the Dayspring of His

Cause with manifest sovereignty. He desireth for you naught save the mercy and bounty of God. Be fair in your judgment and be not of the wrongdoers. Consider ye and call to mind the generations of old. Where are they who pronounced judgment against Muhammad, the Apostle of God? Where are they who clung to idols, turning away from God, the Lord of all men? Where are they who opposed the Spirit? Where are they who pronounced judgment against God's chosen ones and His messengers without clear proof or explicit Book? Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest remind the people of this Cause which lay hidden in God's knowledge and was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers. The manifest remembrance from the Most Great Book be upon thee and upon those who cast away idols, clinging to the hem of their Lord's grace, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07034: Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most High.

Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who enabled thee to turn towards Him in days when the people of error are observed to be in manifest veils. They turned away from the Dawning-Place of divine revelation although at all times they were engaged in lamentation and wailing in His remembrance. They have eyes yet are deprived of beholding, and possess ears yet are forbidden from hearing.

Say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which every face hath turned towards Thy most exalted horizon and every one who hath turned towards Thy Most Glorious Name hath advanced, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for me through Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy grace and Thy favors. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I praise Thee, O my God, for having heard my call and for having answered me with that which the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

BH06964: We have heard thy call and, having accepted thy…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering!

We have heard thy call and, having accepted thy turning unto Us, have made mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout the eternity of the Most Beautiful Names of God. Be thou thankful for this and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!"

I testify that Thou hast summoned all unto God and hast borne in His path that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy loving-kindness to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Murad! Rejoice thou that the Desire of the world hath made mention of thee. Nothing that thou dost witness or behold can equal this—to this testifieth His perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned unto the All-Informed One.

How many a learned one hath been hindered, how many a mystic hath denied, and how many a servant hath turned towards Him and rent asunder the veil through My Most Great Name! The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer who is assured.

BH07144: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Hidden Secret, and the Treasured Book, and the Most Exalted Pen, and the Ultimate Goal, and the Source of Command among all peoples. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and perceived the fragrance of the Garment and testified to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have heard thy call and have remembered thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The ocean of utterance hath surged and the light of knowledge hath shone forth. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Be thou vocal in praise of the Truth amidst all people with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed in His perspicuous Book. The glory shining from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of the Manifestation and held fast unto the Sure Handle in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

BH07356: O thou servant who hast turned towards God! Hearken…

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

O thou servant who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto what the Wronged One calleth out to thee from the Prison-quarter. He is, verily, none other than God, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of His grace, yet most of the people render not thanks. They deny the favor of God even as the idolatrous servants denied it before. In all conditions thou must hold fast to the cord of divine providence of the Self-Subsisting Lord. God hath been and will ever be watchful over His loved ones. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. Today the gates of grace are opened wide and from the clouds of providence perfect mercy is being showered down. Strive that thou mayest not be deprived and that thou mayest attain unto that which is intended. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Read it with joy and delight, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who revealed the Furqan and the Bayan and guided thee to His straight path. All praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06926: Today the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

Today the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of Divine inspiration hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness. Yet the people of the earth remain

heedless and veiled from it, save those souls who have burned away the veils of fancy and idle imaginings with the fire of the love of God, exalted be His glory, and have become free and detached from all else but Him. O friends! This is the Day wherein all the mysteries of the divine Books have become manifest and evident. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and partaken of His sealed wine. Whatsoever existeth in the world shall soon perish. Strive thou to attain unto that which shall cause thy mention to be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Well is it with thee and with him who hath attained unto this mighty station. Know thou the value of this Tablet and preserve it as thou wouldst thine eye. Thus doth He command thee, from Whose presence hath been sent down a perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07022: In My Name, the Beloved!

In My Name, the Beloved!

A number of the handmaidens of that land submitted their petitions to the Most Holy Court. The answer to each was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. However, no mention of you was observed. As a token of grace and favor, this Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet is revealed especially for you, that you may attain unto it and utter "Thine is the praise, O my Desire!"

This Wronged One makes mention of all the handmaidens of that land and counsels all regarding that which is befitting. When the smoke appears, you and My servants and handmaidens must hold fast to God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden and leaf of My Lote-Tree! Grieve not over anything. Take comfort in My remembrance and praise and in My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have made mention of thee before and after and at this moment. Glory be upon My servants and handmaidens who have fulfilled My Covenant and cast behind them every barking dog, remaining firm in this Cause, the Secure, the Strong.

BH07138: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Most Great Name, verily He is the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath heard His sweetest call, and blessed is the learned one who hath chosen for himself His straight path. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses and dispatched the proof, yet most of the people remain asleep. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have denied Him Who created them and provided for them—these are indeed among the most lost ones in His perspicuous Book. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not every sinful liar who hath barred you from the path of God and led you astray from this manifest announcement. Open your eyes and then observe with justice and fairness. Thus doth command you He with Whom is a protecting Book. When thou didst hear My call and perceive My fragrance and behold My horizon, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and sent down unto me that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

BH07411: O Muhammad! Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed…

He is the speaker from the most exalted horizon

O Muhammad! Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an concerning the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. God gave glad-tidings through the tongue of His Prophets and His Messengers, yet when He appeared the divines denied Him, as did those who followed them without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the people turned away from Him and those who violated God's Covenant and His Testament opposed Him, following every rebellious satan. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Day and discovered the fragrance of the garment and was moved by the will of his Lord, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath arrived and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One hath presented it, and We have answered thee with that from which those near unto God perceive the fragrance of His bounty, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the kingdom of utterance. Hearken and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath guided thee to the straight path of God.

BH07238: In My Name, the One Who has power over…

In My Name, the One Who has power over what has been.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to him who has found the fragrance of the garment and has turned to the Supreme Horizon on a Day whereon the Kingdom has proclaimed: The dominion belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds! We have heard thy call and We called out to thee from the right side of the Luminous Spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee before the Wronged One, and for having sent down for thee this Clear Tablet through which the sincere ones have found the fragrance of the All-Merciful and those near unto God have detected the sweet savors of utterance from this Garden round which circle the denizens of the All-Highest Paradise and the company of the Messengers.

Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceeds from Him and say: O peoples of the earth, come ye, come ye, that I may cause you to hear the call of God and show you His Supreme Horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while seated upon the Throne in this noble station. Woe unto them that have wronged the friends of God and have denied His favor after its revelation. They are indeed among the most lost in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07153: Blessed is he who has found himself in My…

He is the Speaker of Truth!

Blessed is he who has found himself in My presence, attained to My favor, and drunk from the choice wine of My bounty which has been sealed from time immemorial and concealed from the eyes of My servants and My creation. Thus has My Pen spoken while I was established upon the throne in My prison, uttering My praise and pointing with My finger toward My creation.

O My servants! Hearken unto My call. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing has come upon clouds of light. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of His manifestation and His grace which has preceded the world, and His mercy which has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a favor from Him upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Take My perspicuous Book in thy right hand in the name of the Lord of all beings and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Thou art He Who hath remembered me and summoned me unto Thee on a day whereon every doubting scholar turned away from Thee. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance in My wondrous Name.

BH07299: This is an epistle from the Wronged One unto…

In the Name of Him Who hath illumined the horizon of utterance!

This is an epistle from the Wronged One unto him who hath believed in God when the Promised One came with manifest sovereignty. Today all divine Books have been and shall be dependent upon the Most Great Book. The Mother Book calleth out with the most exalted voice and summoneth the people to the supreme horizon.

Whosoever hath attained unto acceptance and taken hold of it with the hand of certitude, he verily hath acknowledged and confessed all the divine Books. Without this, even if one were to memorize all Books, it would yield no fruit. Praise thou the Goal of all beings, that thou didst turn toward His direction in days when most of mankind rose up in opposition. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon steadfastness and hold fast unto Him, for verily the evil ones lie in wait at every turn. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen forewarned in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed are they who are firmly established! Woe unto the heedless! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH07308: Do you see anyone on earth who hearkens unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing

Do you see anyone on earth who hearkens unto the Call of God with the ear of justice and fairness? And do you see anyone who turns toward the Most Exalted Summit or acts according to that which was commanded by My Most Exalted Pen? Blessed is he who hath heard My Call and found the fragrance of My utterance. By the life of God! He is assuredly recorded among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the Book of God and whatsoever hath been sent down therein from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. How many learned ones desired to attain My presence in ages past and in this age, yet when I manifested My Self they turned away from Me and pronounced judgment against Me with such injustice as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament.

Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and joy be unto him who hath attained unto this wondrous Cause. We have manifested the Cause and summoned all unto the Straight Path of God. Among the people are those who have turned toward it and those who have turned away,

and he who hath turned away is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Thou hast held fast unto the cord of the Cause and clung to the hem of thy Lord, the Possessor of this great Day.

BH07961: O ʿInayat! Although We made mention of thee…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Lord!

O ʿInayat! Although We made mention of thee in a Tablet specifically revealed for the Leaf, yet the Most Recent Bounty hath necessitated that mention of thee be revealed once again from the Supreme Pen in a special Tablet. His grace hath preceded thee and His mercy, which hath preceded existence itself, hath encompassed thee. Under all conditions hold fast to the cord of His grace and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of His bounty. Today the world is adorned with a new garment. Blessed is he who seeth with clear vision, and woe unto every ignorant one who is rejected.

Praise be to God that in the prime of youth thou didst attain unto the recognition of God—exalted be His glory—and didst drink that which most of mankind are deprived of and forbidden from. Be thou thankful unto God, thy Lord, for this great bounty and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of the world and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

BH07953: In My Name, the Truthful, the Trustworthy!

In My Name, the Truthful, the Trustworthy!

O Diya'! Bear thou witness unto that which the Wronged One hath testified in the Kingdom of Names: that there is none other God except Him, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He created creation for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His signs. Yet when He appeared and manifested that which He desired, every heedless and willful one turned away from Him. He summoned all unto God, while they pronounced against Him with grievous tyranny. He revealed that which lay hidden in the treasury of knowledge, yet they denied Him in such wise as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. We loosened for them the choice wine of utterance, yet they held Us back from the Euphrates of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They turned away from the Truth, having followed their own desires. By God! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me, and caused me to know Thee, and called me, and remembered me, while I was in Thy mighty prison.

BH07815: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

In His Name Who dawns from the horizon of the Kingdom

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Might to him who has turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, that he may rejoice in what has been revealed from the heaven of God's Will and hold fast to what he has been commanded in His wondrous Day. Say: O peoples of the earth, cast behind you every command and then follow Him Who speaks with truth. Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This

is the Day wherein what was hidden in God's knowledge has been revealed and every mighty command has become manifest. Say: O people, follow not your divines who bar you from the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Leave them and what they possess, holding fast to that which you have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. How many a divine from whom Satan seeks refuge with God, the Strong, the Powerful. These have denied God's proof and His evidence, and turned away from Him Who came to them with manifest authority. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him, and woe to every heedless doubter.

BH07984: O Nabil, upon thee be My glory and My…

He is the All-Wise Ordainer

O Nabil, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded existence. We have made mention of every name that was in thy book and have sent down for each one that which shall speak at the heart of the world. The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak amongst the servants that which will attract them to My most exalted horizon and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The servant in attendance hath appeared before Us with letters from My loved ones, and in each one of them are mentioned names. Each one of them hath attained unto a token from My Most Exalted Pen and the choice wine of My beloved remembrance. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto My presence and heard My call and drunk the water of immortality of My love and spoken in remembrance of Me amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord doth witness and behold, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH07905: O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry and witnessed thy turning unto Us and recognized thy love. We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison with a countenance through whose light earth and heaven were illumined. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who is imprisoned in this remote spot.

O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath turned toward thee and calleth thee. All kings have been and are the servants of God, yet they remain veiled from Him. The ornaments of the world have become a veil and barrier.

Today, which is the Day of God, is manifest, yet souls who for years lamented and wailed in separation from Him are now seen to be remote and veiled. All such souls are today deprived of mention by the Most Exalted Pen and forbidden from the ocean of grace. But thou hast attained and art provided therefrom.

It behooveth thee to say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of the hearts of them that know.

BH07601: He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful. At this time, the servant in attendance read before the Wronged One your letter which you had sent in the name of Jud. We beseech the Most High to assist you, to aid you, to strengthen you through His sovereignty, and to ordain for you what is good in all circumstances and deeds. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God that you are adorned with the ornament of faith in God and have attained to His recognition. We testify that Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud previously visited the House of God on your behalf, and this year they also intend to do so. God willing, they shall attain and be adorned with the seal of acceptance. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This is what the Wronged One hath testified and spoken with pure truthfulness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearing, the Responding, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who have attained and acted according to that which they were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07977: O Muhammad-Quli! Every created thing hath had and still…

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

O Muhammad-Quli! Every created thing hath had and still hath a fragrance peculiar unto itself, and that fragrance is, in one sense, a messenger, inasmuch as it guideth men unto it. Today, which is the Lord of days, the fragrance of the garment of the Ancient King is wafting throughout the world. By the life of God! This is the Guide. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this fragrance and recognized it. While time remaineth, strive that thou mayest attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring—and this is naught but the Word of God in this day. Verily, whoso hath truly attained unto the word of acceptance from the Sovereign Lord of Names hath attained unto all good. He, verily, speaketh the truth and guideth whom He willeth to His straight path. We make mention of Our handmaiden even as We made mention of thee. Give her the glad tidings of this manifest bounty. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07462: Praise be to God Who hath made known unto…

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

Praise be to God Who hath made known unto thee His proof, taught thee His path, shown thee His horizon, and made thee turn unto Him from Whom every heedless one who violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath turned away. Thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon until thou didst attain the presence of the Throne. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God. Arise in My Name and say: By God! I have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath told thee My story, caused thee to hear My call, guided thee to My path, given thee to drink of the Kawthar of My love, and sent thee to the Dayspring of the Cause in this noble station. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon him and upon those who have believed in God on a Day whereon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God pleased, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon every discerning and steadfast servant.

BH07813: This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful…

He is the Witness from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which shall gladden the eyes. Turn with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and glorify the name of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, Who hath aided thee to recognize this Irrevocable Cause, at Whose appearance the hearts of the learned were troubled and the limbs of the mystics trembled, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, did please. When thou didst discover the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and wert seized by the pure wine of revelation, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence, Who hast appeared through Thy name, the All-Loving! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy love to ordain that I may, in all conditions, turn unto Thee and celebrate Thy praise. O Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the suppliant at Thy gate. Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

BH08010: Praise be to God that thou hast been favored…

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

Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and hast turned unto the horizon of His Cause. God willing, thou wilt in all conditions hold fast unto that which God hath willed. This is not the Day of idle fancies, for the Sun of Certitude hath dawned and is manifest. Say: O people of Baha! Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and turn unto the Source of His Cause.

Today, goodly words and righteous deeds are the manifestors and revealers of His Cause. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto them. Woe unto the heedless! In all circumstances keep wisdom in view. Read thou what We have revealed unto him who was named Muhammad-Shafi', that thou mayest be of them that are well-informed. Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court, and this answer hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto His presence, and upon every steadfast and firm believer.

BH08354: We were seated upon the mountain when the servant…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

We were seated upon the mountain when the servant in attendance appeared with the names of My loved ones, and We revealed for each one of them that which God hath made to be the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the Lamp of the Cause for the followers of all religions. Blessed is he who hath seen with clear vision, and blessed is the thirsty one who hath drunk in His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

O Abdu'l-Ali! The Lord of the world maketh mention of thee upon this most great mountain. Be thou grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the invisible and the visible! I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that whereby every seated one hath arisen, every blind one hath seen, every tongueless one hath spoken, every prostrate one hath stirred, and every soul that hath turned unto Him hath been drawn forth on this promised Day."

Take hold of God's Tablet with a power from Him and cleave unto that which will elevate thy station before God, the Lord of existence. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH08145: Whatsoever occurreth in the world of being is light…

…Whatsoever occurreth in the world of being is light for His loved ones and fire for the people of sedition and strife. Even if all the losses of the world were to be sustained by one of the friends of God, he would still profit thereby, whereas true loss would be borne by such as are wayward, ignorant and contemptuous. Although the author of the following saying had intended it otherwise, yet We find it pertinent to the operation of God's immutable Will: "Even or odd, thou shalt win the wager." The friends of God shall win and profit under all conditions, and shall attain true wealth. In fire they remain cold, and from water they emerge dry. Their affairs are at variance with the affairs of men. Gain is their lot, whatever the deal. To this testifieth every wise one with a discerning eye, and every fair-minded one with a hearing ear…

BH09128: O Samad! Your letter was received before the Wronged…

In the name of the one God

O Samad! Your letter was received before the Wronged One and the gaze of loving-kindness was directed towards you. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which was mentioned and inscribed in the Book of God. For each of the names that was present in the Most Holy Court, sublime and impregnable verses were revealed, that none might be deprived of the ocean of generosity or barred from the horizon of loving-kindness. God willing, may all hold fast to the mighty cord and manifest supreme steadfastness among humanity. Know ye the station of divine verses. I swear by the Kingdom of Utterance that nothing can compare with even a single letter of what hath been revealed and what is witnessed. Be thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me in Thy days and guided me to Thy straight path.

BH08716: O handmaid of God! Your petition was received…

He is the One manifest through His Most Great Name!

O handmaid of God! Your petition was received and the servant in attendance submitted it, and this response has descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Lords that you may be purified from the troubles and conditions of the world and gaze toward the highest horizon and act according to that

which God loves. Your mention, all of you, has repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is your father who attained My good-pleasure and entered the kingdom of My love and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. You mentioned Ahmad-ʿAli in your letter. We make mention of him with grace and counsel him to pure deeds and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great, may be uplifted. We send Our greetings upon you and upon him and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH09130: O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! The beginning of the Cause was belief…

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

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! The beginning of the Cause was belief in God, exalted be His glory, and its end is steadfastness in His Cause. Be thou occupied with remembrance and praise, and arise to serve the Cause, observing wisdom and acting according to that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Beware lest vain imaginings prevent thee, or idle fancies veil thee from the Sovereign of the known. Take thou the chalice of steadfastness by the leave of the Lord of creation and drink therefrom; then give to drink thereof unto them that have believed in the All-Informed Single One. Soon shall be revealed what God hath ordained for thee. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him and the Fulfiller of the hopes of them that yearn. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon when He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise appeared in truth.

BH09132: He speaks the truth from His most exalted station

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O Abdu'l-Husayn! The Wronged One remembers thee as He sits in a mansion built as the seat of His Lord's throne, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, He transforms Paradise into prison, and prison into the highest Paradise. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. We have manifested the Cause and raised up the prison to such a station that every lofty place bows before it. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away his desires and held fast unto the Lord of all humanity, Who hath appeared and spoken forth from His most exalted station:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Informed."

We have remembered thee before, and on this night, as a token of grace from the presence of the Mighty, the Great. Take thou the Book, then render thanks unto Him Who hath sent it down and dispatched it unto thee. He, verily, is the Ever-Giving, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have held fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH09158: O Muhammad! Hearken unto that wherewith the Wronged One…

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto that wherewith the Wronged One makes mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. He has manifested the Dawning-Place of His signs and caused it to speak forth that which draws all near unto the Most Exalted Horizon. The pebbles and kernels of the earth bear witness to this, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Lord of lords. We desired the joy of all who are in the kingdom, yet they desired My sorrow. Behold, O ye who are endued with insight! The dwellers of God's Kingdom, the Lord of all mankind, have lamented by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One. Soon shall the wrongdoer witness his deeds and say:

> "Woe unto me for what I neglected in regard to God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!"

Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Cleaver of the dawn.

BH08894: The world hath been enveloped by the smoke…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The world hath been enveloped by the smoke of tyranny, and the fire of malicious souls hath been kindled. God willing, the hand of power shall extinguish it and return it to nothingness. Verily, He hath power over all things. O friends! The time hath come for all to turn with pure, humble hearts, sanctified breasts and lowly eyes unto God, exalted be His glory. He is the Helper and the Succourer. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thy letter was received and attained unto hearing, and the answer hath been revealed. It behooveth thee to thank God for this mighty favor and to say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!" The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon the friends of God and His chosen ones, whom neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs nor the oppression of the deniers of the Day of Judgment did frighten.

BH08711: In My Name, the All-Knowing Speaker!

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The lights of the Divine Day have illumined the world and the signs of His Manifestation, through His grace, have become evident from all directions. Nevertheless, the people remain heedless, veiled and deprived. Would that they had been content with this alone! Rather, they soar on the wings of passion and cling to the insistent self. Those souls who for years were mentioned by the name of Truth and dwelt secure and at rest beneath His shade have now appeared with utmost hatred. Say: O friends! Be not heedless of the Truth, but at all times hold fast and cling unto Him, that He may preserve you through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Great is the Cause, and tests have ever been and shall ever be. Say: Guard yourselves through the name of your Lord and hold fast to His firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09160: O peoples of the world! The Lord of Eternity…

In His Name through Whom the horizon of the world hath shone forth!

O peoples of the world! The Lord of Eternity hath come with His Most Great Name and calleth you unto Him, if ye be of them that hearken. He desireth for you naught save that which draweth you nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or its ornaments prevent you from My Straight Path. Fear God and follow not what ye possess, but rather follow that which ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Soon shall the world and all that ye possess perish, while there shall endure every word that hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, if ye be of them that know. Stand firm in service to My Cause, be vocal in My remembrance, act according to what hath been revealed in My Book, and turn thy face toward Mine all-glorious horizon.

BH09068: Do you know who remembers you and do you…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Do you know who remembers you and do you know who calls out to you from this glorious and wondrous station? Say: Yes, by my Lord! The Beloved of the worlds remembers me and the Goal of all knowers calls out to me.

O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the breezes of Thy springtime and the lights of Thy countenance and the fragrances of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy power and the revelations of Thy grandeur to preserve me through Thy bounty and Thy loving-kindness, then grant me what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book.

O Lord! I am the one who has fled from myself unto Thee and desired from the heaven of Thy bounty what befits Thy grace and Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art He Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, so send down upon Thy servant from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw him near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH08876: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Praised One. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me from the Luminous Spot and the White Land—the place which was recorded by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy sovereignty to make me firm, steadfast and upright in Thy love. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the intimations of those who have turned away from this Great Announcement. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

BH08878: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He is the One Who uttereth in every condition “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing!” Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee in this Tablet, each letter of which is as a river of living waters flowing for them that thirst after truth and traverse the wilderness of inner meanings. May the fire of the remembrance of the Wronged One, God willing, add to the warmth of thy love and ignite thee in such wise that it shall never be extinguished or grow cold. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to arise to that which beseemeth this most exalted, most holy Day. Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaiden and upon every servant and handmaiden who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH09537: A Book sent down by the Ancient Sender…

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

A Book sent down by the Ancient Sender, by Whose verses every impregnable edifice hath been shaken. Verily He hath come with the truth and speaketh at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen. Blessed be God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily He hath come with the banners of the signs through a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of the earth can stand, yet most of the people understand not. Thus hath the horizon of the heaven of proof been illumined by the Sun of certitude. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every learned one who remaineth veiled. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon those who have cast away all things, holding fast to the cord of God, the Lord of existence.

BH09551: Your letter was presented before the Wronged One. We…

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

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One. We heard and saw it, and answer you with this most exalted word: Be of such character that the world and all who dwell therein shall not deter you. Thus does the Mother Book counsel you from His presence. The manifestations of tyranny, hatred and wickedness have ever existed in the world, and in all ages they have striven with utmost effort to extinguish the light. But God has banished them through His power. Be thankful unto your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We convey Our greetings to the friends of God and counsel them to patience, forbearance, and such deeds and character as befit these days. Blessed are they that act!

BH09437: He, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

He, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The world hath been encompassed by the dark dust of oppression, and they have arisen to perpetrate a tyranny that hath had and hath no like or equal. Those who have come for the life of the peoples of the world have been condemned to death by their decree. Soon will the luminary of justice shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine providence. Then shall they find themselves in manifest error. The loved ones of God, who have appeared solely for the reformation of the world, have been reckoned

among the corrupt. They have prepared for themselves a consuming fire. Grieve thou not. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee and be of the thankful. And say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09693: O Muhammad-Husayn! That most hidden mystery which lay concealed…

He is the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting!

O Muhammad-Husayn! That most hidden mystery which lay concealed and treasured in the Preserved Tablet hath been made manifest in human temple, and that secret which the Prophets of God transmitted from breast to breast hath become evident and with loudest voice doth speak. However, numerous veils, namely the divines, have debarred the helpless people from this most great bounty and this supreme grace. Blessed is he who with the finger of trust rent asunder the veil and with the Name of Truth broke down the barrier and turned toward the most sublime horizon. He is among the most exalted of creatures in the sight of God. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as this Most Great Tablet and this Perspicuous Book have been sent down in thy name. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09703: O peoples of the earth! By God, the fragrance…

In His Name, He Who testifies and sees!

O peoples of the earth! By God, the fragrance of the Garment has been diffused, the horizon of the Manifestation has been illumined, and the Speaker of the Mount has spoken, yet most of the people remain heedless. My Most Exalted Pen calls out to them night and day—to this the Lord of all beings bears witness in this perspicuous Book. They have cast certitude behind their backs, clinging to that which they were commanded by every heedless and remote one. We testify that they have cast aside the Book of God and taken their own books. Lo! They are among the abased ones. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy name, and blessed is he who has testified to this most great bounty on this resplendent Day. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God. Verily, He aids whomsoever He wishes to serve His mighty and exalted Cause.

BH09349: In His Name through Whom the Table was sent…

In His Name through Whom the Table was sent down! A mention from Us to him who has attained unto the lights of faith in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and whose name was present before the Face when the Wronged One was upon a lofty mountain. By the life of God! What he witnesses and beholds cannot be equaled by a single word from the words of God. Thus does thy Lord acquaint thee that thou mayest be thankful and be of them that are firmly rooted. How many a servant hath broken the chains of vain imaginings in his own estimation, but when We tested him We found him turning back upon his heels and breaking God’s firm and mighty Covenant. We counsel thee to act in accordance with what We have enjoined upon the servants in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Hold fast unto the Book of God in all conditions. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee in this sublime station.

BH09345: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting Over All Names!

In My Name, the Self-Subsisting Over All Names!

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily We have manifested Our Self and commanded all to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Great, may be uplifted. Among the people are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away after having been created for acceptance in this Day wherein all have arisen before the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the King of this wondrous Day: Shun those who have turned away and consort with My servants who have turned towards Me. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have cast away the world and the nations and turned towards the Lord of Eternity in a Day wherein the feet of every mighty and powerful one have slipped.

BH09421: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Hidden Mystery and the Name through which the Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, have been adorned. O My leaf! Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned and advanced until thou didst attain the presence of the Divine Countenance and didst win the meeting with the Wronged One when every veiled learned one turned away from Him. Hold fast unto the Tree with the power of thy Lord. He hath assuredly aided thee as a favor from His presence and drawn thee nigh unto Him when the people were turning away from God, the Lord of all that was and that shall be. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My afnan, both female and male.

BH10133: In the Name of the One God! Blessed…

In the Name of the One God! Blessed is he who gazeth toward the Most Exalted Horizon and acteth according to the command of the Lord of Names, and blessed is he who in these divine days is engaged in a handicraft. This is a bounty from God, for in this Most Great Revelation engagement in that which preventeth man from expectation is acceptable before God. The craft of every craftsman is accounted as worship. This is among the great favors of the Lord for His servants. Be thou grateful unto God for having aided thee and made thee aware and engaged thee in that which was hidden in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09968: Say: This is the utterance of God and verily…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

Say: This is the utterance of God and verily it is His sword which the sheath hath never seen from all eternity. By the life of God, the swords of the oppressors shall profit them not, as testifieth he who hath knowledge of the Book. The world hath so deluded them that they have shed the blood of My loved ones without any clear proof or evidence. They have committed that which hath caused the denizens of the

pavilions of glory to lament, as this Wronged One beareth witness in this station. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him and for having given thee to drink of the choice wine of His recognition on this Day wherein the idolaters have arisen in oppression and hypocrisy.

BH09932: The Wronged One bears witness to that which God…

He is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

The Wronged One bears witness to that which God bore witness before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And He bears witness to His own wronged state and to the wrongdoing of those who disbelieved in God when He came in the manifestation of His Cause with evident sovereignty. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto My call, for it draws you to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have turned toward you from this station and have remembered you with this remembrance, when the Prisoner was in a praiseworthy place. Give thanks to God and praise Him throughout the dominion of the earthly and heavenly realms.

BH10085: O Sadiq! That blessed Word through which the whole…

In the Name of the True One, the Trustworthy

O Sadiq! That blessed Word through which the whole world was created is now manifest and summons all who are on earth to the Truth, exalted be His glory. By night and day the Divine Pen is in motion—whether in the house, in the wilderness, in the valleys—and now is seated upon the mountain, commanding all with utmost kindness to that which will profit them. Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and acted upon that which hath been revealed in God's Book. Beseech the True One that He may cause thee and thy friends to drink of the wine of steadfastness. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10106: In the Name of Him Who speaketh in wisdom!…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in wisdom! O Muhammad-i-Sadiq! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Most Exalted Pen hath, from the precincts of ʿAkka, turned toward thee, declaring: Blessed is he who is engaged in a craft. Today, whosoever earneth his livelihood through his craft or profession is accounted among those who are nigh unto God, and his deeds are recorded as worship in God's Book. Blessed is he who heareth that which hath been sent down in truth, and joy be unto the craftsman who perfecteth his craft and dealeth equitably with all people. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Revelation from this mighty mountain.

BH10113: O Mahmud! The Lord of existence remembers thee…

He is the Witness and the Witnessed!

O Mahmud! The Lord of existence remembers thee from His praiseworthy station and gives thee glad tidings of the loving-kindness of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is the soul that hath attained

unto the Word of God—verily it is among the most exalted of creation in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent thee from the Truth. Leave the dead and hold fast unto His Name, the Ever-Living, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken in prison that thou mayest thank Him at all times, at eventide and at dawn. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and attainest unto My Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence.

BH10081: O Zaynal! The Lord of all causes…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

O Zaynal! The Lord of all causes and the Sovereign of all nations doth make mention of thee from the mountain, as a token of His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Manifest One. We have gone forth from the prison and established Ourself upon the throne on the mountain. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. They that have turned away from the Countenance are assuredly among the people of tyranny in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. And they that have turned towards it and have attained unto the lights of the Countenance—these are among those brought nigh in a clear Book. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet.

BH09879: The Divine Lote Tree calls out in the name…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

The Divine Lote Tree calls out in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, and each of its leaves invites all beings, with the most wondrous melodies, to the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed is he who hears and attains! He is recorded and inscribed among the people of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Crimson Tablet by the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, may the people of the world not remain deprived of this most great bounty, and may they receive their portion and share from the infinite oceans of divine grace and generosity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful and His Essence is the Guardian over all the worlds.

BH10048: O My handmaiden! We have made mention of thee…

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

O My handmaiden! We have made mention of thee, and this suffices thee, wert thou of those who understand. We have sent down for thee that which will make thee independent of all else beside Me—to this beareth witness the Revealer of verses. We have remembered every servant who hath turned unto Us and every handmaiden who hath been among the devout. Grieve not over hardships. Hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all possibilities. Beware lest the affairs of creation hinder thee. Leave aside all else but Me and hold fast unto God, the Manifestor of clear evidences. Blessed is the handmaiden whom the hardships of the world have not prevented from the Dawning-Place

of Manifestations. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned toward the horizon of the Cause and turned away from the deniers.

BH09770: We make mention of him whose name was presented…

He is the One Who speaks the Truth!

We make mention of him whose name was presented before the Face in this Great Prison. There is no servant but We have mentioned him with grace, and no handmaiden but has attained to My beauteous remembrance. O servants of the All-Merciful in the lands! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summons between the worlds and calls all to the One, the All-Informed. Deprive not yourselves of the breezes of these days, nor your hearts from turning to His luminous countenance. Thus has cooed the Dove of the Cause upon a lofty branch. When thou hast attained unto God's Tablet and His traces, arise and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH09944: The Beloved doth love thee and saith: Say: Glorified…

He is the Ever-Abiding

The Beloved doth love thee and saith: Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Pour forth the blood of him who calleth upon Thee, and our blood in Thy path, for the establishment of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word. O Thou Beloved of Baha! Deprive not Baha and us and those who have desired Thy presence of this great bounty. Verily, Thou hast power over all things. Convey my greetings to ʿAli on my behalf, and verily he readeth what thou hast read. He is among the assured servants of God. Then remember on our behalf our virtuous handmaidens. Upon you and upon them rest my remembrance and my glory, and upon Husayn from among our virtuous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10285: Glorified art Thou, O God of the Messengers…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of the Messengers and Guide of all paths! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the sincere ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and the near ones have hastened to the ocean of Thy bounty, to confirm every servant who has turned to Thy most exalted horizon and to protect him, through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, from the oppressors among Thy creatures. Then grant him, O my God, through Thy generosity, the good of this world and the next, and bless whatever he has done in pursuit of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH10297: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose remembrance…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose remembrance the sincere ones have risen to mention and praise, and by Whose name the faithful have been drawn to the Most Glorious Horizon. O my Lord! This is a leaf from among the leaves of Thy Lote-Tree and a handmaiden from among Thy handmaidens, whom

Thou hast related unto Thyself as a bounty from Thee. O my Lord! Protect her, then, within the fortress of Thy protection, and grant her that which Thou hast ordained for Thy leaves from Thy Most Exalted Pen. O my Lord! Thou seest her turning toward Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10290: Glorified art Thou, O my God! This…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is a leaf from among Thy leaves who hath clung to the Tree of Thy grace and hath departed from her homeland, turning toward the most exalted homeland—the station from whose horizon shone forth the lights of the countenance of her Most Glorious Lord. She hath entered the gate of Thy mercy and heard Thy call and witnessed that for which most of Thy creatures died in their yearning. I beseech Thee to make her articulate in Thy remembrance and praise, and turning toward Thy horizon and Thy station. Thou art He Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordaineth what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH10532: Today the True One, glorified be His majesty…

He is the Helper

Today the True One, glorified be His majesty, is the Helper of creation, yet the people in their ignorance have arisen in rejection, expulsion, turning away and opposition. Verily He desires their life while they desire His death. Soon they shall find themselves in manifest error. We counsel all to patience, steadfastness and tranquility. He is the Commander and the Knowing One, and He is the Powerful and the Mighty. The glory be upon thee from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10610: In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou, O Afnan, Mirza ʿAli, upon whom be all the most glorious and resplendent glory, hast turned unto God, the Lord of all beings, and hast attained the lights of the meeting with Him, and hast drunk from the hand of bounty the Kawthar of reunion. Blessed art thou for having turned and hastened until thou didst enter the Most Great Scene and didst hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We send Our glorification upon thy face and upon My Afnan who have partaken of My choice sealed wine from the hands of grace.

BH10730: In the Name of God, the Lord…

In the Name of God, the Lord of the worlds! O Muhammad! Turn thy face towards God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Lo, the Book crieth out and saith: O Chosen One! Arise by My leave, then turn towards Mine all-highest horizon. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of My leave, the Mighty, the

Inaccessible, and thine ear with hearkening to My holy, glorious and wondrous call, and thy form with the robe of My loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Upon thee be My glory and upon thy family and upon those who are with thee and upon him who aideth and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH10727: In the Name of the All-Powerful! O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn!…

In the Name of the All-Powerful! O Muhammad-Qablih-Husayn! The Sovereign of Days is manifest, and the Lord of Revelations is seated upon the throne of Sinai, and hath appeared with such verses and evidences as the like of which have never been witnessed in the world. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Render thanks unto the Goal of all creation, Who hath enabled thee to recognize this Cause, to the greatness of which all divine Scriptures and Books have testified. Blessed are they that are assured, and blessed are they that have attained!

BH10726: In My Name, the All-Seeing

In My Name, the All-Seeing

O Muhammad-Qabli-Javad! My Most Exalted Pen remembers thee from the prison on a day when the servants are fasting for the sake of God, the Lord of creation. Reflect upon the affairs of men. All divine commandments and prohibitions are established and confirmed by a word, yet they have imprisoned the Author of the Word with manifest injustice while occupying themselves with His former commandments. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and believed. The glory of God rest upon thee and thy family, from God, the Revealer of verses.

BH10937: In My Name, the All-Bountiful! O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! The Most…

In My Name, the All-Bountiful! O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! The Most Exalted Pen hath summoned all to the most sublime summit and at all times doth summon them still. The path is manifest, the Kawthar is flowing, and the choice wine is at hand—take ye and drink in the name of the True Friend. On this day all things are engaged in the remembrance of God and speak thereof, yet the servants remain heedless save those souls who have detached themselves from the world and have cleaved unto its Lord.

BH10946: O ʿAli! We have heard of thy arrival…

O ʿAli! We have heard of thy arrival in prison and make mention of thee, that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest be of them who heard the call and answered their Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him, blessed art thou for having attained, and blessed art thou for having migrated. By My life! The Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee in My mighty and impregnable Tablet, and through it tongues shall be opened in thy remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Speaker.

BH11347: In My Name, the All-Informed!

In My Name, the All-Informed!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. This is a bounty whose fruits shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Know thou its value and preserve it through the name of the Peerless Friend. The Glory be upon thee.

BH00996: This is what was sent down to the noble…

This is what was sent down to the noble one from the land of Mim who was martyred in the land of Ta with a martyrdom at which the Concourse on High was amazed and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise lamented, and to the noble souls who spent what they possessed and their very lives in the path of God, the Lord of earth and heaven.

In the name of the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The first fragrance wafting from the garment of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness, the first sweet savors diffused from the gardens of divine knowledge, and the first breeze that stirred from the right hand of the Throne be upon thee, O Mystery of Names and Hidden Secret of the Cause in the Kingdom of Eternity! I testify that thou didst turn to the Supreme Horizon when the people of creation turned away from it, and the call of the Creator of Heaven attracted thee in such wise that thou didst seek the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and didst attain unto that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an on the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of all religions.

I testify that thou didst find the fragrance of the Days and didst drink the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hand of bounty of Him in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth, and didst attain unto that which was recorded in the Books of God and hidden in His knowledge. Blessed is he who seeketh to attain thy station, turneth toward thy direction, and visiteth thy resting-place. Thou art he who attained the presence of the Day wherein was heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen, and thou wert among those whom God had formerly given glad tidings through His words:

> "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God."

I testify that thou didst hear the call of the Trumpet when it was sounded, and didst see the earth when it was illumined by the light of its Lord, and didst hear its call when it told of its tidings. Thou art he whom the signs and portents of the Hour did not frighten; thou didst comprehend them, attain unto their sweet savors, and turn toward them when those on earth turned away from their Manifestation, save whom God, their Creator and their Sovereign, willed. Thou art he who attained unto the flowing waters of mercy when their murmur was raised, and unto the call of the Lote-Tree when its rustling was heard, and remained steadfast when the limbs of all beings trembled with fear of the Days, and responded when God's call was raised on the Day of Resurrection.

Thou art he through whom the lips of utterance smiled in the realm of possibility and the pavilions of grandeur were raised upon the highest standards. Thou art he who attained unto the lights of the Sun of inner meanings when it shone forth from its horizon and unto the Living Waters when they flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and stood firm when the dwellers of the graves arose and witnessed when the decree of resurrection was manifest.

I testify that thy foot did not slip, thy countenance did not change, and thy heart was not troubled when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, save whom God, the Lord of Names, willed. Thou wert successful in attaining the ocean of certitude when the people wandered in the wilderness of idle fancies. Thou art he who found the sweet savors of the Supreme Word and the Most Exalted Paradise before all things, and saw what was veiled, and knew what was hidden, and believed in Him Who was promised in God's Books and recorded in His Scrolls and Scriptures. Through thee and thy like was opened the door of grace unto the face of the world and was raised the standard of justice among the nations, and through your submissiveness did necks bow down on the Day of the Covenant and the horizons became illumined with the light of unity. Through you appeared God's straight path and His firm and mighty Command, and through you surged the ocean of utterance amidst all possibility and the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted over all lands.

Ye are the dawning-places of the light of oneness and the treasuries of God's conclusive wisdom and the keys to the doors of knowledge and the Law. Ye are God's party and His hosts and God's balance and His justice. Through you did lights shine forth and mysteries were unveiled and the clouds rained down and the decree of the Book was established. Ye are God's Books among His creation and His Scrolls among His servants, and ye are the pearls of the ocean of knowledge and the dawning-places of the Cause amidst all possibility. Through you was adorned the preamble of the Book of munificence and the opening of the gates of munificence upon all in the unseen and visible realms.

Alas, alas, for what hath befallen you at the hands of the most loss-laden on the Day of Judgment! By your tribulation did the Faithful Spirit lament and chosen servants cry out, the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing turned yellow, eyes in the Most Exalted Paradise wept, the pillars of the Primal Word were shaken, and the hearts of the dwellers of the pavilion of glory were disturbed upon the luminous spot. Through what befell you were the pillars of the Throne shaken, the companions of the Crimson Ark upon the sea of names were struck with terror, and darkness seized all who dwell on earth and in heaven. In grief for you did the Maids of Paradise leave their chambers and turn toward you, and we lament for you.

In sorrow for you wept the eyes of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and those who dwell in the canopies of grandeur beyond the sea of glory. Through your tribulation did every possessor of a homeland become a stranger, every station was brought low, every tranquil soul was troubled, every patient one cried out, every knower was thunderstruck, and every life was transformed. I testify that through your afflictions was the mountain of generosity swept away from among the world, and the Manifestations of eternity were cut off from life among the nations.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou seest the temples of them that love Thee cast upon the dust, with none to comfort them save the breezes of Thy mercy that pass over them at dawn and lament for them in such wise as to melt the very stones. The sweetness of Thy call so transported them that they detached themselves from the world, turning to Thy most exalted horizon. These are servants who remained faithful to Thy Covenant and Testament, who hastened to the station of sacrifice in hope of what lieth with Thee, and in whom Thy most exalted Word had such effect that their hearts were melted thereby, their eyes shed tears, and their necks bowed before Thy grandeur.

These are honored servants who strove in Thy path with true striving and aided Thy Cause with true aid. The hosts of earth prevented them not from turning to Thee, nor did the might of kings frighten them from manifesting Thy sovereignty among Thy creatures. They arose and spoke that which made the skin of the oppressors shudder and the pillars of the transgressors quake.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by them, by their sighs and tears in their longing and yearning, that Thou forgive me and my parents and whosoever hath turned unto Thee, O Lord of the Covenant, on the Day of Separation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this most pure sepulcher and this hallowed and purified dust, that Thou ordain for this servant of Thine, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiver, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH01455: Praise be to God Who hath revealed the verses…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of grandeur and power!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the verses and manifested the proofs, Who hath spoken the supreme Word and caused all things to speak it. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. And the resplendent and luminous prayers from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Names be upon Him by Whom the vale of Batha was stirred, and through Whom the Dove of Unity warbled upon the branch of eternity, and through Whom the Light shone forth from the supreme horizon, and through Whom the banners of detachment were raised in the kingdom of creation. And upon His family and companions, through whom the ocean of utterance surged and the breezes of the All-Merciful wafted, and through whom was manifested that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do as He commandeth.

O Shukru'llah! God willing, mayest thou be blessed in all conditions with the outpourings of the True Bestower and be ever gazing upon the lights of His countenance after the passing of all things. The world hath been encompassed by suppositions and idle fancies, and all have been deprived of the splendors of the Sun of certitude, save whom God, exalted be His glory, hath willed. God hath ever desired the best for His servants, yet most, through excessive ignorance, have not heeded divine counsels and admonitions, remaining lost in the wilderness of confusion and ignorance. We beseech God to awaken all from the slumber of heedlessness and make them aware. This is not difficult for Him.

At all times hath this Wronged One remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones, that the remembrance may draw them to a station wherein the conditions of human limitations shall not prevent them from the Lord of destiny, nor shall the clamor of the ignorant keep them from the Creator of heaven. All that hath befallen the blessed community hath been the fruit of their deeds. We counsel all to observe trustworthiness and godliness, truthfulness and sincerity, mercy and kindness, unity and concord, patience and forbearance. We beseech God to enable all who are on earth to act in accordance with what hath been ordained in His Perspicuous Book. Blessed are they who have attained unto His good-pleasure and are detached from all else.

The Wronged One remembereth in this place him who was named Ghulam-Husayn, and We beseech for him divine confirmation and assistance from God, the Lord of the worlds. O friends! Every created thing and every earthly blessing shall be seized by extinction and shall soon return to nothingness. Strive ye that perchance ye may achieve such deeds as shall endure as long as the divine names and attributes endure. We make mention of thee and thy brother, and counsel you both to steadfastness and to that which beseemeth man. He, verily, is the Helper, the Gracious.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid-Ali and remind him of that which will draw him nigh unto the supreme horizon, that he may be among those who are firmly established. The Wronged One hath perceived the fragrance of thy love and remembereth thee at this time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all directions through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We make mention of Abdu'l-Husayn and counsel him with that which beseemeth him. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

We beseech God to assist and enable all to that wherein lieth His good-pleasure. O Pen! Make mention of them who have loved thee, that they may rejoice and be among the thankful. Unto him who was named Muhammad-Baqir say: Let not the oppression of those whom the world hath deluded, who have forgotten the Luminary of justice and have risen with manifest tyranny, grieve thee. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and in all conditions cling to the hem of the grace of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Letter Shin! Thou hast borne hardships and endured adversity and tribulation in His path until thou didst attain the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to grant thee every good thing He hath ordained in His Book. Verily, He is powerful over all things. We make mention of thy son and the leaf who hath turned unto the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, and We beseech God to write down for them both the reward of those who have made pilgrimage in His path and visited His blessed, luminous, mighty, and glorious House.

Blessed is he who sent thee. Verily, he was with Me in the early days, and the Wronged One hath mentioned him in various Tablets. We beseech God to exalt him to such a station wherein every tongue shall utter his praise and every discerning one shall bear witness unto him. The mention shining forth from the horizon of My heart be upon him and upon thee and upon those who are with thee, and upon those who remember God in the morning and in the evening.

BH11714: The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God…

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

The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed, sanctified from all peers and likenesses, and exalted above all that hath been said or shall be said. He hath been, and is, the One, the Single, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal—He unto Whose oneness and singleness the tongues of all created things have testified, and through Whose remembrance and praise all things have spoken. He

Who raised Him up and sent Him forth with the truth is verily the Lamp of Guidance amongst mankind, the Sign of the Ancient of Days amidst the nations, the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names and the Dayspring of His most exalted attributes—He Who was named Muhammad in the kingdom of creation. God made Him the Source of His Revelation, the Repository of His Knowledge, and the Manifestation of His Laws. Through Him was the Cause of the All-Merciful revealed throughout all possibility, and the Dove of the Command warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Wronged One offereth prayers upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the world and the Ocean of Bounty surged amongst the peoples. These are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command. Through them was made manifest the path of God in all things, and His Word was exalted amongst His servants. Blessed is he who hath clung unto them and attained unto their presence. Upon them be the prayers of God, His mercy, His remembrance and His praise.

And now, We send Our greetings unto the friends of God who have drunk from the pure Salsabil of love and who are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We counsel all to trustworthiness, religiosity, and chastity. O friends! Whosoever is adorned with these attributes is reckoned among God's servants and his name is mentioned in the Concourse on High. But whosoever is deprived thereof is not counted among the people of truth. Strive ye, that perchance ye may be adorned with such virtues and qualities as shall ensure eternal salvation. Harm not the fruits of the Tree of Trustworthiness with the stones of treachery, nor scatter its branches with the instruments of tyranny and oppression. The ornament of man hath ever been and shall continue to be truthfulness and sincerity.

O friends! Let not the ornaments of two fleeting days, which all testify shall perish, deprive you of the everlasting bounty and the heavenly food sent down. Fix your gaze upon God, place your trust in Him, and seek from Him that which is befitting. It behooveth you to commit all affairs unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Reflect upon the generations of old: Where are the proud and the vainglorious, and where are the workers of iniquity? Ponder their treasures, their palaces, their strongholds and their thrones in former ages, and all that befell them, and take ye warning thereby. This Wronged One beseecheth God that He may assist all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him.

We convey Our greetings to Shaykh Abul-Qasim. Praise be to God, he has drunk from the chalice of divine knowledge and is gazing toward the most exalted horizon. Under all conditions, hold fast to those matters which lead to the refinement of heedless souls and the liberation of mankind. Verily, Mustafa has arrived and has endured great hardship in transporting the trees. His reward is with God. We convey Our greetings to Akkash and give him glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, for he is forever remembered. Likewise, We have remembered and continue to remember all other friends. Convey greetings from this Wronged One. Verily, He speaks the truth and guides to the path. There is none other God but Him, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

O Mustafa! Upon thee be My peace. Praise the Desired One of all worlds, Who has bestowed upon thee from the treasury of names a name—that is, thy son—whose worthiness is attested and continues to be attested by people of excellence. We beseech God to assist thee and thy family and those with thee, and

to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH02103: The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Throne, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We have made mention of those who were martyred in the path of God with a mention that nothing in the kingdom can equal, as My perspicuous Book doth testify. There is nothing that hath not been honored with the ornament of My mention and been immersed in the ocean of My mercy and been established upon the throne of My loving-kindness in My exalted Kingdom. We make mention of them once again in this mighty Prison.

O Rafi', rejoice thou that the Lord of Eternity hath made mention of thee when thou didst ascend unto the Supreme Companion. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of God and turned unto Him and offered up thy spirit in longing for His presence and love of His beauty. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou art he who testified to that which God did testify, and turned unto Him when a great multitude turned away. Well done, for your turning and your submissiveness and your humility. He verily doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

And We make mention of Mirza Aqa who attained martyrdom in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. There were revealed for him aforetime clear verses whereby honored servants were attracted. He testified to that which My Most Exalted Pen did testify: that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He drank from the ocean of reunion and tasted the sweetness of the heavenly table and found the fragrance of My luminous robe. We testify that he turned unto My horizon and soared in My atmosphere and sought the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. The Tongue of God doth testify to this in this noble station.

And We make mention of him who was named after the Prophet, that every devoted one may be assured that there is none other God but Him. His is the supreme providence and the mercy that hath preceded creation. He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Kind, the Bountiful, the Merciful. Blessed are they who have visited the martyrs and remembered them with that which the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken. We testify that they are among the triumphant ones. All things shall perish, but there shall remain for My loved ones My beautiful remembrance. Joy be unto him who hath found the fragrance of utterance and recognized what hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving providence of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have mentioned them and their kindred before and at this time. By My life! Their deeds in God's path have been accepted. Nothing is hidden from His knowledge and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My loved ones and My friends! Hearken unto My call. Beware lest anything among all things prevent you from the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names. Cast aside what is with the people, placing your trust in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

We have made mention of the prisoners of Nayriz and My loved ones there. We have heard mention of them in this Remembrance and of their turning unto God's bright horizon. Be assured of God's grace and mercy. He verily heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We send from this spot Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones and My male and female servants, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. We counsel them to trustworthiness and godliness and patience and forbearance, and I am the Patient, the Forbearing.

The glory be upon you and upon those who testified to that which God testified and who took in the days of attainment the cup of life from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and drank in His Name, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH02723: In My Name, the Sorrowful, the Wronged One

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O Samandar, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! The servant in attendance here hath presented what thy heart's tongue uttered in its communion with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm. We have heard and recognized thy submissiveness, thy humility, and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of Might. From thy remembrance We perceived the fragrance of the mention of the Most Exalted Paradise, and We have answered thee with that which hath gladdened the breast of the world and caused hearts to rejoice.

We beheld thee in nearness, not in remoteness—thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken while warbling that which drew the Kingdom of Names unto itself. We make mention of the Nightingale and testify unto him with My tongue and My pen that which causeth the sincere ones to find the fragrance of eternity through the perpetuity of My most beautiful names and My most exalted attributes. Blessed is he in his standing and his sitting, his waking and his sleeping, and his remembrance and praise of God, the King of Kings. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to sanctify him from all he hath desired and adorn him with whatsoever He pleaseth, that He may make all his deeds as a single rose and his state in My service everlasting. This is what Muhammad, the Apostle of God, imparted unto Ali aforetime. He beareth witness to this Who speaketh: There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Samandar! Verily My tongue maketh mention of him and of My loved ones in the prison from sunrise to sunset. Grieve thou not over anything. Be assured through God's grace and mercy, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee, upon thy outward and inward being, upon thy progeny and kindred and those with thee, and upon them that have cast behind them the imaginings of men, holding fast unto the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O Samandar! We desire to make mention of him from whom We perceived the fragrance of faithfulness in the world of creation, who was named Huda. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath attained unto the authoritative Word of God through which verses were sent down and every hidden secret and fixed decree was made manifest. We, from this spot, send Our glorification upon him and upon those whom

the tempests of idle fancies have not caused to slip from the path of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

We have verily sent thee Tablets one of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth, yet the people understand not. We beseech Him, exalted be He, that through them may be gladdened the eyes of His loved ones who know no fear nor are they grieved. The glory be upon them from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH02925: We send Our greetings to the faithful followers…

…We send Our greetings to the faithful followers of the one true God, who have tasted of the sweet waters of loving-kindness and directed their gaze toward the Realm of Glory. We enjoin upon them all to conduct themselves with trustworthiness and rectitude and to lead chaste and virtuous lives.

O beloved friends! Whoever adorneth his character with such virtues will be reckoned among the true servants of God, and his name will be commemorated by the Concourse on high; but he who depriveth himself thereof shall not be accounted of their number. Strive diligently to acquire such goodly qualities and traits of character as will be the cause of everlasting salvation. Make not the fruits of the tree of trustworthiness targets for the stones of treachery, nor rend its boughs asunder with the instruments of tyranny and oppression. Truthfulness and sincerity have always been the ornament of a man's character, and so they shall ever be.

O friends! Let not the deceptive glamour of this fleeting world—to whose impermanence all things attest—cut you off from God's enduring bestowals, nor deprive you from partaking of the spiritual sustenance that He hath sent down from the heaven of His bounty. Keep your gaze centred on Him Who is the Sovereign Word of Truth: Place your whole reliance upon Him, and beg of Him to destine for you what is meet and fitting. Resign your affairs into the hands of God, the Lord of creation. Call ye to mind the people of former ages: Whither are they sped, the prideful and vainglorious, the workers of iniquity and unrighteousness? Where are their hoards of treasure, their palaces, citadels and thrones? Reflect upon those bygone days, and the vicissitudes of which they tell, and be ye admonished thereby. The prayer of this Wronged One is that God may assist all to do what shall meet with His favour and acceptance….

BH02956: All the Prophets and Chosen Ones have been commanded…

He is God, exalted be His glory, greatness and power!

All the Prophets and Chosen Ones have been commanded by God, exalted be His glory, to water the trees of human existence from the Euphrates of refinement and wisdom, that there might appear from all that which God has deposited within them. Every tree has its visible fruit, as can be observed. A fruitless tree is fit only for the fire. The purpose of what they have commanded and taught has been the preservation of the stations and ranks of the human world. Blessed is the soul who in this divine Day has held fast to the divine principles and has not deviated from the true law.

The fruits of the tree of existence are trustworthiness, religion, truthfulness and sincerity, and greatest of all, after the oneness of God, exalted and mighty be He, is due regard for the rights of parents. This matter is mentioned in all the divine Books and recorded by the Supreme Pen. Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an, His words exalted be He:

> "Worship God and associate naught with Him, and show kindness unto parents."

Observe how kindness to parents is joined with the oneness of God. Blessed is every wise mystic who witnesses and sees and reads and knows and acts according to what God has revealed in the Books of old and in this mighty Tablet.

O Qasim! God willing, may you be assisted in that which is pleasing to the Friend. Your father is among those who in the early days perceived the fragrance of the morn of Revelation. He attained the presence repeatedly. Know his worth and seek his good pleasure that you may attain to the good pleasure of the Beloved of the worlds. When you have been honored with this trace of My Most Exalted Pen, turn your face toward the Prison and say:

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and the hearts of the learned and the princes were shaken, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH03379: A Book which the All-Merciful has sent down…

He is the One Who has dawned from the horizon of the Kingdom.

A Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to all who are in the realm of possibilities, and through it He has called all to the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit—the station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaims: "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty."

O Mihdi! We have guided thee to the Path and made known to thee the Proof and cast upon thee My Word through which all things have spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor what the oppressors have wrought in the kingdom of creation. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

We have remembered thy father, both before and after, who turned to the Countenance and gave up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that he has ascended to the Supreme Companion, and from him have the dwellers of the highest Paradise inhaled the fragrance of the love of his Most Glorious Lord. Exalted be this noble and gracious station. Verily, My love is a lamp that accompanieth him in every world of the worlds of his Lord. At times thou seest it in the form and splendor of paradise, and at others in the form of an angel from among the near ones. Blessed is he who attained unto the Word of God before his ascension and after it. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Blessed be thy brother Sulayman. We counsel him with that which will exalt his station among the servants, and We beseech God to draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. And

We send Our greetings to thy mother who has turned to God and attained, and whose name was mentioned before God's mighty throne. And We make mention of thy sister who was illumined by the lights of her Lord's love and turned to the supreme horizon when every learned one turned away.

Convey My loving greetings and mercy to those who are with thee. We have remembered you with that which nothing can equal, as testified by the truthful and trustworthy Tongue of God. The Glory be upon you from the presence of One mighty and beautiful. The Trusted One hath mentioned you before the Countenance time and again, and hath desired for you the good of the latter and the former worlds through the grace of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH03847: Glorified be God! The people of the world are…

In the name of the one God!

Glorified be God! The people of the world are observed today to be deprived of both testimony and awareness. The call of the Manifestation of the Cause and Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation has been raised with the most exalted voice, such that through its sweetness even stones and date pits have become vocal in praise and glorification, yet the servants remain deprived of it. All things have testified to the appearance and exaltation of the Most Great Word, while humanity remains veiled and prevented, save whom God willeth.

Do they not reflect upon former ages—what was the cause of the martyrdom of the Prophets and saints, and what was the reason for the ascension of Jesus son of Mary to the fourth heaven, and why did they deny the Seal of the Prophets (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him) and issue the verdict for the shedding of His pure blood? Why did they martyr Husayn son of Ali despite all testifying to his lineage? In brief, the divines of every age have arisen in opposition, and weak souls following those persons have closed their eyes to proof and evidence and turned toward the path of fire.

In truth the entire life of the world is not worth mentioning, let alone these temples whose lives are like a breeze that enters through one door and exits through another. Nevertheless they have clung to it and deprived themselves of the eternal dominion and everlasting bounty.

Blessed is the soul who today observes and reflects with penetrating vision upon the divine Cause and all that hath appeared, that there may be revealed unto him what was hidden from minds and eyes. It behooveth thee to thank God thy Lord and to arise concerning what thou hast missed. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous.

BH04104: O loved ones of God in Jasb! There hath…

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

O loved ones of God in Jasb! There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which befell certain of My loved ones in that place. He, in Whose possession is the Mother Book, beareth witness to this. The dwellers of Paradise have lamented at what hath befallen you at the hands of those who have changed God's blessing into ingratitude and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition.

Say: Beware lest the oppression of the enemies or the might of the divines prevent you. Behold, then remember what befell the friends of God aforetime who arose to serve the Cause throughout ages and centuries. The heedless have imprisoned My Name in the land of Ta, and My chosen ones elsewhere. Nay, they are in doubt and schism. By God's life! The fire of hatred hath been kindled in the breasts of the divines—they are the repositories of tyranny and the daysprings of iniquity. Through them have the eyes of the Concourse on High shed tears, and the Eye of Grandeur in the most exalted station.

O Ghulam-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. He maketh mention of thee and lamenteth for what hath befallen thee from the manifestations of Satan. Thou wert beneath the glance of thy Lord in days wherein the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of creation. We make mention of thy brother and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My favor which have preceded the righteous. And We remember My loved ones there who have not been deterred by the censure of the censurers nor the clamor of the heedless from God, the Lord of lords.

Say: Fear ye God, and reject not Him Who hath come to you with the proofs of the Prophets and with that whereof the eye of creation hath seen no likeness. Thus hath warbled the Dove of the Cause upon the branch of eternity. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded to the Light that hath shone forth from the luminous Hand. Upon thee, and upon him, and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all names.

BH04901: O Sadiq! Today, whosoever hath turned unto the most…

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

O Sadiq! Today, whosoever hath turned unto the most exalted horizon and attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, he verily was and is truthful. And should one fail to attain unto this station, though from time immemorial unto time everlasting he speak with truthfulness, yet in the sight of God he shall not be reckoned among the truthful ones. Give thanks unto the Purpose of all worlds and be thou engaged in His praise, inasmuch as the rays of the Sun of Truth have shone upon thee and guided thee unto the straight path.

Throughout all ages and centuries, the enemies have striven to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the Tree, and have exerted their efforts thereunto. But God hath banished them through His command and hath manifested that which He desired through His mighty and wondrous Word. Were the heedless souls to ponder upon that which hath come to pass in the past, they would comprehend the station of this blessed Day and would attain unto that which is intended. But the love of the world and its concerns hath so seized them all that no awareness remaineth for anyone, save whom God willeth.

Blessed are those servants whom neither the learning of the divines nor the might of the enemies hath kept back from the divine path nor deprived of the everlasting Kawthar. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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BH05085: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and the Wronged One is in such grief as the eye of creation hath never beheld its like. To this beareth witness My Most Great Book, which hath been inscribed by the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My leaf! O My handmaiden! Although sorrows have encompassed Us, yet the grief of the world hath not, and will not, prevent the Lord of ancient days from His Cause. Tribulation in His path hath been and still is beloved. May that leaf, God willing, be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance in the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Time and again thou hast been blessed with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Blessed art thou, and thy mother, and whosoever is with you both among the loved ones of God, the Lord of the worlds.

His honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath been and is beneath the pavilions of grandeur. He is among those who have aided the Cause of their Lord and remembered Him in the night season and in the days. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, be upon thy father and upon you all. And the peace and blessing manifesting from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon those who spoke before all faces until they were imprisoned in this Straight Path. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05011: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One…

He is watching from His most exalted horizon.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and arise to perform that which beseemeth the Day of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath counseled all to be trustworthy and truthful and to manifest whatsoever befitteth the station of man. Yet some are so heedless and veiled that they seem not to have heard the call of the Wronged One. Some among the people are so overcome with heedlessness that they appear deprived of hearing, sight and understanding. The call of Truth is raised high, the Sun of Revelation is shining forth, and hidden mysteries are unveiled, yet all remain bereft thereof. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive any from the lights of the Sun of Truth. He is verily powerful and mighty over all things.

We have mentioned thee before and do so again on this blessed and wondrous Day. Be not grieved by the cawing of the ravens or the oppression of the oppressors. The hand of God is above their hands and His Word transcendeth their souls. He is verily powerful over all things. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto Him, hearkened, and answered their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We make mention of thy son ʿAbdu'l-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy, that he may be of the thankful ones. Say: Act according to that which hath been revealed in the

Book of God. Verily it shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book doth testify to this.

BH05598: O Aziyyih, may the glory of God be upon…

O Aziyyih, may the glory of God be upon her! O Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones and aid them against the wrongdoing people. In My Name, the Hearing, the Responding One! O Aziyyih! God willing, thou shalt ever hold fast unto that which God hath willed and cling to His most holy hem. Fix thy gaze upon this exalted Word, which is a brilliant lamp unto the light of utterance: “Whoso is for God, God is for him.” Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have cast away what they possessed, holding fast unto that which is with God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thy letters arrived repeatedly, but at times, due to wisdom, it was not expedient to send a reply until in these days when the Most Exalted Pen turned toward those regions and this Most Holy, Most Sublime Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, thou shalt be gladdened by its fragrance—a gladness that shall neither alter nor change. That which was mentioned in Our presence shall not, God willing, be forgotten, nor will it ever be forgotten. Preserve it in the name of thy Lord, then act upon it, as bidden by the Wise Commander. Convey to the handmaidens of that household the greetings of the Wronged One, and We counsel all to be steadfast, whereby the back of the world was broken, save for those whom God wished. Blessed are those souls who have attained unto this most great station and have regarded all else save God as non-existent and null. Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned unto and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH05731: The Promised One has rent asunder the veils…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

The Promised One has rent asunder the veils and the Hidden Mystery has shone forth from the horizon of manifestation. He is the One intended in all divine books, mentioned and recorded therein, the One Whose presence all servants longed for and Whose advent they sought. Nevertheless, when the gate of reunion was opened and the breeze of attainment wafted, all remained heedless and unconscious in the wilderness of negligence, save whom God willed. Those who counted themselves among the foremost and considered themselves preeminent in knowledge and insight were deprived of His presence and veiled from the purpose and cause of creation. O handmaiden of God! Praise the Lord of Names, Who enabled thee to recognize a Cause from which men have remained deprived. By the life of God! This is a bounty that no other bounty in creation can equal. Know thou this and be among the thankful ones.

Now beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve thee and the women of that land from the smoke and to keep them steadfast in His Cause. Glory be upon thee and upon every maidservant who hath turned unto Him, attained, and remained firm in the love of her Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH05841: In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

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The denizens of My heaven have lamented at what hath befallen My loved ones who remember God at morn and eventide and who desire naught but the betterment of the nations of the world. To this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness from a station wherein the Sun of Grace hath shone forth and wherein the atoms themselves testify that there is none other God beside Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when the ignorant ones of the earth turned away from it. They, verily, comprehend not. The horizon of the heaven of My Hidden Name hath been illumined, yet the people perceive it not. They have violated their Covenant and cast behind them their Pledge, until they disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Say: O people of the earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath appeared. Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and caused thee to know Him and enabled thee to stand at a gate that hath been opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Kind. Cast aside the vain imaginings of men and take fast hold of the hem of certitude. Thus doth He command thee Who testifieth at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and make mention of thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

BH06159: A mention from Our presence unto Haji Muhammad-Rida, who…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from Our presence unto Haji Muhammad-Rida, who hath attained unto My days, heard My call, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did testify: that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, and announced unto the world this Most Great Revelation. The Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, bear witness unto this.

O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, free yourselves from the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Come ye, that I may show you the lights of God from this luminous horizon. That which lay concealed in the treasuries of knowledge hath been made manifest, and He Who was promised throughout the ages and centuries hath come. Every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge beareth witness unto this. O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by One mighty, powerful and ancient. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained unto the Word of God, and woe betide the most lost ones who cling to what they have, turning away from that which is with God, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou didst turn and hearken and respond to Him from Whom the divines of the earth have turned aside, save those who drank the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Almighty.

BH06699: The dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have raised…

…The dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have raised their lamentations by reason of what hath befallen the loved ones of God in the Land of Ta and other lands, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. We have seized the Dayspring of tyranny in that place and another soul who denied God's right, the Lord of all worlds, and We give tidings to the third of a grievous punishment. We shall

soon seize him with a devastating might from Us. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Even as We seized those who preceded them—verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling, the Severe….

BH06896: O Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones…

O Lord, pour forth patience upon Thy loved ones and aid them against the unbelieving people. He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. The Wronged One counsels His loved ones to patience and forbearance, to calmness and dignity. Verily We have committed all affairs unto God and have placed Our trust in Him. He is the best Helper and Protector. O Fayd'u'llah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee on this blessed day and commands all to patience and tranquility. Blessed art thou, for thou hast attained unto that which most of those on earth remain heedless and veiled from.

The honored Samandar, upon him be My Glory, sent a letter to this Servant, and at the time it was presented he made mention of thee. Therefore this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness especially for thee. He is the Bestower, He is the Kind. Are the oppressors able to find for themselves a friend other than Him, or discover one in any land or region? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! They are witnessed to be in manifest heedlessness. Soon shall they behold themselves in manifest loss. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place.

BH06723: This is an inscribed Book which the Self-Subsisting…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is an inscribed Book which the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling doth testify unto. Verily it hath been traced by the Finger of Power in this praiseworthy station. None denieth it save every rejected misbeliever. Whoso denieth it hath denied his Lord from all eternity. Unto this doth the King of Kings bear witness, Who hath spoken:

> "There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be."

Verily he who hath acknowledged that which hath come down from the heaven of grace is of the people of Baha. Unto this doth the Dayspring of Revelation bear witness. And whoso denieth it is of them that tarry or of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. By My life! That which hath been inscribed in the Tablet shall bring solace to thine eyes when thou attainest unto it. Therefore praise thy Lord, the All-Merciful. In His hand lieth the kingdom of utterance. He sendeth down whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Forgiving. From this station We send Our greetings unto thy face and unto the faces of those whom vain desires have not kept back from God, the Lord of existence. Remind the people of that which hath appeared and shone forth, that haply they may inhale the fragrance of God in His days and may find for themselves a path unto His visible horizon.

BH07061: A mention from Us unto him who hath turned…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

A mention from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Tree which hath been raised upon the Mount of Divine knowledge when this Revelation appeared, whereby the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and there was heard from it the call of its Lord, the All-Merciful:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous."

The Mount flew with longing for this Revelation and Sinai awakened after being thunderstruck when the Trump was blown by command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou and those whom the affairs of creation have not withheld from the Truth. They cast away what the people possessed and took hold of that which they were commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. We counsel the servants of God to righteousness and the fear of God and to that whereby the station of man is exalted in the contingent world. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Object of desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and associate with the loved ones in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the precincts of His mighty prison. And We make mention of thy son who hath been named Ya'qub and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06936: Verily the Book is established upon the throne…

In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Seeing!

Verily the Book is established upon the throne and hath sent down the Book as a command from His presence, and He is the Book. Verily the Tablet proclaimeth with the most exalted call, saying: O concourse of creation! By God, the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the circumstances of creation cannot prevent nor can intimations veil. Blessed is the soul that hath stirred and arisen and hastened to the Dawning-Place of remembrance, and woe unto them who have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from God, the Lord of all men. O My handmaiden! Hearken thou unto My call, then bear witness to that whereunto God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath come for the life of the world, yet the peoples have pronounced against Him with an injustice at which the clouds have wept. Fie upon them and upon those who were debarred from the ocean of knowledge and denied God, the Lord of lords. Be thou thankful for this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me from Thy most exalted horizon and called me when I was among the people of the veil.

BH07379: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

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O Rida! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, and answereth that which thou didst beseech of Him. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise. Blessed is the mention that hath come before the Most Great Remembrance, and blessed the petition that hath attained unto the hearing of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have heard thy call—rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks.

Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee or prevent thee from Him Who is the Creator of heaven. Abandon every matter and hold fast unto the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And

concerning what thou didst ask about the return- read thou the Kitab-i-Iqan which the All-Merciful revealed when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. Thus doth the Lord of all horizons command thee from His exalted station. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and the breezes of My Revelation have wafted over thee, arise and say: Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that have recognized Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07941: He warbleth upon the branches

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O Husayn! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee when sorrows surrounded Him on account of what was wreaked upon Him by those who disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him after He came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is the face that hath turned towards Him and the heart that hath accepted Him, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. Give thanks unto God for having made thee victorious in His days and guided thee to His straight path. Cast aside what is with the people, taking hold of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in My Perspicuous Book. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. When thou attainest unto it, give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Preserve this Tablet as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes. Verily thy Lord is the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard My call and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty, and upon every steadfast and upright one.

BH07889: O Ahmad! The rabble of the world have arisen…

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

O Ahmad! The rabble of the world have arisen to extinguish the light of the Ancient King, and with utmost striving have endeavored and continue to endeavor to destroy the Cause of God. However, God has manifested the Cause and will manifest that which He has willed, despite every heedless and remote one. The armies of the world and the ranks of nations have not prevented and will not prevent Him from that which He has willed. Blessed are those souls whom the clamor of the heedless did not prevent from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. They arose with complete steadfastness among the people and uttered the blessed words “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven.”

We beseech God to make thee successful even as He has assisted thee, and to establish thee firm and steadfast on His path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained to this mighty Cause.

BH08323: We have manifested the Cause and sent down…

He is the Everlasting One in His Name, the Self-Subsisting!

We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses, but the people, except those whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, has willed, denied them after their revelation. The world hath been honored by the appearance of the Most Great Name, yet the people remain veiled in manifest delusion. The Light walketh before the face, and the Spirit proclaimeth: The Day is come, and this is the Beloved of the worlds. How many a servant hath heard and turned away, and how many a servant hath hastened, turning toward the All-Informed One. We have commanded all to act with wisdom and with that which profiteth the servants in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Tablet and My traces, render thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of His novel remembrance and honored thee with His days, and for having sent down for thee that which the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal.

BH08505: O My handmaiden! We have remembered thee…

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

O My handmaiden! We have remembered thee with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Realm. Bear thou witness to that which God Himself hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books and made manifest that which was hidden in the treasuries of infallibility and concealed from eyes.

Seize thou the cup of salvation in the name of thy Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Know thou that the cup is My Word, and the Water of Life is that which lieth concealed within it of the meanings which none hath understood save God, the Lord of existence.

Glorify the name of thy Lord, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Thus hath the murmur of the Water of Life been raised from the Book of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all desire!”

BH08080: The Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have adorned…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have adorned the heaven of souls with the sun of trustworthiness and the moon of truthfulness and the stars of virtuous character, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed is the soul who acts according to what was commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Virtues are the stars of this heaven, and steadfastness is its sun and its sovereign, were you of those who know.

O you who speak in praise of your Lord, hearken unto My call and My cry and My lamentation at what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Verily, He Who created the world by a sign from His Pen—they say concerning Him what none of the ancients ever said. We commanded all to the Most Great Steadfastness, but when the croak of the croaker was raised, the feet of every heedless and remote one slipped.

Be thou thankful to God for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and guided thee to the straight path. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Beloved was in evident sorrow.

BH08928: The Wronged One, Who hath called all to God…

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

The Wronged One, Who hath called all to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath heard thy call. Say: O peoples of the earth, fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Make your deeds for God, and your call in His Name, and your orientation toward His horizon, holding fast to the cord of patience. Verily He seizeth every oppressor who oppresseth His chosen servants, and He hath power over all things. We have read thy letter and answered thee from this mighty prison. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make for me a lamp from the light of Thy Cause that it may go before my face, lest the clamor of those who have denied Thy truth and disputed Thy signs and risen to extinguish Thy manifest, resplendent, evident, shining and luminous light cause me to become heedless.

BH08987: He hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth

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This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One when sorrows encompassed Him from every side. Verily He summoned the people unto God, yet they arose to harm Him in such wise as caused the dwellers of earth and heaven to lament. This is a day wherein the denizens of the highest Paradise weep by reason of what hath befallen the friends of God, the Lord of Names. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. They seized Us and imprisoned Us and prevented Us from that which was created for Us. Thus was the matter decreed in days wherein all things proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. O people of Baha! We counsel you to be patient and forbearing. Place your trust in all circumstances in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Beware lest anything prevent you from God. Leave what the people possess, holding fast unto that which is with God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

BH11256: Thy letter which thou hadst received from the beloved…

…Thy letter which thou hadst received from the beloved personage of Andalib, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Glory, which he penned from the prison, arrived and was perused. In truth, the fragrance of steadfastness, contentment, and praise of the Lord of all beings wafted from it. May my spirit be a sacrifice unto his imprisonment, unto his tribulations, and unto those who were with him….

BH09622: Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose!…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in tribulations beyond compare. The servants have risen against them without any proof or Book. They have seized them and

imprisoned them and committed that which hath caused the earth to tremble and the clouds to wail. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy power to protect Thy chosen ones from the oppression of those who have cast Thy Book behind their backs and have acted according to their own desires in Thy lands and Thy realm. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might all possible things have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09878: Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hast fulfilled Thy…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hast fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and Thy Promise, and hast manifested that which lay hidden in the treasury of Thy power and concealed within Thy knowledge! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee every good thing that was inscribed in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid Thou Thy loved ones, and them that aid them. O Lord! Thou seest that they have no refuge save Thee and no shelter except in Thee. Do Thou, therefore, O my God, deliver them from the hands of the enemies, and preserve them through Thy power, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the dominions of might and power! There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

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BH02090: His honor Ahmad has attained and his deed…

In the name of the one God!

His honor Ahmad has attained and his deed is accepted before God. The entire world cannot equal the testimony that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this Tablet. God willing, may he be assisted to accomplish that which befits the Days of God and preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of humanity.

O Ali-Akbar! Divine grace and favor have been with you, and whatsoever befell you in His path has been recorded and established by the Pen of Command in the Book of Names. That which the Tongue of Grandeur hath mentioned befell you in the path of Truth. Be not grieved, but engage in the remembrance of God with the utmost joy and fragrance, for whatsoever befell you was for God and in the path of God. What station is greater than this and what matter more glorious and excellent? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! For souls that are turned to Him and are steadfast there are stations that pen, tongue and utterance are powerless to describe.

Two letters from you have returned to the Book, two birds have winged their flight to the most exalted nest, and two souls have turned toward the Most Glorious Homeland. By the life of God! They both gaze from the Supreme Horizon and hear what the Tongue of Bounty hath spoken at this moment. Were anyone to behold their station, they would swoon away. Rejoice thou in this mighty favor.

We make mention in this station of thy brother who was named Muhammad-ʿAli and who ascended unto God. We testify that he turned toward the Supreme Horizon and answered his Lord, the Lord of Names, when He called out from the Kingdom of Utterance: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” We were with him at the time of his ascension, and a company of near-angelic beings received him. Glory be upon him and upon those who make mention of him through what My Pen hath spoken in this exalted station.

Grieve not over anything. Verily thy Lord is with thee. He hath assisted thee to turn unto Him and taught thee what had escaped the champions among men. Thy Lord is indeed gracious to His loved ones, but most of the people are heedless. Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto a mighty favor, for God’s mercy and His grace have encompassed thee, and the evidences thereof shine forth like suns from the horizons of His Tablets.

Grieve not for the two letters—they were two letters from the Book of Divine Love and have returned to the Mother Book. Reflect upon this bounty, that while the divines of the age, despite having awaited the appearance of Truth throughout centuries and ages, remained deprived behind the veils of idle fancies and were shut out from the ocean of generosity when the dawn of the Day of God appeared and the world was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, your children attained to a station mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, despite them and despite those who disbelieved in what they were promised in every Book, every Scripture, every Psalm and every mighty Tablet. We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and those who are with thee, and those who have heard and answered their wronged, estranged Lord.

BH02268: O children of the Friend! He Who speaks…

O children of the Friend! He Who speaks from this manifest horizon says: O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the children of My Friend and the heirs of My Interlocutor, with whom God conversed openly and resplendently without veil or barrier. He desired to attain the presence and vision of the Most High, but was prevented therefrom by a wisdom from Him which none knows save God, the Lord of lords. And among them were those who attained this most exalted station and drank from the hands of bounty the wine of nearness and reunion.

Rejoice in that We have caused you to hear Our sweetest call, acquainted you with Our most exalted horizon, and guided you to the straight path. You have been mentioned with a mention that cannot be equaled by anything possessed by creation—to this testifies the Mother Book which is with Him. How many a wealthy one has been debarred from the Dayspring of grace, and how many a poor one has hastened with humility and contrition to the ocean of riches! Those who have been debarred from the Most Great Sea—these are regarded as the most abject of beings in the Books and Tablets. Give thanks unto God that the Most Exalted Pen has been moved to make mention of you. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Arise to aid the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance and say: O peoples of the earth! By God! The days have come wherein the Lord of Names speaks that wherewith the Rock has cried out and the Divine Lote-Tree has raised its call from the most exalted station. Beware lest the tyrants of the

earth and the pharaohs of the lands prevent you from the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. The divines of the earth who cast behind them the command of God and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies have wronged Me. The Messengers of God aforetime lamented their oppression—to this they who are possessed of insight bear witness.

Say: O people! By what proof did you believe in Muhammad, the Apostle of God, aforetime, and by what reason do you turn away from Him Who, when He came, all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Forgiving"? By God! He bore witness to Me before My appearance, and before Him did the Books of God—O ye who are endowed with understanding! The books of the world have submitted to My Most Great Book, and the tongues of nations throughout the ages and centuries have testified. Yet when He appeared in truth and the standards of the Revelation were made manifest, they turned away therefrom except those whom God delivered through His power and authority. They lamented My separation, spent their wealth for My Name, and entered the temples for My remembrance; yet when I manifested My Self, they disbelieved in Me and disputed My signs which have encompassed the horizons.

My servant named Abu'l-Hasan has come into Our presence and mentioned your condition in relation to the Cause of God. We have remembered you through a Tablet that speaks before the faces of the world—there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. You have attained unto My Book before and after, and to My remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. Be assured of God's grace and mercy, and trust in Him under all conditions. He will assist you and aid you through a word from His presence—He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those whom the censure of any wicked deceiver does not deter in the path of God.

BH03303: O Muhammad before Ibrahim! God willing, mayest thou be…

He is the Answerer in all conditions.

O Muhammad before Ibrahim! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine grace. The entire world is thunderstruck by this most exalted Word and its like. The Unseen, clothed in the garment of manifestation, speaketh and saith: The Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared with such sovereignty as the hosts of tyrants and the clamor of Pharaohs have failed to deter. He calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, summoning all who dwell in the realm of creation to the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who hath ears to hear, who hath a heart and hath turned toward it, and who hath a face and hath turned it toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed are they whom the oppression of the oppressors and the might of the heedless have not kept back from God, exalted be His glory. In the sight of the All-Seeing, the entire world and all that is therein cannot equal a single one of God's names, for the former is transient while the latter endureth. Although all people themselves testify to its transience, they cling to it in such wise that it hath become the cause of their heedlessness, error and waywardness.

One must stand firm in the Cause of the Lord of eternity with such steadfastness that no wavering can affect it. In all conditions speak with wisdom, for verily We have enjoined this upon all in My perspicuous

Book. His honor Abu'l-Hasan—My glory be upon him—hath made mention of thee, and this clear tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the Lord of the worlds that thou mayest attain supreme joy. Praise and thanksgiving in all conditions! All souls, whether women or men, who have turned to the Truth have been mentioned, and each hath been honored with the remembrance of the Wronged One. Convey My greetings to all of them and gladden them with God's grace. Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks to God for this great bounty. Thou art he who purposed, turned toward God, migrated and returned by His command, and the reward of attaining His presence hath been ordained for thee. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon them, men and women alike, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04094: O loved ones of God, O captives…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O loved ones of God, O captives in the earth! There hath befallen you that which hath caused the Concourse on High to grieve. O ʿAli-Asghar! I swear by the Lord of Power Who, from the Most Great Scene, summoneth mankind unto the Most Exalted Horizon—were men, now heedless, to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of the truth, they would all offer themselves up as a sacrifice for but one of those who have turned towards God.

Strange it is that even such souls remain unaware of their stations, for such is the bounty vouchsafed unto them that were but a glimmer thereof to become manifest, the earth would be transformed into another earth. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have revealed for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure. Be thou grateful, therefore, and be of them that render thanks. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as would cause every agitated soul to become tranquil and every restless being to find repose. Say: O people of Baha! Let not the tyranny of rulers prevent you from drawing nigh unto the Lord of Names. By My life! The oppressor desired to extinguish the light, but God, in truth, caused it to burn brighter; he wished to quench it, but the hand of Power made it blaze more fiercely; he sought to destroy God's Cause, but through his very acts did God's Cause gain ascendancy.

The oppressor dwelleth in delusion, while thy Lord standeth on manifest truth. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Soon shall the recompense of His chosen ones and His friends become manifest, and each shall behold his name inscribed in God's Book. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon in this wondrous Day.

BH04757: The Wronged One hath borne witness unto that whereunto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

The Wronged One hath borne witness unto that whereunto God Himself bore witness ere the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is no God but Him. From everlasting He hath been sanctified above

the mention of all beings, and exalted beyond all that was and shall be. Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and despatched them unto His chosen ones—those who, with radiant faces, have turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and have heard and answered their Lord, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

O Nabil! Remember that hour when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in His praiseworthy station. Abu'l-Hasan came into the presence of the Lord of the seen and the unseen, made mention of thee, and We, in turn, have made mention of thee in this sealed Tablet.

We testify that thou hast attained unto the meeting (with the Beloved) and hast quaffed the wine of reunion from the hand of bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the Promised Day. Magnify, then, the praise of thy Lord, and thereafter act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded from His presence. Verily, thy Lord is the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Beware lest aught debar thee from the Lord of creation. Leave behind thee what is with the people, and lay fast hold on that which is with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Glory rest upon thee, upon them that are with thee, and upon all who have attained unto the verses of God, the Lord of all being.

BH04764: The servant was present before the Wronged One…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

The servant was present before the Wronged One with a letter in his hand, adorned with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the one who has attained to the Divine Day and has recognized the Manifestation of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Such a one is regarded before God as more exalted and nearer than all who dwell on earth.

We have heard the call of Nabil, upon him be My glory. Praise be to God, he is successful in serving the Cause and is speaking in remembrance of the Wronged One. We, from this spot, send Our greetings to him and to the loved ones of God in that place, and to every steadfast and firm servant. Likewise, thy call has reached the ears of the Lord of Names. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to achieve that which is acceptable in the sight of God today.

Ye have been among those whose mention hath been made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Know ye the value of this lofty and most exalted station, and preserve it in the name of God, exalted be His glory, lest the hints and veils of the heedless and the opposers cause you to slip from and be barred from the straight path of God.

And We make mention of the people of Saysan who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. These have attained unto the Word of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. All are mentioned before the Throne and are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Glory be upon him who wrote thy letter, and upon thee, and upon them, and upon all who have grasped the hem of God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05238: O Nazar! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O Nazar! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the prison precincts and hath remembered thee with a remembrance from which light hath shone forth. Verily He turneth to whomsoever hath turned unto Him, and remembereth whoso hath remembered Him amongst the peoples.

This is the Day wherein that which was hidden hath been revealed, and He Who was promised in the Books and Tablets hath come. Among the people are those who turned away from Him, those who opposed Him, and those who issued unjust decrees against Him—decrees that caused all things to lament, and behind them the denizens of Paradise wept at eventide and at dawn. They denied God's bounty after its revelation and perpetrated that which caused the very rocks to cry out and hearts and minds to melt.

Most of our enemies are the divines of the earth, as testifieth the Mother Book which is with Him. They have clung to idle fancies and imagined themselves to be manifestations of knowledge in the world. Say: Shame upon you, O company of ignorant ones! By God, knowledge itself disavoweth you at all times. Open your eyes, then raise up your heads—verily the Sun shineth at its zenith!

Blessed is the learned one who cast away what he possessed and took up that which was prescribed by God, the Lord of lords. Thus hath the horizon of proof been illumined by the Luminary of utterance. Blessed is he who hath seen, and woe unto every heedless imposter. The glory that proceedeth from Us be upon those who have held fast to the cord of their Lord's loving providence, the Lord of creation.

BH05602: O ʿAli, My glory be upon thee! Thou art…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O ʿAli, My glory be upon thee! Thou art among those who, in the earliest days, turned to God and drank from the cup of recognition. Later, the world's vicissitudes and the veils of the peoples intervened. Hearken thou to the Voice of the Wronged One and ponder the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who standeth, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Conquering.

Those who have risen in opposition are like children occupied with play. God will soon seize them through a command from His presence and will verify His verses and manifest His Cause and establish His proof, despite them and those who dispute the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to serve the Cause. Divine confirmation and assistance have ever been and shall ever be within the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth! I beseech Thee to aid me to serve Thy Cause in Thy days and to strengthen me in that whereby my mention shall endure in Thy Book. I ask Thee, O Forgiver of the world and Helper of the nations, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to forgive me and those who have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Creator of heaven! Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH05355: Haji Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God…

In the name of the Speaker, the Discoverer!

Haji Ahmad, upon whom be the Glory of God, has traversed the paths of land and sea through divine assistance, exalted be His glory, and reached the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, attaining his purpose. Happy is he and blessed is he! He sent a letter to the Most Holy Court, and in that letter your name was observed. Therefore, this Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed that you might find from it the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Muhammad-Qabil-Kazim! Repeatedly have you been blessed with the mention of God, the favor of God, and the grace of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is the mother who nursed thee! Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance.

The children of the earth have desired to extinguish the divine light. Say: By God! The hands of the Caesars of the earth have failed to accomplish this—how much less these who play with the clay of idle fancies! They are assuredly among the lost.

We have made mention in the Crimson Book of him who was there. Blessed is he and blessed are they who are with him in this perspicuous News.

Convey to all the friends in that land greetings from the Wronged One, that perchance they may be quickened by the divine greeting and arise to that which behooveth them. The Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those whom the clamor of every distant world hath not deterred.

BH05608: O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! There hath appeared before the Wronged One…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! There hath appeared before the Wronged One he who hath turned to My horizon and set his face toward My countenance—he who was named Ahmad in My Book—and in remembrance of thee We make mention of thee, as a token of Our grace, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily He maketh mention of whosoever hath made mention of Him, and remembereth whosoever hath desired Him, and answereth whosoever hath called upon Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

This is a Book from Us unto thee, and We beseech God to make it a treasure for thee and a radiant lamp that shall accompany thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God through their vain imaginings. God drove them away through His command and made them to be among the lost. How many a learned one hath been debarred from My days, and hath neither inhaled the fragrance of My raiment nor heard My sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, while thou didst turn unto Me and didst recognize and win this mighty and wondrous Cause, whereby feet have slipped and idols have lamented and the pillars of every ignorant one remote from God have been shaken.

Know thou the station of turning unto God, then preserve it through the name of thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the Almighty. The glory rest upon thee and upon them that have aided God through deeds and goodly character—these are they that are numbered among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05423: God hath testified in His Books and Scriptures unto…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Peerless

God hath testified in His Books and Scriptures unto Him Who hath come with the Truth, with a Name through which the world was illumined and the faces of the nations were darkened, save those who held fast to the Sure Handle and turned toward the All-Highest Horizon—the Station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree doth speak: "There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

O Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy mention, whereupon We made mention of thee, and having perceived the fragrance of thy love, We have sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest inhale therefrom the sweet-scented breeze of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Blessed is thy father who set out for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, traversing land and sea until he arrived at the Most Great Prison wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne.

Thy Lord is, verily, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Loving. He entered therein, attained unto His presence, and heard the Voice of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed art thou for having turned toward God at a time when all people turned away from Him, save those whom God did will, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Blessed is the pen that writeth My verses, and the tongue that uttereth My praise, and the face that turneth toward My glorious station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thine uncle and thy mother and thy two brothers and upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies, holding fast to the loving-kindness of the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

BH05926: In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

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

This is a Day wherein is heard from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree: "The Promise hath come to pass, and He Who is the Lord of Names hath appeared!" And from the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise: "The veil hath been rent asunder, and the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined with the lights of the Countenance!" And the Speaker of the Mount proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the blessed white spot:

> "There is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the Chosen One!"

He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired through the sovereignty of might and power. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then read thou the Tablet. Verily, it shall profit thee under all conditions. Thou hast been beneath the glances of My loving-kindness, and We mentioned thee aforetime. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract the souls. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, but there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Wronged One in the most exalted station. Thus have We opened before thy face the door of bounty with the key of wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the cord of certitude in the days of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind.

BH05662: Verily the Bayan was hidden in the kingdom…

In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all who are in earth and heaven!

Verily the Bayan was hidden in the kingdom of My knowledge, and when I manifested My Self I manifested it and sent it down upon whomsoever I willed among My servants, and I am the Ancient Sender. It was adorned with My remembrance—God had written this aforetime, to which every discerning scholar bears witness.

There hath appeared before the Countenance in the Most Great Prison he who was named Ahmad, who visited the House of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily he visited a House which God built with the hands of His power, to which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified in its sublime station. Blessed is he and his son—they have attained and visited Him Whom the oppressors denied, they who cast the Cause of God behind their backs and disbelieved in Him Who came with manifest sovereignty. O Abbas! We made mention of thee before, and We make mention of thee in this station, and We give thee glad tidings of a manifest reward. Verily thy son Muhammad serveth Me—he hath attained to that which nothing on earth can equal. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Be thou patient in God, then stand firm in the Cause. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel His loved ones aforetime, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Compassionate.

BH05943: In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord!…

In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord! O my handmaiden! Today God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness and testifieth for those souls who have turned to the most exalted horizon and have attained recognition of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Each of the leaves and handmaidens who hath today turned towards the Truth is recorded and inscribed among the near ones in the Book of God.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that these handmaidens are and have been greater and more exalted than the queens of the earth. How many a queen besought her Lord and desired from

Him the encounter with His Manifestation in His days, yet when He appeared she was found among the heedless. Thus did the days pass and the matter was accomplished, but most of the people remain among the heedless.

The title of queen is true for those handmaidens who have attained recognition of the Truth, and they are in truth the queens of the kingdoms of the celestial realm and will ever be so. Were this station to be explained in detail, most would be struck down as if thunderstruck.

O my handmaiden! Give thanks for God's grace and bounty. The daughter of Muhammad, upon her be My glory, hath circled round the Throne and will continue to do so. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath believed and every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH05901: Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the lights of the Sun of divine knowledge and be detached and free from all else save God. The remembrance of God, like the waters of mercy, floweth from the source of grace, yet few are they that seek it. By the life of God! If in truth a soul should attain unto a single drop thereof, he hath attained unto all good. Strive ye, that perchance ye may be enabled to preserve the pearls of divine knowledge. From all directions the signs of the treacherous and the thieves have appeared and become manifest. Great is the Cause, and mighty must be the endeavor.

Say: O my God! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy grace to shelter me beneath the pavilions of Thy bounty and the tabernacle of Thy glory. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy son who attained the presence of God and turned unto Him on a day whereon the servants turned away, save whom God did will, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give him to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement, concerning which the peoples have differed, and every proud one, deceived by vanities, hath turned away until he disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon those who have heard and responded, and were among the firm ones.

BH06264: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

In the Name of Him Who is seated upon the throne of the Bayan.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down as guidance and mercy unto such as are on earth. Blessed are the people of insight, for at all times He speaketh, even as He spoke in the beginning that hath no beginning: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting."

We have, as a bounty from Our presence, sent down the Books and despatched the Messengers; and I, verily, am powerful to accomplish whatsoever I will by but My word of command, "Be," and it is.

O thou youth! Rejoice that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee at a time when the divines of the earth have passed against Him a judgment so unjust that the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise, the inmates of the sanctified Folds, and they that circle round this praiseworthy station have raised their lament.

Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty, and celebrate His praise at eventide and at dawn.

Glory be upon thee and upon thine other sister, from the presence of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this mighty, well-beloved Tablet. Verily, He heareth the call and respondeth unto whomsoever He willeth. He, in truth, is powerful to do what He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH06177: I am in the Most Exalted Horizon

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Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and dispatched them to His servants who have quaffed the sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, despite those daysprings of knowledge and dawning-places of learning who arose in opposition when God came with manifest sovereignty.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, spoken My praise, drunk the choice wine of My love, and arisen to promote My mighty Cause. We make mention of the servants in this mansion which was built for the establishment of the Throne at a time when its builder was heedless. Thus hath the decree flowed from God's judgment, the Lord of all worlds. We give glad-tidings to Our loved ones in the Land of Ta who were not held back by the veils of sorrows from the Lord of Return. These are servants who have won the call of God on a Day wherein the Bridge was set up and the Balance proclaimed: "I am, verily, the All-Knowing Distinguisher." Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart to the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and hath testified to that which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified. He is among the most exalted of creatures in this clear Tablet. Arise to serve thy Lord through remembrance and utterance, and adorn thyself with virtues through which the station of man becometh manifest in the contingent world. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Elucidator of every wise command.

BH06372: O ʿAli! Blessed is this hour, and beloved…

In the name of the One True Friend!

O ʿAli! Blessed is this hour, and beloved is this day, and precious is this moment when the True One, exalted be His glory, is established upon His throne and uttereth His verses and maketh mention of thee. How many souls there were who waited expectantly for this Day and who, with utmost supplication and ardent desire, besought the All-Bountiful for His presence, and yet were deprived and forbidden therefrom. But thou hast attained unto His verses, a single letter of which is more precious than all the world. Hold fast unto Him in all conditions and place thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with thee, beholding and witnessing all things, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We send Our greetings from this Spot unto thee, unto thy mother and thy brother, and unto them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thy father and thy brother came into the presence of the Countenance on a certain night, and

heard the call of God, the Lord of the worlds, and arrived at an hour when the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking forth perspicuous verses and when all atoms were proclaiming: The dominion belongeth unto God, the Goal of all mystic knowers.

BH06377: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing! O Muhammad! Rejoice…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing! O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembers thee from the prison's direction in days wherein the lamentation of the pure ones hath been raised from the Prison of Ta and other lands, through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

Verily the oppressor hath arisen in opposition and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to wail and all things to cry out. He Who hath come from the Dayspring of proof with the standards of divine knowledge doth testify to this. Blessed is he who hath seen and heard, and woe unto the heedless!

Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Rejoice thou in the appearance of Truth and in His favors which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. God shall soon erase the traces of them who have disbelieved and shall manifest the station of every servant who hath turned unto God and been of the assured ones.

Be thou speaking in My praise and standing firm in the service of My Cause and acting according to that which thou hast been commanded in My wondrous Book. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf. Say: Ye are beneath My glance, and there hath been ordained for you from the Most Exalted Pen through My will that which hath brought joy to the eyes of the sincere ones. Preserve ye this most exalted station through My Name. Thus have We adorned the book of your names with the luminary of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06707: This is a Book We have sent down…

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

This is a Book We have sent down in truth. Verily, at all times it calls out to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, summoning them to the Straight Path of God. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and there hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance that before which all previous Books have bowed down in submission. To this doth testify this Book that speaketh with truth: verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Arise with supreme steadfastness in such wise that the affairs of men sadden thee not, nor doth the oppression of the oppressors frighten thee—they who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed every remote pretender. Be thou thankful unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. By My life! That which the nations possess cannot compare with it. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Take hold of the Tablet with the power bestowed by Us, then recite it among the myriads of the people of Paradise. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the

Tablet with the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Strive thou in the days of thy Lord that there may be manifested through thee that whereby the sincere ones shall inhale the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Wise Remembrance.

BH06867: O Muhammad, who was before Hasan! The Supreme Pen…

He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen!

O Muhammad, who was before Hasan! The Supreme Pen hath at all times been occupied with the mention of the friends.

Praise be to God! The Light hath dawned, the Hidden hath become manifest, the Treasured hath appeared resplendent, the verses have been sent down, the river is flowing, and the heavenly table is visible. Nevertheless, few indeed are those perceptive souls who can comprehend the stations of God's favors. The abundance of bounty and blessing hath become the cause of heedlessness.

We beseech God to set all ablaze with the fire of His love and to bestow upon all a portion from the ocean of awareness, that they may attain to the station of grace, mercy and loving-kindness of the One intended by all the worlds, and may become engaged in His mention and praise. Verily, He heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The honored Amin hath mentioned the friends of God who dwell in that land, and divine favors have been specially manifested for each one. We beseech the Almighty to assist you and aid you and grant you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous.

Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06891: In My Name, Most Mighty, Most Wise

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O Yusif! Say: Glorified be Thou, O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations, Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy grace, the emanations of Thy loving-kindness, and the evidences of Thy power and might, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. O my Lord! I see Thy servants turning away from Thee, arising to extinguish Thy light and to quench the fire of Thy divine Tree.

I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all things, and by Thy command which dominateth all who are in earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy loved ones that which shall preserve them from the evil of Thine enemies. Then aid them to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that their feet shall not slip through the onslaught of the tyrannical among Thy servants nor through the oppression of those who have denied Thy proof, disbelieved in Thy sovereignty and disputed Thy signs. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art

powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07137: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are grandeur and power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and grace, that he may be of them that render thanks. We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the peoples have slipped save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Be thou thankful for that which hath been mentioned of thee from the Most Exalted Pen and that which hath been sent down for thee that beareth witness unto thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that have hearkened unto the call of God and have responded thereunto on a Day whereon every learned one turned aside, every knower objected, and every judge pronounced a remote judgment. Thus hath the Pen spoken before the face of the Ancient King through Whom all things have spoken. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH07948: O Zahra, praise be to the Lord of Names…

He is the Ever Forgiving, the Most Compassionate

O Zahra, praise be to the Lord of Names Who enabled thee to recognize Him and gave thee to one of His believers. Know thou His station and be among the thankful ones in My Mighty Tablet. The entire world cannot be compared to a single divine word. How many kings and subjects, sovereigns and queens awaited the Days of God, yet after the appearance of the Divine Day all were occupied with their own desires and veiled from Him. But thou hast attained the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and drunk from the ocean of His knowledge. Blessed art thou and blessed is every maidservant who hath attained this exalted station. O my handmaiden, grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place who heard and answered their Ancient Lord.

BH07888: In My Name, the Guardian over all names!

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O Abu'l-Hasan! By My life! The gate of joy hath been opened through the key of My Name, the All-Forgiving, in days wherein the idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: No affair distracteth Him from another affair, nor do the veils of the world prevent Him from that which He desireth, nor do the doubts of the suspicious ones.

We have opened unto thy face and the face of thy father the gate of meeting. Blessed be God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Who aided you both until ye arrived at the luminous Spot wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have sent down for you from the Kingdom of utterance that which cannot be equaled by all that ye behold today. He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this.

The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have aided the religion of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH08216: I am the All-Knowing Speaker

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Your mention hath been made before the Countenance and We have made mention of thee in this Tablet, which is the Dawning-Place of God's remembrance amongst His creation, that it may be a treasure for thee with God, the Lord of the worlds. Whosoever hath been adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and hath been honored by God's Word beholdeth that Word in all the worlds like unto a lamp shining and radiant before his face. Exalted is this most high station, which the pens are powerless to describe. We send greetings to sanctified and steadfast souls, and We bid them to that which beseemeth the days of God. All must hold fast to the cord of patience and resignation, though the heedless be in manifest error. God will assist His Cause and seize upon them even as He seized before. Verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

BH08578: O Ghulam-i-Rida! Let not that which hath appeared…

He is the All-Conquering, the Almighty

O Ghulam-i-Rida! Let not that which hath appeared from the dayspring of tyranny frighten thee, and let not the clamor of every remote ignorant one sadden thee. God hath seized the liar who was named Sadiq, and after him He seized the other one. Verily, He is the Seizer, the Mighty. And soon will He seize him who led the people astray and barred them from the straight path of God. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and remind them of My Cause and what hath appeared in My days, lest the conditions of the powerful ones who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, weaken them. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all circumstances, lest there appear that which would sadden the hearts of those who have turned towards God. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which they were promised in the sure Books of God, the Truth.

BH08078: We have remembered thee and do remember thee at…

He is the Protector over all names!

We have remembered thee and do remember thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Us through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. This is a day wherein the dwellers of Paradise lament because of the tyranny that hath appeared from the divines of the earth. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. They have imprisoned and plundered and taken captive the friends of God with an injustice at which the rock hath cried out, the Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud, and the Faithful Spirit hath struck his face in grief. Soon shall the evidences of wrath seize them from every direction, as testified by this mighty Book.

Say: O people of Baha! Ye have attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. We counsel you to patience and steadfastness. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Wise Counsellor. Thus have the rains of My loving-kindness poured forth from the heaven of My bounty. Blessed are they that have attained, and joy be to them that have understood.

BH08566: O ʿAli! The Wronged One desires to make mention…

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

O ʿAli! The Wronged One desires to make mention of thee with that which will attract thee to the Most Exalted Horizon and […] the Lord of all worlds. Say: My God, my God, my Lord, my Support, and the Desire of my heart! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the sun of Thy grace to aid me in rending asunder the veils that have come between me and Thee and have prevented me from turning to the light of Thy countenance and from arriving at the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and hoping for that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen servants who have, through Thy power and might, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08760: He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! Blessed be…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! Blessed be the Day wherein all things speak forth: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all names!” Yet the people remain in evident obscurity. The Word of God hath attracted all created things, and from the horizon of immortality hath shone forth the Sun of My Most Glorious Name. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto them that deny! The world hath been adorned with the ornament of the Most Great Name, yet most of the people remain heedless. We have commanded all to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. How many a servant hath held fast to justice and acted according to that which was commanded by One mighty and faithful! And how many a servant hath acted in such wise as caused the Concourse on High to lament! For each is a portion ordained in the Book. He, verily, is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's covenant and His testament. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

BH09520: In the name of the all-knowing God. The Supreme…

In the name of the all-knowing God. The Supreme Pen hath at all times been occupied with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of the worlds, yet the people remain engrossed in self and heedless of Him. Have they not heard the divine Call, or have they not perceived its sweetness? O servants! The dawn of the Day of Revelation hath broken and the Call of God hath been raised. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord nor be shut out from the ocean of wisdom. Hold fast unto truth and be detached from aught else. This is the straight path that hath been mentioned and recorded in all the Books. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and hath attained unto the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

BH09233: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

Verily the idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God with their hosts and arose to put out the fire of My Lote-Tree. Say: Perdition betide you, O heedless ones! How many afflictions through which God hath aided His Cause—verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty! Say: Away with thee, O oppressor! What hast thou to do with this Most Great Announcement? It behooveth thee to play with clay. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. We have ordained for thee a station unto which faces shall turn. Verily thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Wise. Rejoice in that We have related thee unto it. By the life of God! Nothing on earth can equal it, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

BH11903: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One speaking from the horizon of utterance

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. It reminds the people of what was revealed from His presence and gives them glad tidings of this Manifestation, even as He gave them glad tidings before in His mighty Book. Blessed is the handmaiden who has attained to the lights of the Kingdom, and woe to every remote scholar. Verily she who has believed in her Lord is better than men in the Tablet of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks to your Lord, then remember Him at all times. Verily He is the Hearing, the Seeing One. The glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those women who have turned to and believed in this luminous horizon.

BH09749: In the Name of Him Who is mentioned…

In the Name of Him Who is mentioned in the Tablets! Verily the clouds pour down rain, and the verses descend, and the light hastens before the Face, yet the people perceive not. Every day doth the Self-Subsisting call out, yet the people turn away from Him. Woe unto him who hath deprived himself of the presence of God in this Revelation! Say: By God! Ye were created for this blessed, promised Day, and

were commanded to serve the Cause in the Revelation of God and His sovereignty which overshadoweth every witness and witnessed thing. We make mention of him who hath turned unto God, and give him to drink of My choice sealed wine. Well is it with him who hath drunk and attained. He is of them who have perceived the fragrance of God and turned unto the Intended One.

BH10227: Thou hast been blessed by God's grace—praised…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of certitude.

Thou hast been blessed by God's grace—praised be God!—and become aware of His path—the bounty be God's! Thy mention hath been made and the glance of loving-kindness is turned toward thee. God willing, thou shalt preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names, and shalt not be saddened or prevented by the clamor of the oppressors and the heedless. God shall soon seize them with justice from His presence and shall show thee what He hath ordained for thee in His perspicuous Book. The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast, upright one.

BH10378: In the Name of the All-Knowing! This…

In the Name of the All-Knowing! This is a Book sent down in truth from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen. It summons all in the Most Great Prison unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: By God! That which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath appeared, and the Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance: "There is none other God but I, the Manifest, the Self-Evident." How many a Prophet hath lamented My separation, and how many a Messenger hath yearned for My days. To this do the denizens of the realm of the Kingdom and of dominion bear witness. Blessed is he who hath turned his face unto My countenance, who hath spoken My praise, and who hath acted according to that which was enjoined in My Preserved Tablet.

BH10912: O thou who lookest toward the horizon of grace!…

He is the Most Great.

O thou who lookest toward the horizon of grace! The very sinews of knowledge and understanding tremble at that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan in His words—exalted be He—"They ask thee concerning the Great Announcement."

The Wronged One beseecheth the Lord of the seen and the unseen to make known unto the servants what it is, for verily He is the Lord of creation and the Judge on the Day of Resurrection. And we entreat Him, exalted be He, to preserve thee and those who are with thee, and His sincere servants.

BH11099: Thou hast attained unto the presence and heard…

He is the One Who calleth from the Divine Lote-Tree.

Thou hast attained unto the presence and heard the Call and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of grace and bounty. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. The Wronged One beseecheth Him to honor

thee and grant thee the heavenly table under all conditions. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High.

BH11100: Thou hast attained unto the presence and hast drunk…

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

Thou hast attained unto the presence and hast drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of bounty and bestowal. The Wronged One beseecheth God, his Lord, to ordain for you that which will draw you nigh unto Him and to decree for you the good of the world to come and of the first. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

BH11134: O Ahmad! Praise God for having created thee…

He is the Near One, the Watchful.

O Ahmad! Praise God for having created thee and nourished thee and reared thee and given thee to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. We give thanks to God for this most great favor and beseech Him to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the throne and of the dust.

BH11281: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

We have sent unto thee a celestial sphere from this surging ocean, and it is My binding Word. Be thou grateful to God for this supreme bounty. Verily, His is whatsoever He willeth. Glorified be thy Lord, the Most Exalted!

BH11285: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

We have heard your call and witnessed your turning towards Us. We have turned towards you from this Most Exalted Horizon that you may thank your Lord for this bounty which the kingdom of creation cannot equal. Say: Glory be to my Most Glorious Lord!

BH11418: Allah-u-Abha! We have sent unto thee a spirit…

Allah-u-Abha! We have sent unto thee a spirit from Our presence, and it is My Most Exalted Word, whereby the Bell hath pealed and the Peacock hath cried out and the mountains have passed away. The Command is in the hands of God, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH11425: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

Say: By God! The Most Great Gate hath been opened [before the face of the nations in the name of the Lord of eternity]. Enter ye therein in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the first worlds.

BH00628: In our Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great…

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

At this hour, which is one hour and twenty minutes into the night of Thursday, the 22nd of Dhu'l-Hijjih, a call was raised from the Supreme Concourse, and this evanescent servant was summoned to His presence. After ascending and arriving and standing, these words were heard, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

"O servant in attendance! At this hour as We were walking, Ali Haydar came to mind. Out of love for him and as a token of Our grace, We wished to make mention of him, that through the attraction of divine utterance and the fragrance of heavenly words he might arise to promote the Cause and set the horizons ablaze with the fire of love. Verily, whosoever in this day arises to render assistance for the sake of God and in His path will assuredly be aided by the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory. And the victory is in teaching God's Cause and naught else.

O Ali-Qabl-Haydar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Destiny, and like unto the artery in the body of creation, be thou in constant motion that all may be moved. Marvel not at this word which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine revelation. Through the grace of the Spirit, he who was but a fisher of men transcended the kingdom of earth and reached the most exalted heights. How many souls have drunk from the cup of life through his breath and been refreshed by the waters of his utterance.

Today the buzzing of flies and the cawing of ravens are raised high. Thou must arise with complete steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This day is attributed to God and is mentioned and recorded in the Books of old and of later times as the Day of God. All must fix their gaze solely upon the Supreme Horizon. Whosoever attaineth unto this station shall find himself firmly established, steadfast and detached. Preserve this blessed word as thou wouldst thine eye, for within it are concealed oceans of meaning. This is the station of true unity. How blessed is the one who is illumined by its lights! Such a one is of the people of Baha, upon whom the Concourse on High and they who circle round the Throne in the morning and the evening do send their blessings.

The infidels and traitors, like the former people, have spread the nets of their vain imaginings. By the life of God! They have no share of this surging, billowing ocean, nor any portion of this chalice before which the seas have bowed down in adoration. Say: Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Be not like those who throughout ages and centuries stood in their mosques and upon their pulpits, believing themselves to be mentioning and praising God, exalted be His glory, beseeching and imploring His presence; yet when the morning breeze of His Revelation wafted and the blessed Tree grew forth, all the divines of that age arose to cut down that holy divine Tree. Both learned and ignorant engaged in cursing and execration. Ye have all heard with your own ears and seen with your own eyes. By the life of God! The eye of grandeur wept, and the

denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Garden were overcome with lamentation and wailing.

Such was the condition of those divines. Now again the people of the Bayan are engaged in the same vain imaginings. They have added to their turbans, and some have even mounted pulpits. God protect us and you from the evil of such people! Would that they had understood the foundation of the Cause! Verily, they are in grievous error and great delusion. In those days when all were veiled and in the time of oppression, when hearts were troubled and pillars trembled, this Wronged One arose alone before the faces of the world and raised His call. And when the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation was diffused and had appeared in certain lands, they emerged from behind the veil with swords of rancor and hatred, and said that which no oppressor had ever said before, and perpetrated that which no bloodthirsty one had ever wrought.

Say: Die in your wrath! That which was due unto the Truth, exalted be His glory, He revealed. The equivalent of all the heavenly Books that were sent down before and after descended from the heaven of His Will, and now exists. Praise be to God! That which had to be said was said with supreme steadfastness, in such wise that neither the power of the world nor the commotion of nations could hinder it. All would bear witness to this, were they to be enabled to speak with truthfulness and fairness. They have not inhaled a breath of the Day of God, nor have they attained unto the hearing of a single word, even as the Shi'ih sect who for a thousand and two hundred years recited the Book of God, yet comprehended not a letter thereof. Take heed, O ye who are endued with discernment! Take heed, O ye who are endued with insight!

Is there anyone in the world who possesses eyes to behold the rays of the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance, and is there anyone endowed with ears who can hear with their own ears the Call of God? Nay, by God! All are submerged in the ocean of vain imaginings and wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies, save those souls who see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. These are they of whom He saith: "They are endowed with insight from God." In the days when the Sun of Truth was shining from the horizon of Iraq, He foretold the raising of the cawing of the ravens in divers lands, as well as in the Land of Mystery, and at the first arrival in this Most Great Prison, as it occurred some time ago in the Land of Ta, when the cawing was raised.

The knowledge of this is with our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. He burneth with the fire of hatred while imagining he is rendering service to the Truth—exactly like the Shi'ih divines who, from all pulpits, have cursed and continue to curse the Truth. In the early years, not a single one of the divines of the age turned to the Truth. From the pulpits, they would first lament over the letters of the Qur'an, and at the end would revile and curse the Lord of the Letters. And you yourself are witness to this. The people who considered themselves the most exalted of all mankind and the most distinguished of all nations were ultimately observed to be lower than all others.

This servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all the friends, and declareth that this is the Day of steadfastness. By the life of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth, these cawing ones have never had, nor do they now have, any understanding of the root of the Cause. We beseech

God, exalted be He, to grant them success in returning. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, and verily, He is the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Moreover, I submit to them that all must manifest perfect unity and harmony. Should any differences arise, those trusted ones of God should arise to remove them. Souls are diverse: some drink from the pure water of certitude while being detached and independent of all other waters of the earth, while others drink from different springs, and these springs too are various. Consider the Companions of the Apostle of God—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Some were at the highest pinnacle of faith and assurance, while others would at times ascend and at times descend. There are also souls who secretly cling to vain imaginings while outwardly professing certitude. One's gaze must be fixed upon the Truth itself, as hath been repeatedly stated in this Most Great Revelation that the gaze of all must be directed solely to the Most Exalted Horizon. Without this, it will surely lead to stumbling and heedlessness. Verily, He guideth the way and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

It is hoped that you will arise with the utmost resolve to assist the Cause, dealing with the strong with love and fellowship, and with the weak with kindness and forbearance. Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent, specifically for the two individuals who had requested them. I beseech God that they may attain unto the Tablet and drink from the ocean of His utterance—a draught that the veils and clouds of the people shall not prevent. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs, clinging to the cord of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all nations. They are indeed the companions of this mighty, this glorious station. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Lord of the exalted seat.

I beseech the True One to confirm them in His remembrance through wisdom and utterance, and to ignite them with such a fire that its traces may become manifest and evident throughout the world, and its heat may endure and persist throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. This lowly one conveyeth greetings and salutations to them, and beseecheth assistance from the True One, exalted be His glory, on their behalf. They must at all times be mindful of wisdom, for this binding commandment hath repeatedly been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen. This lowly one offereth greetings, salutations and praise to each of the branches of the divine Tree, and seeketh for each that which is peerless. The command is in His grasp; He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory and praise and peace be upon you, and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00042: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath sent down…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down that which was hidden in the heaven of His Will, revealed that which was treasured in His knowledge, and sent Him Who was heralded in His Books, by His Messengers, His Chosen Ones and His Prophets—through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged in the world of being and the gates of Paradise were opened unto the people of faith. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath

manifested Himself to guide creation to the straight path. Praise be to God Who hath established His Cause in such wise that neither tribulations can defeat it nor calamities weaken it. He hath, with the hands of power, planted the Tree of His Cause and watered it with the blood of the chosen ones and the righteous. Neither the clamor of the servants nor the hatred of those in the lands can frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Face's light the horizons were illumined and in separation from Whom the lovers lamented! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the sincere ones and the minds of the mystics were attracted, to assist the people of Thy realm to champion Thy Cause and enable them, O my God, to achieve what Thou hast willed through Thy decree. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in prison. The oppressors have seized them, bound them, and imprisoned them because they believed in Thee and Thy verses and turned to Thy most exalted horizon in Thy days. They are those who, O my God, aided Thy Cause and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, and broke not Thy Covenant and Testament.

The utterance of Him Who conversed on Sinai so moved them that they spoke forth before all faces in days wherein the clouds of oppression had obscured the horizon of justice. O Lord! Thou hearest their sighing from the land of Ta and the cry of the oppressed ones in other lands. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies. Then assist them through the manifestations of Thy power and might, and the dawning-places of Thy strength and will. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the tyranny of the divines or the oppression of princes prevent Thee. Gladden, O my God, the eyes of Thy chosen ones through the wonders of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the world and the Guardian of the nations.

I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, to enable me to make mention of those whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made to be of the branches of the Tree of Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures, and of him whom Thou hast mentioned with Thy tongue on land and sea, in the valleys and mountains. O Lord! He is among those who have attained unto Thy grace and whom Thou hast given to drink the water of life of Thy love through the hands of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to send down upon him that which will gladden his heart and solace his eyes in such wise that the sorrows of the world and whatsoever is with the nations touch him not. 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 All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! Such is the lowliness of this evanescent one that both pen and ink fail to recount it, and the tongue falleth silent—a lowliness which, were it to emerge from the realm of the hidden into the world of manifestation, would cause the very eye of loving-kindness to weep, and would move to tumult the hearts and souls of all sincere ones. Yet God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness and is My testimony that at all times thy remembrance hath been present in My heart and manifest before My face in the Most Great Scene, while the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken words from which the fragrance of loving-kindness and bounty hath been wafted. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou!

The cause and reason for the delay is clear and evident. Let not thy honor imagine that there hath truly been any negligence, though in one respect the shortcomings of this evanescent one are established. Rather, the causes that have led to the postponement in responding to thy letters have been services to the Cause, and the King of the Cause hath reckoned thee among the branches of the Blessed Tree. Therefore, in one respect, this service returneth unto thee. Thus is it proven that I have stood in service to thy honor. In this case, thy honor will accept this valid excuse. Letters have been arriving continuously from all directions, and likewise petitions which this evanescent servant must write in His presence, and afterward make copies of the blessed Tablets and present responses to various quarters.

The rest is clear and evident. In truth, were it not for divine bounty, this service could never be accomplished by this evanescent one. Praise be unto Him for having aided His servant in that which He commanded. So long as life remaineth in this body, I shall remain steadfast in service. Not for a moment have I been, nor shall I be, absent from thy vision. Though the mention, praise and service of this servant are not worthy of mention, the main purpose is that through His grace they are remembered in the Most Holy Court and are adorned through their connection to Him. This is the essence—naught else hath any mention or existence.

Thy letter dated the seventh of Jamadiyu'th-Thani refreshed the realm of the heart with the breezes of love. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to preserve this blessing, for verily He hath power over all things. After perusal, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented it in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance—glorified be His Name and exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the All-Evident, the All-Informed, the All-Wise

O Afnan! Upon thee be my glory! The children of this age have risen against the All-Glorious and All-Sufficient Lord and, with utmost wretchedness, have endeavored to extinguish the light and quench the fire of the Blessed Tree. "It behooveth them to play with clay." Reflect upon the lack of awareness among the ignorant ones of the earth who are known for their learning. The equivalent of all divine books now existing among different peoples hath been revealed, and they have known and do know that the Revealer is sanctified above all outward knowledge; yet still they have arisen in denial. By God's life! They are greater in their denial than the deniers of the past. The Word itself beareth testimony to the loftiness and transcendence of Truth, but it increaseth not the wrongdoers save in loss.

Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "And the trumpet shall be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth shall swoon, except whom God pleaseth; then it shall be blown again, and lo! they shall stand up looking on." Today all are seen to have swooned from the Divine Word, save whom God pleaseth, for mighty is the Cause, and not every soul is worthy of understanding It, drawing nigh unto It, and standing firm in It. Today the Speaker of Sinai uttereth this word: "He" hath appeared in the garment of "I", and the Hidden One speaketh with "I am the Manifest One." Difficult it is for the infants of the world to attain unto this station. This blessed Word is the water of life for the people of steadfastness and truth, and a deadly poison for the heedless souls who have turned away.

The clouds of oppression have seized the horizon of justice, and the mists of tyranny have prevented the lights of equity from shining forth. Yet ere long shall the heedless souls who have turned away behold themselves in grievous loss. The tyranny of oppressors and the transgressions of the heedless have ever been and shall continue to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. That which causeth the lamentation of those near unto God are the deeds of souls who claim adherence to the Truth yet perpetrate that which hath been explicitly forbidden in all divine Books.

In the beginning, the government in the land of Ta (Tehran) acted with moderation, but such fear seized certain of those who had entered that they spoke words in utmost secrecy which caused the government to become convinced that they intended rebellion, although the speaker himself testifieth to the falsity of this statement. Would that the spies and investigators had been limited to those two who had departed, for they reported all that they saw and heard. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. My Name, the Concealer, hath concealed, and He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing. Repeatedly hath the Most Exalted Pen commanded all to wisdom and counseled that which would cause the elevation of the Cause. Beseech ye God that He may aid all to act, for if those who have turned to God would conduct themselves according to His will, they would find themselves victorious and triumphant. To this doth testify this Book that speaketh in this Most Great Prison. The glory be upon thee and upon the Friend and upon the Afnans who are there.

Praised be God! That which hath been revealed is such that were all the mirrors of existence to be placed before it, the blessed words "The Truth hath appeared" would be reflected in them all. The world is intoxicated with the wine of pride, and all are occupied with their own concerns. The tongue of exhortation and counsel speaketh unceasingly without pause or delay, yet none is aware. Wonder upon wonder! To such an extent have the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings seized the people that they neither heed nor will heed any sign, proof or evidence.

They wrote from the land of Ta that His honor ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, had recited the revealed Surahs before the Prince-Regent in several gatherings, including the blessed Surah of Ra'is and Paris which were replete with mention of events to come. Thereafter the Regent said:

> "How do we know these Surahs were not revealed after the events?"

Indeed, even if God should bring every sign, they would not believe nor acknowledge. Ever have miracles been lost upon the heedless, and in every age and century when they appeared, they bore no fruit but rather increased animosity.

Consider now that in those same days when Siyyid Sadiq, who was the instigator, was seized by God, yet they remained heedless and arose to perpetrate tyranny greater than before, until another person who spoke with utmost pride and rebellion and devised plans to extinguish the light was suddenly seized, yet no benefit resulted. The aforementioned Siyyid asked for respite, saying he would emerge after three days to personally undertake the martyrdom of the faithful souls. After three days his vile corpse was brought out, yet still no effect was manifest. Yes, they wrote that on the day the second one was seized, some awakening was evident, but after a day or two they returned to their former state. However, this

much I say: all are giving their lives; soon will the lights of the Cause encompass the world. Consider how they who had no purpose save the reformation of the world, the unity of nations and the comfort of all have been subjected to such tyranny. Fie upon those who cling to falsehood, turn away from truth, and grasp the transient while heedless of the everlasting.

Regarding the mention of the dream that was made, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. He said: "This dream is evidence of divine exaltation, sublimity and favor, both outward and inward, concerning them. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous." And concerning what they observed of bread and meat being present—these two are among God's greatest bounties, as the Messenger of God, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, said aforetime: "Upon you be the two red ones," meaning bread and meat. And in one instance it refers to "blessing" where He says "And they ask thee concerning the blessing." And that a portion of the meat was cleansed and bestowed upon them—this indicates their sincerity, by God's truth, and likewise manifests the bounty and generosity of God, glorified be His majesty.

And in one station it is the true heavenly table sent down, which in its primary rank has been and is divine love. Whatever is said in this regard is pure truth. This dream indicates grace, mercy, favor, kindness and bounty, both outward and inward, from God. He should rejoice and thank God, his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. And in the end of what We showed him and caused him to hear are signs for those who are discerning. The End.

His vision accords with outward reality and requires no interpretation or commentary. That which befits it hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing.

Section 2: "As for the mention of wisdom…"

As for the mention of wisdom and the statement that "we have not yet understood what is meant by wisdom," this evanescent servant submits what was manifested in Iraq and elsewhere, that perchance the matter may become clear. Although there were and are explanations about wisdom from before and after, the time does not permit their mention. However, I shall submit what I witnessed myself:

When the Sun was shining from the horizon of Zawra, all people—whether scholars, mystics, or others—in Baghdad and its surroundings, even unto Basra, showed utmost love, humility and submissiveness. One day, Siyyid Davud, who was the Mufti of Basra, came to attain the presence along with a group, including the renowned Ibn-i-Alusi. They sat outside awaiting permission to enter. The aforementioned Siyyid mentioned to that group that His fame in those regions was tremendous, saying "I believe He Himself is unaware of it." The Cause had reached such a station that whenever He would leave His house in any direction, the Arabs would utter words they would not say even about their own saints.

For instance, one Friday as He was walking alone to the mosque near His house, someone about two hundred paces away, also heading to the mosque, said to his companion: "By God, the Cause of this Man is wondrous and mighty," pointing to the Ancient Beauty. That day, as it happened, He sat opposite the pulpit. After prayers, the preacher, who was one of Iraq's divines, told one of the believers: "His Holiness

came today and sat opposite the pulpit. I could not deliver the sermon and felt great embarrassment." That divine is now secretly a believer.

During the days of departure and migration from Iraq, all witnessed what they had never seen before. By the Truth itself, those Arabs wept like spring clouds and lamented. On the day of transfer to the Ridvan Garden, throngs of townspeople, both learned and common, came saying:

> "Because we were assured of Your constant presence here, we were deprived of attaining Your presence. Now suddenly You are departing!"

And on the day of departure from Ridvan they brought a horse, whereupon such lamentation and wailing, such outcry and tumult, arose that the very steed was set in motion, in such wise that it could not be stilled, as though it were moving upon the heads of the people. At length He arrived and mounted; and after He had taken His seat, the multitude cast themselves upon the horse's fore-feet and stirrups. Were I to set forth the full account, a whole volume would needs be written. Most have heard these things with their own ears, and some were themselves present and beheld them; for during His sojourn in ʿIraq He held intercourse with divines and mystics, with the common people, and with men of diverse sects, and whatsoever was asked of Him He would answer.

Thereupon, in Muharram, the loved ones of that land, on the first day of the month—which was the birthday of the Primal Point (may our souls, and all else beside, be a sacrifice unto Him)—celebrated a festival, and, seated in boats upon the Tigris, occupied themselves with chanting and song. This became the cause wherefore Sunni and Shi'ah alike rose up to shun them; and assuredly thou hast heard what befell in that land. Yet the heedless knew not what this festival signified, nor what it was; but no sooner did they behold, outwardly, that which appeared to them contrary, than they committed those deeds whereof all have heard. Friends! This want of wisdom brought about a grievous harm. For, both before that time and after the Migration, the governor and his officials, and likewise the people of the city—whether divines or others—showed the utmost consideration unto the loved ones of God; so much so that Namiq Pasha, who was the governor, displayed the greatest kindness towards each one, and it was he who conveyed to the friends the tidings of the departure for Islambul and Adrianople.

Consider what happened in the Land of Ta. His Holiness Ismu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, set out for those parts with permission and authorization, and was instructed to acquire land there and deposit the Trust of God in that land. From the presence of the Truth, this was the main purpose of this great and momentous matter. After arrival, the friends associated and held feasts. His Holiness Ismu'llah himself wrote a letter to this servant, wherein he mentioned: "This servant is perplexed, for after arrival the friends of God have associated and continue to associate, and thus far they have held thirty-eight feasts, and at each gathering it has been observed that sixty or fifty persons are present."

I said: "Have you not heard the decree of wisdom which states that gatherings should not exceed five to nine persons?" They said: "Yes, we have heard," and likewise they mentioned the instructions they had in mind and acknowledged them. Nevertheless, the next evening an even larger gathering was observed. And he wrote that "I am perplexed—if I do not go, there is fear they might think it is from fear, and this

was not and is not befitting the Cause of God; and if I go, I see it is contrary to wisdom. In any case, I remain bewildered and perplexed. Nevertheless, most of the friends are mentioned, as I have not found opportunity to meet them all."

Now if they had acted according to the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen and the wisdom revealed in the Book, this sedition would not have outwardly ignited and arisen. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance, had they acted according to that which God had revealed, now the lights of justice would have encompassed most. First, in these matters He had said that gatherings should not exceed five to nine persons, and even these should not be successive and continuous. And likewise He had said: "Believe not every speaker and trust not every newcomer." And likewise at first when meeting any soul they should regard him as a child and not give him heavy and thick foods. They should deal gently until the veils are rent asunder with the passing of hours and days and the lights of the Sun of knowledge illuminate existence. In the Tablet of Wisdom this most exalted Word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. His word, exalted be His majesty: "Say: The essence of utterance seeketh penetration and moderation. As for penetration, it dependeth upon refinement, and refinement is conditioned upon hearts which are detached and pure."

In all the grades and stages of Revelation there hath been sent down that which, if men but act thereon, hath been and will ever remain the means of their exaltation and ascension, of their drawing nigh unto God, and of their turning towards the horizon of the Cause. Wisdom is that which suffereth not the peoples to be debarred from approach, nor casteth man into the abyss of perdition. Yea, the matter resteth with God, glorified be His majesty, and destiny and decree are the ordained and commanding power.

One of the friends of God visited a place to teach the Cause. The people of that town knew of his connection to this Most Great Announcement and this mighty Cause, and they associated with him that they might understand something. However, they secretly investigated to discover his deeds. As it happened, it was during the blessed month of Ramadan, and they were watching from a place until they saw him break the fast. Thereafter, they would not come near to ask anything or hear any response. This is the time for deeds, not words, for the deed made the distinction.

Likewise, concerning the conditions of teachers, utterances have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will such that any fair-minded person who hearkens would soar on wings of longing in the atmosphere of divine love. Yet praise be to God, despite the lack of means and of what is befitting, and despite the turning away and objection of those on earth, that which became the cause of gathering, dispersion and resurrection appeared in every land. This transient world, its ephemeral means and its temporal conditions have occupied all and prevented them from serving the Cause, save whom God wills. In truth, the Truth alone stands and is engaged in the victory of the Cause.

His honor expressed amazement at the wisdom, but this servant is immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for it is observed that never has such sweetness been raised up, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is manifest at every moment, and the melodies of the Supreme Pen have in truth encompassed the realms of dominion and kingdom. Nevertheless, the people are observed to be asleep, nay, thunderstruck, nay, dead. The first trumpet is established and all are thunderstruck, but if God

should will it, from this latter trumpet “behold, they stand up and look around.” The Euphrates flows and streams, but thirst is nowhere to be found. This evanescent one beseeches and hopes from the peerless Lord that He may awaken the people and not deprive them of this most great bounty. Verily, He has power over all things.

In brief, the meaning of wisdom is that complete severance should not occur, for if severance reaches its ultimate degree, none would seek to draw near to hear the Word of God. His Holiness the Spirit (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him), although He abrogated certain laws of the Torah such as divorce and the Sabbath, nevertheless continued to observe some Torah ordinances. Thus in His final days when His ascension drew near, He commanded Peter and John saying “Go and prepare the Passover,” and afterward He observed the Passover, even though it was specific to the Jews. The way of the Prophets is different from that of the servants. Out of grace and favor They showed forbearance lest people be suddenly destroyed. At times They would impart the melodies of the Dove of Paradise, and at times the cry of the Peacock of the Throne. Sometimes They would speak from the realm of limitations and other times beyond it. This was due to Their grace, kindness and favor, for if the Torah had been openly and manifestly abrogated at first, what occurred at the end would have happened at the beginning before the seed was sown. The Command is in God’s hand. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of My heart! By God, the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Although today those souls who have turned to God and are steadfast and firm are striving with utmost effort to carry out God’s commandments, nevertheless one must seek confirmation and assistance from the Self-Sufficient One for their steadfastness, let alone for other people. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up men who will arise to serve the Cause with perfect power, might and steadfastness.

Another matter: The petition from the honored lady, the Mother (upon her be My Most Glorious Glory), was received. Previously an exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for her. And when My beloved, Aqa Mirza ʿAli and his honored mother (upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God) were departing for the land of Sh, He graciously bestowed with His own blessed hand a ring engraved with the Greatest Name and a woolen veil especially for the Mother. Likewise, through Shaykh Salman (upon him be the Glory of God), multiple Tablets were revealed and sent especially for the honored sons. And again on this day, which is the third day of the month of Muharram, the petition of the son Aqa Mirza (upon him be the Glory of God and His favor) was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and an exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of merciful grace. God willing they will attain to it and be gladdened through God’s favor, exalted be His glory. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of might and power. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Expositor, the All-Wise

In the name of God, the Most Merciful. The Tongue of Mercy proclaims: O My friend and offspring of My Afnan! The robe of glory hath been fashioned and made ready to the measure of your temples, for that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen cannot be equaled by any thing among all things. Praise be to God! From early youth thou art associated with the Truth and art mentioned by His Name. The abasement of these days is the dawning-place of glory and the dayspring of favor. Soon will God manifest, in truth, a matter from His presence, the Lord of all worlds. Were the people to know, they

would circle round about you. Soon will they know what hath escaped them on the day when mankind stood before the Lord of the worlds.

Fleeting earthly conditions have prevented people from hearing and seeing; neither are their ears worthy to hear nor their eyes capable of beholding. By God's life! They are in manifest loss. The Perspicuous Book speaketh and the Mother Book is manifest, yet all are deprived and forbidden save whom God willeth. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto thy brothers and unto those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon My Afnan who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty. They are, verily, among the triumphant in a mighty Book.

Section 3: "In every age and century, people have, through…"

In every age and century, people have, through their vain imaginings, visited upon the friends of God that which is recorded in the books and mentioned by tongues. Yet whatsoever they have done, God hath made it a cause for the exaltation of His Most Exalted Word, despite themselves. He, verily, is the Strong, the Powerful. This Most Great Revelation and that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God through His prevailing Will need no mention or explanation. Soon will the sincere ones behold that which was hidden from them today, and the standards of the signs will be unfurled throughout all regions and districts, and every soul will testify that the Cause is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, his petition was presented upon arrival, and at that very moment a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him from the heaven of divine Will, though its dispatch was delayed. Likewise, another exalted Tablet—according to what was written, they have in these days directed their attention to those parts. God willing, may they be confirmed in service to the Cause. They have also sent correspondences to this servant from every direction, all of which have arrived, but this evanescent servant was not successful in responding, thinking that whenever the revealed Tablets would be sent, this servant would also send replies according to his capacity and station. Now suddenly the command has issued from the Dayspring of the Cause to send the Tablets and this letter, thus this servant found no opportunity. However, I submit this much: God willing, whatever has been missed shall be attended to. I beseech God for assistance and confirmation in all conditions. If they have arrived in that land, greetings and salutations from this evanescent servant are entrusted to your grace.

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Lutf'ali Khan, his petition was presented and attained the honor of being heard. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him and sent. His word, exalted be His majesty and greatness:

In the name of the One Incomparable, All-Powerful God

The whole world was created for this blessed Day, and all scriptures, books, psalms and tablets gave the servants glad tidings of this Revelation. Whatever has been created in the world of bounties and favors was, without doubt, created for the sake of Truth and brought from nothingness into being. Nevertheless, they have consigned Him to the most desolate of lands. Though at first the seat of the Wronged One was

in the most exalted place, yet He dwelt in a house from whose ceiling earth continuously fell, and likewise its floor was covered with dust. The heedless had severely restricted Him from all directions, to such extent that sorrow encompassed those in the Kingdom. Nevertheless, We were patient. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Therefore you should not be saddened by the world's conflicts and its unpleasing conditions. By the life of God, had any worth been perceived in it, surely the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the saints of God would not have given themselves up to the oppressors. Commit all affairs to God and trust in Him, and ask Him to manifest whatever is best for you. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the ocean of knowledge surged in creation and by Whose love the fire was kindled in hearts! I beseech Thee by the splendor of Thy Identity, the eternity of Thy Being, the ocean of Thy Will, and the sun of Thy Purpose, and by the cry of the sincere ones in Thy days and the lamentation of those near unto Thee in the prison of Thine enemies, to make me content with what Thy Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for me in the kingdom of creation.

Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will profit me, through Thy bounty and generosity. O my Lord! I have committed my affairs unto Thee and placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee to make firm my steps and grant me that which will draw me near unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy grandeur to aid me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise and the service of Thy Cause. Thou art He Who knoweth what is within me while I know not what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

His bounty is such that whoever makes a supplication in whatever tongue will receive an answer, especially if the Afnan be the intermediary. God willing, the Khan will be blessed with a divine tablet and be confirmed in that which is the cause and reason for the manifestations of the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and what the beloved Aqa Shaykh-ʿAli Mirza, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sent from the land of Sh, and what you dispatched from that land—they and the aforementioned branches arrived in Port Said, but then the diverse winds of the world and newly arising matters prevented them from attaining the presence until now, the third of Muharram al-Haram, they remain in the aforementioned land. However, their news and letters have arrived and continue to arrive. God willing, they shall attain their goal and receive what God has willed. In truth, this small piece has caused trouble. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant abundant reward. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

The second letter from Your Honor, dated the third of the month of Rajab, bestowed the joy of union and illumined the realm of love and unity. Praise be to God that Your Honor is blessed with good health and divine love. What can I say? God the One is witness that whenever a message has arrived from the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, it has been like water to the tree of humanity. It is abundantly clear what pure water

does. After reading and perusing it, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and this supreme word flowed from the tongue of the Lord of Creation, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory. The Book speaks, and that which is intended and written is manifest, yet souls remain heedless. God, exalted be His glory, has desired for His servants supreme joy, greatest comfort, and magnificent bounty, yet the servants have sought endless degradation and even aimed to shed holy blood, both before and after. Woe unto them for this grievous error."

Your Honor and the loved ones of God should beseech that perhaps the doors of knowledge might be opened by the finger of power upon the faces of the heedless, that they may not remain deprived of the peerless station.

Regarding the mention made of the honored gentleman the teacher and the esteemed Afnan of the Blessed Tree, this lowly one presents his utter nothingness to each one and seeks their benevolent prayers. In Your Honor's envelope there was a letter from Mulla Muhammad Shafi' (upon him be the Glory of God), which he had written to this lowly one, and the contents of that petition were presented to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. It was presented, and wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance and sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto them. Thus has spoken He, exalted be His glory and supreme be His grandeur. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Shafi'! The fragrances of the Kingdom have encompassed the realms, and the dove hath warbled upon the branch of divine might. The Book hath come, to which all the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have testified. The servant who is present hath come before the Countenance and laid before the Wronged One that which the tongue of thy heart uttered on a day whereon the faces of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, were darkened. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Hidden Tablet, which was concealed in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Preserved Tablet. Glorify My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My remembrance of them from this praiseworthy station. We counsel them with that whereby God's Cause will be exalted amongst His servants. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with what he hath been commanded in God's Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O My loved ones in that land! We counsel you to observe justice and fairness, trustworthiness and religiousness, chastity and fidelity. Your Lord, the Most Merciful, is verily the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath created you, sustained you, aided you in His Cause, and made known unto you that which was hidden from most of the learned ones. He counseleth you with that which shall profit you in each world of His worlds. To this testifieth My Most Exalted Pen, and beyond it, He Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Shafi'! Rejoice in that We made mention of thee before, whence the fragrance of My loving-kindness was wafted, and in this irrevocable Tablet. We make mention of ʿAbdu'l-Husayn who was mentioned in thy letter and give him the glad tidings of Our remembrance of him, that he may rejoice in the days of his Lord, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And thy other son, who was named Muhammad-Husayn, We

beseech God to aid them both to turn towards His most exalted horizon and to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped save those whom God hath willed, the Lord of the elevated Throne. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy wife and her mother, from God, the Powerful, the Kind, the Forgiving.

We make mention of him who was named Jalal, who attained in the days of God and heard His sweetest call when most of the servants turned away. O Jalal! Dost thou know Who calleth thee and maketh mention of thee? Dost thou know Who is established upon the throne? Doth anyone hear His lamentation in His Most Great Prison? Hast thou recognized Him Who hath appeared at the final return? Say: By God! Through His appearance the kingdom of names was shaken, through His sovereignty the pillars of the learned were made to tremble. He hath spoken that whereby all things were attracted and the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings were thunderstruck.

We make mention from this station of him who was named Muhammad-Rahim and counsel him with that which shall be as a lamp unto him in the darkness of the earth and in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Muhammad-Rahim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee with that which He commanded in His presence and with that which We commanded all in the Book. Say: O loved ones of God! Be not grieved by what hath befallen My name and My loved ones through that which the hands of every heedless doubter have wrought. God shall soon seize him who hath oppressed even as He seized the oppressors of old. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Nothing can frustrate Him and no affair can thwart Him. He doeth as He willeth and with Him is the Mother of the Book.

We make mention of Ahmad-ʿAli on this day wherein the cry hath been raised in truth and the raven hath croaked. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, turn thy face toward the light of His countenance, and be steadfast in serving His loved ones at eventide and at dawn. We found thy turning unto Us, We turned unto thee from this most exalted station and made mention of thee with this remembrance before which all remembrances bow down. We glorify from this station the faces of My loved ones and handmaidens in that land and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven.

Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds, Who through His grace bestowed favor upon all and deprived none save those who deprived themselves. The world hath deluded them and kept them back from the Lord of all beings in the hereafter.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Mirza Ahmad—today is the day of pure servitude, all must hold fast unto it. Blessed is the soul who truly attaineth thereunto. It behooveth us, and him, and those who have believed in God to hold fast unto this most exalted station and to think on ways to promote the Cause. Verily the servant beseecheth his Lord to protect him and His loved ones lest there appear from them that which beseemeth not His days, His Revelation, His glory and His sovereignty. These passages should be sent by your honor along with the Tablet, and conveying greetings and praise to them is left to your honor’s discretion.

Section 4: "Concerning what was written about the attention…"

Concerning what was written about the attention of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and Khan, upon him be [the Glory of God]—this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth in the Kingdom of Utterance, glorified be His majesty:

We beseech God to aid them to serve the Cause and teach that which the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book, in such wise that neither what is witnessed nor what is seen may become a veil or hindrance. God willing, may they be adorned with the robe of piety, the mantle of detachment, and the crown of severance. All that was mentioned is as a weapon for teachers, nay rather more piercing, more decisive and more penetrating.

Establish in that land a consultative assembly, for this is blessed. The purpose of this is that they may hold fast unto what hath been commanded and act upon whatsoever emergeth from consultation.

In this servant's view, it would appear that if our spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], were to direct his attention elsewhere—that is, after their inner agreement, if he were to engage in divine work in one location while Sarkar Khan did likewise in another—fruits would be achieved more quickly. If Sarkar Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has proceeded in the manner of the Sunnis, then he should turn his attention to the Shi'ih and their clergy. There is no harm in initially mentioning the way of the dervishes, but the purpose should be mentioned according to the capacity of the people and the requirements of the time, that the fragrances of the Cause may be diffused.

By the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who dwell in earth and heaven, from him who is detached unto God and who acts for God is diffused that which any soul possessed of the slightest insight and heart will discover and perceive, becoming suddenly enkindled by the fire of the Word. In any case, if they first meet with Sarkar Khan and consult together, and arise with wisdom and utterance to aid the divine Cause, it would be most excellent. But in whatever land each may be present, let the people perceive the fragrance of unity—let them be united in mention, utterance and word. This does not conflict with the first statement, for the path is one, and whichever of the two groups they may enter, the veil will be lifted and they will behold themselves in one mirror and see themselves dwelling in one house. The Command is in God's hands—our Lord and your Lord, our Purpose and your Purpose. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This Day is unlike all days, this age unlike all ages, and this Cause unlike all causes. Consider what the All-Merciful hath foretold in the Qur'an—blessed and exalted be His words:

> "The Day when men shall be as scattered moths, and the mountains shall be as carded wool."

The learned and mystics of the earth, who are deprived of true knowledge and far from the straight path, are observed in just this state, while the rest are seen as moths. Concerning the greatness of this Day, such utterances have been heard from the Kingdom of divine knowledge as cause the limbs of the world to tremble. Were the souls who have accepted and stood firm to behold their stations, they would surely

be struck with wonder and amazement at first. Just as this Day is great and this Cause is great, so too are those who are assured and have accepted it great in the sight of God.

Another matter: your other letter dated the sixth of Sha'ban brought exceeding joy, for it spoke of the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and told of your excellent health. Praise be to God for making this servant happy on a day when the ocean of sorrows was in motion. One day the Tongue of God spoke this exalted word—exalted be His utterance:

O servant in attendance! Although the ocean of sorrow is in motion and the causes of grief and anguish are manifest from every direction, yet these things do not prevent God nor hold Him back from what He hath willed. The friends of God who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and are turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful—they too are not held back from God by the affairs of creation. His is the creation and the command. He taketh and He giveth, and He is the Ever-Living, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Speaking, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

After reading the letter, I turned toward the Most Exalted Height and presented it before His countenance. These are His blessed and exalted words:

> "Verily We have mentioned thee once in the fortress, and again in a noble station, and yet again in the prison, and now in this exalted spot."

May you be seen in the utmost joy and fragrance, with yearning and attraction and rapture. Be not grieved by any of the incidents that have occurred or by ephemeral conditions. I swear by the Sun of Utterance, which hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the prison, that perpetual mention, enduring glory and lofty stations have been inscribed for you by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book, and these shall be manifested according to the requirements of times and seasons. Blessed are the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and joy be unto them, for they have attained from God that which most of the earth's inhabitants have failed to attain. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book.

By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! The Kingdom of Utterance is stirred by the words of the True One, exalted be His glory, and the ocean of meanings surgeth, encompassing the world. We beseech Him to manifest its effects in such wise that even the blind women may see, let alone men of insight. Wonder upon wonder at these coarse, dull, heedless, slumbering souls! In all conditions one must beseech bounty, grace and generosity from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty over all things. May the glory that is manifest, resplendent and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's favor be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Be it known that the dispatch of the petition was so delayed that another letter from your honor, dated the twenty-ninth of Muharram al-Haram, bestowed the water of reunion upon the thirsty one in the desert of separation. Indeed, the forces of joy gained such strength from its presence that the hosts of sorrows were put to flight. Praise be to God in all conditions! Glory be to God! Through one word the world's troubles are transformed to joy, and through another word its prosperity is afflicted with ruin. In any case, after experiencing joy and delight, I approached the Most Exalted Station and presented the

entire letter, and likewise your honor's supplication was granted audience in the Most Holy Court. These are His words, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

O thou who art present! Through divine confirmations, may they ever be occupied with the remembrance of the True One and hold fast to His cord. We have adorned him with the ornament of Our favor and the crown of Our mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We make mention of him in this station and at this hour with My wondrous mention. We give him and those with him the glad tidings of My mercy, which hath preceded My servants, and My favor, which none have attained save those who have believed in God and His signs, who have detached themselves in His path and have arisen to serve His Cause, the Mighty.

Such bounty was witnessed from the Dawning-Place of grace that this servant is incapable and powerless to mention it, especially after the presentation of your honor's supplications. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant your honor the blessing of attainment unto His presence and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the former life—though the good of both worlds is already assured. The purpose of this petition is that He may bestow whatever He deemeth advisable, both outwardly and inwardly. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what was written about the spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and his arrival—God willing, it is blessed and auspicious. The honored Afnan, Jinab-i-Haji Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, had also written about his arrival and his mention of the tribulation of the Prince of Martyrs, may my spirit and all within the kingdom be sacrificed for him. This matter is most beloved and is coupled with perfect wisdom. After submission, He says, exalted be His glory:

> "Excellent is what he has done. Blessed is he! By My life, were all in the world to recite the mention of his tribulations from pulpits and hills and every lofty mountain, I would love to hear it with Mine own ears. He has spent in the path of God what he has spent and has witnessed in His love what no eye in all creation hath witnessed. The Tongue of the Wronged One testifieth to this in His exalted station."

This evanescent servant presents greetings and praise to him. I beseech the Most High to make him assisted in exalting His Word and successful in manifesting His Cause with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Lord of all who are in the realm of possibility, and He is the Mighty, the Bestower. The details of his affairs were previously submitted. As commanded, they must consult and hold fast to whatever serves the divine Cause, for repeatedly this exalted word was heard from the blessed Tongue, saying that He inspires the hearts of those who gather for consultation for the sake of God and speak about what benefits His servants. Verily, He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

Praise and glorification are in truth specifically for the friends of God, glorified be His majesty—those souls who remain unchanged by worldly events and are not prevented from the truth by the oppression of the divines, princes and nobles. They are the monarchs of existence and the stars in the heaven of the power of the Lord of the seen and unseen. Upon them be God's mercy, His glory, His light, His peace, His praise, His blessing, His remembrance and His glorification.

His honor Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, is in truth a mighty pillar for the most great structure, namely the fortress of teaching God's Cause. With the utmost effort and striving, he has contributed to this matter what is evident and manifest to all the world. In these days he sent a letter requesting that certain petitions be submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and they were submitted. Praise, bounty, grace and favor be unto Him, for all were granted acceptance. Among these was the request that the custodianship of the blessed shrine of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be all the most glorious Glory of God, as well as the resting place of the Great Afnan, that is, the honored Uncle, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, be entrusted to Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, in partnership with several other friends of God who have made the same request. After the matter was presented, this blessed, holy, exalted word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of creation. He says, mighty be His utterance and great His station:

The affairs of the Greatest Holy Leaf are referred, by God, to his honor the Afnan, that is, Mirza Aqa. The Tablet that was sent down in this regard from the heaven of divine favor should be forwarded to your honor. You should review it, and if it accords with wisdom and the requirements of the time, send it forth. A copy of that blessed Tablet was written in Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli's letter. According to the command, your honor should review the entire letter and then forward it to his honor the Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—so that he may deliver it.

May the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's mercy be renewed upon your honor and upon those who hold fast to His mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00221: Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hearest the lamentations…

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

In the name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who hearest the lamentations of them that are nigh unto Thee because of what hath befallen Thy loved ones and chosen ones, and Who beholdeth what hath come upon them at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have committed that from which the atoms have dissociated themselves and from which all created things have sought refuge. O Lord! There hath befallen Thy sincere loved ones that which hath transformed the joy of the Concourse on High into a sorrow none knoweth save Thy knowledge, O Fashioner of the heavens. Thou seest, O my God, how the ocean of tyranny hath surged through the winds of malice and hatred, and how the smoke of transgression hath seized all who dwell in the realm of creation.

Thereby have ascended the sighs of the most exalted Paradise and descended the tears of the most sublime Heaven. Verily, those whom Thou didst manifest and send forth to reform the world have been seized by the idolaters with chains and fetters, who have done unto them that which hath caused the rocks to cry out and the mountains to wail. He Who beseeched Thee night and day for the reformation of Thy servants and the tranquility of the inhabitants of the earth—Thou beholdest Him, O God of the worlds, in manifest tribulation.

Thou seest, O my God, how sorrows have encompassed all possibility to such extent that hearts have melted thereby and the pillars of the word of unity have been shaken. Those who have denied Thee, turned away from Thy beauty, disputed Thy signs, and broken Thy Covenant have risen against Thy people in such wise that the heaven of justice hath been cleft asunder and the skin of Thy servants hath quivered. Can the pen enumerate the afflictions of Thy loved ones? Can knowledge encompass what hath befallen them in Thy days?

I know not, O my God, my Lord, and my Hope, which tribulation I should mention that hath come upon Thy chosen ones and them that are nigh unto Thee in Thy love. Shall I mention him whom the idolaters tore limb from limb in the land of Sad because he turned to Thy most exalted horizon and clung to the hem of Thy knowledge, O Lord of all names? Or him who heard Thy call and beheld Thy beauty and whom Thou didst single out among Thy servants to exalt Thy word and manifest Thy Cause, and whom Thou didst name the King of Martyrs in the kingdom of Thy utterance? Or shall I mention him who was named the Beloved in the Crimson Tablet by Thy Most Exalted Pen?

Or shall I recall the Wondrous One (Badi) who appeared from the horizon of Thy power and drank the cup of steadfastness in such wise that the pillars of Thine enemies were shaken? Or shall I mention those who were seized by the river of Thy knowledge in the land of Ta (Tehran) in such wise that they sacrificed their spirits, their bodies and all they possessed in their longing for the kingdom of Thy meeting and the heaven of Thy reunion? Or shall I mention, O my Beloved, what hath befallen Thy loved ones in the land of Za at the hands of those who transgressed against them with an oppression that hath caused hearts to lament and eyes to weep?

Or shall I mention, O my God, what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Kha—every land, every pebble, dust, stone and clod beareth witness to the testimony of Thy loved ones and the oppression of Thine enemies.

Glorified art Thou, O King of Kings and the Merciful to the servant! Were I to mention Thy most great calamity and Thy most high tribulation which appeared in the land of Ta through that which the hands of the wretched ones acquired regarding the Glory (Baha), verily the Pen crieth out and saith: “Leave me, O Thou Who holdeth and seizeth me! I beseech Thee by Thy Lord to leave me [in my state]. Sufficient unto me is the sorrow of my heart, the lamentation of my soul, the sighing of my inner being and the screeching of my tongue.” And the paper calleth out and saith: “I adjure thee by the One, the All-Informed, to leave me and let me be in my wretched state and the sorrow of my heart and my cry and my sighing. Dost thou wish to mention the calamity whereby the hem of the robe of grandeur was soiled amongst all creatures? Or dost thou wish me to explain what hath befallen the kingdom of the Spirit whom the hands of power, might and grace had reared to be sacrificed in this Day which cannot be compared with centuries and ages?”

O my Master, O Ali! Can any who would remember recount what befell thee in the path of God? Nay, by thy most exalted Self and thy Most Great Name! Though by thy tribulation the foundations of rest and tranquility were shaken, and the pillars of all that was and will be were made to tremble. Yet doth this servant give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of immortality and Sovereign of earth and heaven, that He hath not caused thy blood and the blood of His loved ones to be spilt in vain, but hath expended it in His love and yearning and desire.

This is a word spoken by my Lord, my Master, and my Protector. When it descended from the kingdom of His will, the veil was rent asunder and the covering was removed, and the faces of the exalted ones prostrated themselves before the light of His manifest countenance, saying:

"Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that know!"

My spirit be a sacrifice for your exile, a ransom for your tribulation, your imprisonment, and your chains! By the life of the Desired One, the liver of every knowing one hath melted from grief for you, the spirit of every learned one hath been struck with thunder at your imprisonment, the springs of sorrow have burst forth at your exile, the sea of grief hath surged at your tribulations, and the Most Exalted Pen hath lamented what befell you in His path. Blessed are ye, and blessed the father who raised you, the mother who suckled you, the earth that was your resting place, every servant who hath wept for your tribulation, and every dwelling wherein your afflictions are remembered.

This servant hath been blessed to visit the trace of your pen. When I saw and read and understood and knew, I approached the Most Great Shrine and presented myself before His presence, and verily the tongue of grandeur spoke that which caused all things to lament and grief to encompass all regions. I present unto your presence, with the knowledge of certainty, that all atoms cried out and were agitated by what was sent down from the Kingdom of the Divine Will and the Heaven of Purpose. And I, in that place, was like one bewildered and astounded, with blood flowing from mine eyes and sorrow ascending beyond my control.

In Persian I submit that this servant, after countless sorrows and griefs that were in truth bone-crushing, let alone to bodies, approached the Most Exalted Goal. Verses were revealed, all indicating and proclaiming victory and steadfastness and the call to teach God's Cause, and adorned with the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, and His acceptance. And on another night He said: "O servant in attendance, this Wronged One beareth witness that they have aided God, exalted be His glory, with true aid, and this was the aid that was promised in the divine Books. Every person of insight beareth witness to that which the Truth hath witnessed, and every fair-minded one testifieth to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been recorded. But the oppressor hath transgressed and rebelled even as his predecessor rebelled when he proclaimed among his people saying: 'O my people! Does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and these rivers flowing beneath me? Do you not see? Or am I not better than this one who is contemptible and can scarcely make himself clear?'

By God's life, the second one is more unjust and more astray and more rebellious than the one who came before. Heedlessness and pride have seized him to such extent that he spoke, unaware of his deed for which is prepared for him a punishment that cannot be described in words. By God's life, the Almighty doth witness and see, and He is ever watchful."

In these days there hath appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance that which hath verily set aflame the hearts of the world. That Beloved One hath Himself witnessed the waves of the Ocean of Utterance, and heard the rustling of the Sacred Tree. O what an utterance! Were it to be cast upon fire, it would transform it into light; and were it to fall upon rock, it would melt it, through the Word of God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. How well it hath been said:

Thou knowest how the sun in Aries Doth speak to flowers, both true and false; Thou knowest how the crystal stream Doth speak to flowers and saplings all.

By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! Had I as many tongues as there are atoms, I would have proclaimed:

> "Would that I had been with you and found myself beneath chains and fetters!"

I swear by the Orb of divine utterance that whatsoever hath befallen shall not be effaced, nor shall it vanish from the book of possibility. Its traces shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure, and its fruits are infinite.

The first word heard from His blessed tongue was this blessed utterance. He said: "O servant present! They have drunk from the cup of divine love to such degree that the entire Concourse on High exclaim 'Happy and welcome!"' The matter endeth here. A momentous cause hath appeared, and tyranny without reason or purpose hath come to pass in the world. Of a certainty shall the flames of this supreme oppression return upon its perpetrators. Although the investigators who were appointed and who, through deceit and artifice, showed submission, became the cause of this great sedition, yet certain ones who claimed adherence to the Truth uttered words that became the cause of the government's perturbation and fear, and they became convinced of intentions of rebellion. The curse of God be upon the liars and calumniators! Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And since they spoke out of fear for their lives and excess of terror, may God strengthen them to return and forgive them. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Beloved of my heart and soul! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! From the Tongue of Grandeur we have ever heard, both this servant and that honoured one and other friends, these blessed words. Once these sublime words were heard from the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. He said: "O servant in attendance! This Cause hath no likeness to previous causes in its grandeur, neither had it nor hath it. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath attained unto steadfastness! Such a one is accounted before God among the jewels of existence." Peter, who was the focal point of the saints and source of the righteous, in the time of Jesus (may my soul be a sacrifice for Him), thrice denied Him on the night He was delivered up. And the Lord Himself had told him the night before that "thou shalt deny Me thrice before the cock crow." And after the denial and the crowing of the cock, the words of the Lord came to his mind, whereupon he immediately cried out and lamented until God forgave him and made him one of those near unto Him.

Section 2: "But O my master! How far is this…"

But O my master! How far is this station from the stations of those souls who regarded not the whole world as equal to the wing of a gnat! They arose and uttered that which was a sword and arrows to the enemies and a mercy and light to the friends. By God's life! The very breath of such souls is more delicate than the morning breeze and sweeter than the Water of Life! Glory be to God! How is it that whatsoever is spoken in truth and sincerity and reality is not accepted, while calumnies and lies and that which springeth from suspicion and fancy are accepted and heard? Have they not perceived from the divine verses, signs and tablets that conflict, contention and corruption are forbidden, and that the purpose is

the reformation of the world through wisdom and utterance? The Book itself speaketh with these exalted words:

> "The appointed time hath come, and He Who revealeth the verses hath appeared for the reformation of the servants and the prosperity of the lands."

I swear by the Sun of Truth that the sighs of the oppressed are more potent in their effect than cannons and sharper than swords! Though consummate wisdom may require that some fruits of deeds be delayed for a limited time, such delay will not prevent the inevitable decree. Assuredly the oppressors have been and will be requited. What have they seen of justice and righteousness that they have clung to the cord of tyranny and held fast to the hem of oppression? This servant hath ever wished to submit numerous petitions, but delayed doing so out of wisdom, lest some ignorant one become aware and cause harm. That honoured one should keep this writing concealed, save from trustworthy and steadfast souls capable of preserving confidences, for if some become aware they will inform others and cause grief.

Although, praise be to God, there hath been and is no deceit, cunning, artifice or ill intent. The sun beareth witness to the purity of the page and the morning breeze testifieth to the delicacy of the leaf. The treacherous one is fearful; the trustworthy one hath not been and is not afraid. Would that ears were cleansed of defilement that they might attain to hearing the Word of Truth and reach true tranquility, and hearts were sanctified from veils that the imprint of the seal "Verily I am in manifest humility" might be impressed upon them. The first line of that honoured one's letter contained this verse:

> "How can I raise my head in shame before the Friend, When no worthy service hath come from my hand?"

After offering these words, this utterance hath appeared from the Kingdom of utterance: Praise be to God, thy turning unto Him is evident, thy love is radiant, thy words are eloquent, thy steps are firm, and thy deeds are acceptable and praiseworthy. Shame, regret and remorse are for those souls who attained not the light of justice and distinguished not between light and darkness, who bestowed upon the wolf the office of shepherd and gave the treacherous one the position of guardian, who took the ignorant for the learned. Where are the eyes to see and where are the ears to hear? I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to illumine all with the light of fairness and adorn them with the ornament of justice.

In truth, this person hath been the cause of great tenderness in this servant and many others. One word that is fitly spoken is dearer in the sight of God than a hundred thousand merciless words. May the soul perish that harboureth evil thoughts about that honored one. What more can I say regarding that which hath befallen the chosen ones and pure ones of God? The knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, hath ever encompassed all things. This servant, and a hundred thousand like him, are powerless and incapable of reckoning it. The True Knower beareth witness that those holy, blessed and steadfast souls who are present in that spot have ever been and continue to be remembered by tongue, heart and pen.

Their remembrances have soared, their traces have encompassed all, their steadfastness hath become manifest, and that which lay hidden in the treasuries of their souls and the repositories of their love hath become evident. God will soon adorn the world with their mention, their praise, and their deeds in the path of God, their Creator, their Fashioner and their Originator. God is witness that this servant

considereth himself unworthy to move in this field and unfit to draw breath. I am unable to mention what I have known and recognized. I beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for His chosen ones and His loved ones that which lay treasured with Him. Verily He knoweth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another submission is that yesterday the delight of the eyes of the sincere ones, Husayn Effendi and the Leaf of Paradise, upon them both be the glory of God, were in the blessed presence, and a group was also present. Mention was made of your honor who, like a true spiritual cupbearer, was engaged in giving drink. Praise be to God, they are blessed with perfect health and well-being, and are honored and at rest beneath the shade of the unlimited, all-encompassing mercy. Whenever this servant thinks of the masters and what befell them in that prison in such detail, he dies a hundred thousand regrets. How blessed is the dust they walk upon and the air they breathe! Would that I were with the friends of God and His chosen ones!

What is being submitted is mostly involuntary, for at every moment the heart is aflame: verily the heart is gladdened by your mention, the heart is enkindled with your praise, the eye weeps at separation from you, and the spirit laments what has befallen you. May God grant patience beautiful to all the friends and bestow bountiful reward. And according to the Arabs regarding fine handwriting, on the day your honor's letter arrived, at that very moment an extended, detailed visitation took place which in truth until that time had not been performed, and it was carried out. Praise be to God, and thanks and glory be unto Him in the watches of the night and the ends of the day.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! This petition was submitted the same day your letter arrived, but since it was written in the letter that details would be sent in a few days, in view of this statement there was a delay in sending until the night of the 24th of Dhi'l-Hajja when another letter from your honor dated the 11th of Dhi'l-Qa'da brought light to the eyes and excitement to the soul. Oceans upon oceans of joy were attained and heavens upon heavens of delight were manifest, for it brought glad tidings of health and bestowed the good news of favor. And it was submitted before the Presence at a time when the night before, a Tablet had been revealed in mention of your honor to one of the companions in outlying regions. Copy that exactly, and here it is:

He is the Unique Herald

Verily the lamp before the Face laments like the bereaved for My loved ones and says: O Name of God! I know not at what time they seized you, in what place they bound you, and at what hour they imprisoned you. Do we hear your cry from the dark pit, or do we see you under chains and shackles through what the hands of the enemies have wrought? Would that I knew who is with you, who consoles you, and who befriends you in your tribulation. We have heard all that he has uttered and We have been patient, for verily We are the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. We have detailed for you what has befallen the friends of God in the land who hastened with their hearts to a station which God has made the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His mighty Cause.

By God! The attentive ear hears from all things their lamentation and their cry at what has befallen the Manifestation of the All-Merciful through sorrows, but most of the people are heedless. Counsel the servants to patience and fortitude lest there appear from them what they have been forbidden in the

Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon you and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From the revealed passages in the Tablet, the kindness, compassion, mercy, and the grief, anguish and sorrows of the Intended One, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, are evident and clear. And praise be to God, your honor's last letter became the cause of joy and delight for those who circle round.

As to mentioning the beloved of heart and soul, His Holiness Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power—it is clear and evident that he is mentioned in the most exalted station with words that "his sun shall never set from the highest horizon." Furthermore, considering that the honored mother of His Honor A.T., upon them both be the glory of God, has borne the hardships of His Holiness and is engaged in service, one day from the blessed tongue she was named "Mother of the Near Ones." He said that since they are engaged in service to the Cause, they were therefore given this blessed name. A hundred thousand praises upon them and upon their children. His Honor ʿA.T., upon him be the grace of God, has borne so many hardships. He said: "Verily He hath pardoned them and forgiven them through His bounty and generosity and sovereignty." And He said: "My all-encompassing grace and My pre-existent mercy shall aid them both."

If it be deemed advisable, mention should be made that would bring about their joy and gladness. Otherwise, the greatest concealment must be very firm. And after consideration, if there be a secure place outside the prison where it may be deposited, this would seem better and most appropriate. I have no other petition save to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, for protection, wellbeing, and the meeting and presence of His Holiness. May God through His boundless grace grant the day when eyes shall be brightened, hearts gladdened and breasts expanded. This is not difficult for God. This time too, praise be to God, the letter arrived at the beginning of night. It was read in its proper place, and then ascended and was present before His countenance. After permission was granted, it was visited and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. The glory that is manifest, evident, brilliant and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of the generosity of our Lord, the Possessor of all existence, be upon you and upon those who have not broken the covenant of God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

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BH00284: Praise be to God Who assisted His loved ones…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who assisted His loved…"

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most High Lord.

Praise be to God Who assisted His loved ones to serve His chosen ones and confirmed them through His grace to remain steadfast in His Cause. And praise be to God Who sent the Messengers and revealed the Books that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who caused all things to speak of His unity and singleness, and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur

spoke before the creation of humanity—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of the world, my Goal and the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed the seen and unseen, to transform oppression into justice and tyranny into equity. O Lord! Cleanse all eyes from the ophthalmia of desire that they may turn unto Thee and acknowledge that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest them heedless of turning unto Thee. Make known unto them, O my God, Thy path, Thy balance, and Thy straight way. Deprive them not, O my God, through Thy bounty and grace. Draw those on earth near unto the ocean of Thy oneness and illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the claws of the heedless. By Thy glory! I do not wish to call down evil upon them, for I am certain that Thy mercy embraceth all things and Thy loving-kindness encompasseth all things. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to transform enmity into love, wickedness into virtue, and rancor into kindness. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of all things and the control of adversity and hardship. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

And further: your letter was received time after time, and from each wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. After perusal and reading it attained the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and was presented. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of knowledge. His mighty word states:

In the name of God, the Lord of what was and what will be!

K. the Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of that which was ordained for thee in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to acceptance, to turning unto Him and to serving the friends of God. Thou hast been confirmed in a great blessing whose mention is adorned with the ornament of immortality. The recompense for good deeds rests with God, exalted be His glory, and it will surely become manifest. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother who attained the presence of God and thy other brother who was honored to attain His presence. Verily He hath forgiven you all, for He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Praise the Goal of all the worlds Who in these days hath favored you with His special grace. Blessed is thy mother from whom steadfastness was manifested in the days of fear and agitation. She is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for her. We have made mention of her with a mention that is enduring and everlasting. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings unto her and give her the glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for her from the heaven of the bounty of her Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you from the Ancient Bestower.

The grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, has no need of mention by this servant, neither now nor before. This evanescent one, with both outer and inner tongue, praises the Peerless Beloved for having confirmed that honored one in service to the Cause. What you wrote was acceptable in the sight of God.

God willing, its reward shall soon be manifest. O My loved one! Exercise utmost discretion in sending correspondence. Mention it not to anyone, whether from within or without, for if it were discovered it would not be good for you, and it may well be that its harm would reach the very Root of the Tree and likewise His trusted ones. Among the friends are those who give daily accounts to certain others. This is not new—it existed before and has now emerged again. In any case, discretion is necessary and obligatory. The servant speaks what he heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. Under these circumstances, great caution is most beloved.

As for what one of the friends told you about someone writing to government officials claiming to have gone to Akka and attained the presence—this is an absolute falsehood. No such person ever came to Akka, as the people of this city, both within and without, can testify. Moreover, the Iranian officials know he never came to ʿAkka. And even assuming what he said were true, it would be clear proof of the Truth, exalted be His glory. First, smoking the water pipe is not permitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, so he wished for it and took it, but to no avail. This resembles the deeds of certain heedless ones who will ultimately find their actions fruitless and indeed suffer great loss.

As for the matter of food, where he claimed many covered dishes were brought but when uncovered contained nothing—the speaker was either a believer or a hypocrite. If a believer, he would never utter such words, for lying is among the traits of hypocrites and the heedless. Thus it is clear and evident that he was a hypocrite. Certainly he was not worthy to partake of the food served in the Supreme Presence, so though he desired it, he was not blessed to eat of it. For whatever is presented in the Most Holy Court is the true feast and heavenly sustenance. The Copts have no share of the water of the Israelites, let alone of that station which is sanctified above the mention and description of all the worlds. In any case, outwardly no such things occurred—perhaps he saw it in a dream. The friends of the True One, exalted be His glory, must not today become disturbed by what they hear. For if they pay proper attention and reflect upon what they hear, they will find every word to be a proof and evidence for the Cause. Once these supreme words were heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Names:

> "Every word uttered by the enemies becomes itself a herald of this Most Great Announcement and a guide to this Straight Path."

The people of the earth know not what hath come to pass. The religious leaders have prevented the hapless souls from the straight path and deprived them of the ocean of utterance. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the mother of that honored one, who is mentioned before the Divine Presence and hath attained His special favors. All that they have endured in the path of God in these days is recorded at the Most Holy Court. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the righteous, be they men or women. In this great upheaval, several of the leaves have indeed moved like steadfast and firm men, and have engaged in service to the oppressed ones. In these days, truth is distinguished from all else, and the straight path from other paths is clear and evident. Blessed are the men who have attained, and the leaves who have succeeded. Praise be to God that ye have attained with tongue, pen and utterance to the truth. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor.

All the souls mentioned in your letter are remembered in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, but due to wisdom, it is not permissible at this time to mention names one by one. God beareth witness that all

have been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Providence, and God willing, in future all shall be done according to the requirements of wisdom. For there is fear that if the friends mentioned become aware of the sending of the letter, the news would spread, as the oppressor is ever waiting in ambush that he might find some pretext to object against the friends of God and His chosen ones. Keep hidden from all the sending of letters. This matter hath been mentioned repeatedly that it be not forgotten.

It is essential and obligatory to exercise the utmost caution and protection regarding those who associate with the great calamity and her relatives. Verily, they are among the enemies of God and His friends. Previously these matters were concealed and all were forbidden to speak or reveal anything about Mirza Rida-Quli. However, this year some of the comprehensive malevolence hidden in their hearts has been revealed through the great calamity, that impostor, and from the confidants of Mirza Rida-Quli, one of whom is Mirza Mahmud. All the friends must avoid and shun them. Whatever they learn they spread abroad. What benefit can divine friends derive from association with such malicious, lying and calumnious souls? God's grace protected until last year, but this year a matter hath appeared from them the concealment of which is forbidden. And if visiting Thamirih (upon her be the Glory of God) becomes cause for meeting those veiled souls, that too is not permitted.

Section 2: "O friends! You have suffered hardships and endured…"

Say: O friends! You have suffered hardships and endured so many trials. Preserve your reward and station. By the life of God! Naught is found in that place save the world and whatsoever pertaineth unto it. Thus hath my Lord, the True One, the Trustworthy, informed Me. Some of the helpless ones have imagined that some of them are good, meaning they are among the devoted ones. Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! Never have they been aware of this Cause. Always these souls were concealed. After the migration from the Land of Ta, they heard certain words and for a while clung to them, but afterwards remained deprived. They have returned to the world and become occupied with it.

They consume usury and commit what is unseemly, and say that from which the Concourse on High would dissociate itself. Today those souls inwardly feel the utmost joy at what hath transpired. Those who oppose the friends of God are themselves souls who have never been worthy of mention—like bats they have dwelt and continue to dwell in their holes. In any case, in these days and during this tribulation that has befallen us, some were made fearful and others were made steadfast, while that vile band was made joyful. Light becomes distinguished from darkness in days such as these. Those souls who in these days are engaged in service to the Cause, whether men or women, occupy such a station that the Concourse on High point to them with their fingers.

O beloved, honoured and revered Ibn-i-Abhar, upon whom be the Glory of God and His grace! Some steadfast and upright souls have been mentioned, including your esteemed mother, upon whom be the Glory of God. May you be confirmed and assisted at all times, and may you remain constant in praise, glorification and service, ever-mindful and speaking. Multiple letters have been received from you, and though the lack of response has caused this evanescent one grief, yet due to the wisdom which we are all commanded to observe, there was delay in sending replies. Convey on my behalf greetings, salutations, remembrance and glory to them.

Truly, what his honor Ismullah, upon whom be all the Most Glorious Glory, has written is correct and appropriate. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect them from the deception, trickery and schemes of certain satanic ones. Today deceit and trickery have prevailed; often the hypocrite presents himself in the guise of the faithful and mentions truth, yet his purpose is to find opportunity to insinuate some word. You and they and other friends—that is, the steadfast friends—must protect the weak ones through wisdom and utterance. Verily God forgives all sins.

God willing, may the loved ones of the Cause arise to serve the Cause with perfect detachment and trust, and turn to the reformation of the world. The buzzing of flies, croaking of frogs, and clamor of hypocrites shall not extinguish the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree nor put out the celestial light. Whatever has transpired has been and is the cause of victory, as witnessed before and after. With perfect submission and contentment, this servant and [those souls] must beseech the Exalted Truth to preserve us from discord. Whatever occurs from others becomes the cause of exaltation, but harm to the Cause comes from those who call people to truth in name only. Such souls are many and will soon become manifest. The pure ones must reach such a station that they consider such souls as non-existent.

In the days when I was writing the reply to the beloved Ibn-i-Abhar's letter, upon whom be the Glory and praise of God, He commanded: Write to him:

> "O Ibn-i-Abhar! The Wronged One remembers thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Soar by the power of the Most Great Name above the world, that thou mayest see the reins of all possibilities in the grasp of thy Lord's power, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty. Counsel the servants to patience and calm regarding what befalls them in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds."

God willing, may you ever speak in the name of Truth and remain firm in His Cause. Verily He is the Witness, the Hearing One.

We counsel patience, prudence and protection of the Cause. Previously this exalted word was revealed from the Supreme Pen: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust every newcomer." For a long time this word has issued from the Tongue of Grandeur, yet until now its effects have not been manifested from anyone. What has transpired was not caused by the government alone, nor were the investigator and informer limited to those two. Knowledge of this is with my Lord, the All-Informed. Be vigilant and consider not everyone a confidant. God willing, may the unified and sincere ones strive with utmost effort to reform the condition of the people of the world and heal the disease of the ungodly with the antidote of the word of unity.

The beloved letter of his honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Worlds, was seen. Praise be to God, they are confirmed. The numbered letters arrived and each, after being read and reviewed, was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court at its appointed time. Whatever emanated from the Source of Command and Dawning-place of Divine Revelation was conveyed and expressed in response to their letters. However, there was a delay in sending them, and this was due solely to wisdom. Due to wisdom and the ignorance and unawareness of heedless souls, they were not sent. God willing,

they will be sent henceforth. Some time ago, these words were heard from the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory. He said: “It would be closer to righteousness and more beloved in the sight of God if Ibn-i-Abhar were not to remain in the Land of Ta for some time.” And on another occasion He said: “His stay in the Land of Ta is not permitted. He must proceed to other lands.” This matter requires haste, as his presence in that land for any time is not permitted. He should proceed, detached from all else and relying upon the Ancient Lord. Surely he will act according to what has been written as commanded.

And regarding the mention made of the beloved one, his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu’l-Fadl, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—his mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. Praise be to God, he has received his portion from the fruits of the eternal Tree, such that the preface of the Book of existence shall be adorned with his mention. Obliteration shall not touch it, nor shall the vicissitudes of time and ages and centuries alter it. Blessed is he, blessed is he.

Mention was made of the honored friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ayyub, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of love. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant success to him and this servant, that we may become wholly detached from ourselves and all else, become entirely captivated by the Peerless Friend, cling unto Him, and arise to that which will exalt His Cause. At the beginning of this month, a special visitation was performed on his behalf. I convey greetings and salutations to him, and give him this great glad-tidings that praise be to God, his brothers too have been and are being illumined by his light. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance on their behalf.

Mention was made of the honored lady, daughter of the Most Truthful Name of God, upon her be the Glory of God, and the honored Hudhud, as well as the light of the eyes, upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, all have been and are recipients of God’s favors. The Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon those who have been patient and have spoken that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The servant 14 Muharram 1301

BH00993: Praise be to God, and peace and blessings be…

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

Praise be to God, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophets and Messengers, whom God made the manifestations of His Self, the dawning-places of His revelation, the recipients of His knowledge, the treasuries of the pearls of His recognition, and the repositories of His precious trusts; and upon their friends, their loved ones, and their children. Then effulgent, radiant, resplendent and brilliant blessings be upon their Lord, their Source, their Seal, their First and their Last, and upon His children and companions who forsook the world for the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And then—my spirit be a sacrifice to your remembrance—the letter of that loved one was a lamp, bright and luminous to the heart, and through its contents joy and gladness were attained. After its reading and perusal it was presented before His presence. Likewise the letter of the beloved heart, his honor S.M., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and also the letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Huda, upon him

be [the Glory of God], which they had sent, were honored to be heard. May he, through divine grace, be blessed and may the Euphrates of mention and utterance in praise of the Beloved of the worlds flow and stream forth from the dawning-place of his words.

How many souls there are from whom whatever is imparted unto them is seen to be like an impenetrable rock, without effect or fruit; and how many souls there are who, upon merely hearing the rustling of the Divine Tree, are observed with sighs ascending and tears flowing. This is why He says: The companions of the right hand and the companions of the left hand are all seen today struck down by the blast of the trumpet, save whom God willeth. The effect of the trumpet has encompassed the world and all are observed as hollow palm-trunks. Beseech ye God that the Israfil of the spirit may breathe into the prostrate, lifeless temples a breathing whereby all may be adorned with the new and wondrous garment of life and may speak forth "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds."

This is the day when intoxication hath seized all. Blessed is the soul whom human conditions have not deprived of the Most Sublime Vision. Say: Remember thou Huda on behalf of the Wronged One and say: Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and hast sought the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and the hosts of the heedless and the clamor of the turn-aways did not prevent thee. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: O my God! By Thy might and Thy majesty and Thy beauty and Thy tenderness and Thy mercy and Thy sovereignty, wert Thou to be mine I would be independent of the world, and were Thy glance to turn toward Thy servant I would ward off from me the oppression of the peoples.

Thou art He Who created me and provided for me and made me manifest and nurtured me until Thou didst give me to drink, by the hands of Thy bounty, the cups of Thy recognition, in such wise that I turned unto Thee with my heart and my tongue spoke Thy praise and my face was set toward the horizon of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! Thou seest me cast out for Thy Name's sake and wandering through the lands in Thy path. I beseech Thee to confirm me in all conditions upon that which I have been, O Thou Possessor of Glory and Majesty, and Sovereign of Power and Grandeur! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. End.

Praise be to God, they have attained His grace—glorified be His majesty—and have been mentioned at His threshold with such mention that every letter thereof testifies to His bounty, mercy and grace. God willing, may they attain unto this and be quickened by a new spirit from its breezes. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The beloved verses from the heart and soul of His Honor Shaykh, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. He said:

> "We have heard his prose in praise and remembrance of God, and likewise his poetry."

The true lover hath at all times a state whose mention transcendeth the utterances of the people of the mortal realm. Praise be to God, the Euphrates of remembrance floweth from him and the nightingale of utterance warbleth upon the Lote-Tree of his heart. Verily We have remembered him with gracious mention and have sent down for him that which cooleth the eyes of the mystics. From this station We

pronounce Our glorification upon him and send Our blessings upon those who have attained in the days of God and have held fast to His firm cord.

The poetry of my beloved, His Honor Haji Shaykh—upon him be the Glory of God and His grace—was in truth adorned with perfect joy and fragrance. It is as though the servant perceived from it the sweet-scented perfume of his sincerity unto God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. He beseecheth God for his assistance and success in the affairs of this world and the next. Verily He is powerful over all things. Blessed be he and joy be unto him.

Another matter to present is that there is a sum written somewhere which according to His command must reach His Honor S.M.—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—that they may deliver thirty (30) thereof to His Honor A., upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, and twenty (20) to His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Taqi [upon him be the Glory of God] to deliver to his father, making fifty tumans in total. Whenever received, let it be delivered.

The mention of His Honor A. and the loved ones—upon them be the peace [of God]—who are imprisoned for God and in His path, was made during nights and days at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. This servant conveyeth his glorification and greetings unto them with the utmost humility and reverence. For God's sake is their essence, and for God's sake their acceptance, and for God's countenance their imprisonment. Blessed are they and blessed is he who remembereth them and loveth them in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds.

In this blessed year, whosoever hath been subjected to hardship and tribulation hath been reckoned among the imprisoned ones. From this matter the divine favors toward the imprisoned ones are evident and manifest. Blessed are they that perceive and blessed are they that discern, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

If answers to some of the loved ones have been or are delayed, there is no harm, for that eminent one is present and aware of the multitude of occupations, and above all is the consideration of wisdom according to the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, in these days that which is as antimony of jewels for the eye of the world and as a heart for its temple shall be sent. The command is God's, the Lord of creation.

The servant 17th of Muharram al-Haram 1301

BH02131: Praise be to God, the tongue of Whose grandeur…

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

Praise be to God, the tongue of Whose grandeur speaks in all conditions that which was spoken before the creation of the heavens and earth—that there is no God but Him, the One, the Bestower. He sent down the Book as a grace from His presence and ordained therein what befits man. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Master of the Day of Return. And blessings and peace be upon those who, through their blood, aided God's Cause, raised up His law, and spread His signs throughout the realms and lands.

That which that beloved one sent was received. Its expression was the dawning-place of a new utterance and its mention was the source of joy and gladness. After presenting this, this most exalted Word was revealed from the highest horizon—His blessed and exalted Word:

> "Grieve not over anything. Trust in all matters in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Then consider them with wisdom and utterance. He will assist you and teach you what He desires and will deliver you as a grace from His presence. He is the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. We have heard your mention and praise and humility and submissiveness and supplication, and We have remembered you with that which cannot be described by pens. We beseech God not to withhold from you the stream of His mercy which has preceded all created things. Glory be upon you and upon My friends in those parts who were not stirred by the tempests of the heedless and their words and deeds in the days of God, the Lord of all men."

When His Holiness's letter arrived, an answer was hastened with utmost speed, that perhaps news might reach His Holiness Ism'ullah, as it has been some time since any outward token of favor has been shown to them from the Most Holy Court, although all that is revealed is replete with mention of them. However, due to wisdom, nothing has yet been sent to the prison. Therefore now, briefly, several Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor and sent to them and also to those souls mentioned in their letter—let them deliver these to them. A detailed letter from this servant bearing divine utterances was sent from another direction—God willing that too will arrive. However, that beloved one must exercise great discretion, that is, regarding the companions in the land of Ta, for if it spreads in that land there is danger of harm to the prisoners and others. Several Tablets were also revealed specifically for the friends of that land—God willing they will be sent. And the gentlemen who were mentioned in that beloved one's letter have all been blessed with mention by the True One, glorified be His majesty. Perfect favor has been shown to each one, manifest and evident. God willing its effects will become visible and apparent in the land like standards.

This evanescent one also expresses nothingness and evanescence in service to all, especially in service to the honored gentleman, the illustrious Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha. The Glory shining from the horizon of grace be upon your honor and upon God's loved ones and chosen ones who remember Him at eventide and dawn. And praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Separation.

The servant 15th of Muharram al-Haram 1301

BH10909: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O thou who art wronged and estranged! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee and consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind. We have remembered thee at eventide and at dawn with that which hath caused the fragrance of My loving-kindness to be wafted to all regions. Upon thee be My peace and My glory and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH11283: We have sent down upon thee, from the heaven…

He is the Most High, the Most Exalted.

We have sent down upon thee, from the heaven of the Bayan, the showers of wisdom and divine knowledge, that in the hearts there may spring up the ears of certitude, and that each grain thereof may cry aloud:

By God! The Day of Return hath come; therein hath the hidden been disclosed, and the decree of the Book made plain.

BH00234: Praise be to God Who hath aided His Cause…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath aided His…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath aided His Cause through the enemies who have seated themselves upon the thrones of tyranny in the realm of creation and have perpetrated that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament. Praise be to God Who hath made all that appeareth on earth a cause for the exaltation of His Word, the advancement of His Cause, and the manifestation of His grandeur amongst His servants. He is the One Whom neither tribulation hath deterred from that which He hath purposed, nor calamity and affliction from that which He hath willed. He hath uttered a Word whereby the heavens of religions were rent asunder, the earth of knowledge were cleft, and the traces of those who denied the All-Merciful were obliterated. Exalted is He Who hath exposed the falsehood of every turban-wearing soul who hath clung to vain imaginings. He is the One Whom neither the hosts of the world nor the multitudes of nations can frustrate. Soon shall they behold their stations in the fire and what hath escaped them in the days of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

May salutations and peace, shining forth and dawning from the horizon of the Abode of Peace, rest upon those whom the veils of the heedless have not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and whom the swords of the oppressors have not deterred from the Great Announcement. They arose and said:

> "O concourse of divines! For what sin have ye risen against us, and for what crime have ye pronounced judgment against the companions of the Crimson Ark, whose praise hath been sung by the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Exalted Horizon, and whose recognition hath been testified to by the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which speaketh betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but He, the Lord of all men, the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below?"

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of knowledge hath surged and its pearls have appeared among the servants, and the breezes of Thy Revelation have wafted throughout all lands. I

beseech Thee to aid Thy chosen ones who have quaffed from the hand of Thy bounty that which transcendeth all description and mention, to serve Thy Cause in such wise as to cause the backs of the idols to tremble. Verily, Thou art the Protector of all people and the Sovereign of all days. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones scattered throughout Thy lands and dispersed throughout Thy realms. O Lord! Scatter the gatherings of those who have scattered their gatherings and seized what was in their possession, and who have committed that from which the denizens of Thy most exalted Paradise and the inmates of Thy sacred precincts have disassociated themselves, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names!

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy grandeur to pour forth upon them patience from Thy presence and to make firm their feet in such wise that the doings of Thy creation and the tyranny of Thy servants shall not cause them to slip. O Lord! Thou seest how the clouds of oppression have darkened the horizon of justice and equity, and how the dust of tyranny hath prevented the lights of Thy justice and the manifestations of Thy bounty from shining forth. I beseech Thee to aid the oppressed among Thy chosen ones whose sighs Thou hearest from the prison of Ta and other lands. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power and might every possessor of knowledge hath testified, and to Whose strength, grandeur and ascendancy every possessor of insight hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the All-Subduing.

And further, the servant has attained thy letter which called out and cried aloud and testified to thy love, thy affection, thy acceptance, thy humility, thy reverence, thy teaching work, thy steadfastness, thy remembrance and thy praise of the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal. When the fragrance of thy words enveloped me and the wine of thy exposition intoxicated me, and thy inner secret and confidences in God and His Cause became apparent to me, I turned to Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. And after I attained His presence and made my submission, the Tongue of the Desired One spoke verses which none knoweth save Him and none can mention save Him, and from them wafted the fragrance of His loving-kindness in such wise that all regions were perfumed thereby. I confess and acknowledge my powerlessness to mention and reveal them, but I shall mention for thee what was impressed upon the mirror of my heart according to my capacity.

He said, exalted be His utterance: “O Haydar! The Wronged One hath heard thy call in the Cause of God, thy joy in His love, and thy sorrow at what hath befallen His loved ones. By the life of the All-Merciful! Sorrows have encompassed all possibility and the people are in doubt and hypocrisy. The enemies have surrounded the party of God, the Lord of Names, in such wise that the Most Exalted Paradise hath lamented, and the dwellers of the highest Heaven and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. O Ali! Sorrows have not prevented thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the oppression of the nations hath frightened Him. He calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven saying: ‘The Day of the Promise hath come, and the Lord of Creation proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Munificent.’

“O Ali! The children have desired to extinguish the light of God with their mouths and to quench the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree by their deeds. Say: Shame upon you, O manifestations of vain imaginings! Fear God and deny not this bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined. Say: The Dawning-Place of the

Hidden Name hath appeared, did ye but know it. He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, did ye but recognize it. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by this Most Great Revelation—turn unto it with radiant hearts and be not of the heedless ones. The Hour hath come, and We see the people struck down—to this do honored servants testify.

"O Haydar-ʿAli! By God! The trumpet of the Bayan hath been sounded by the command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and all in earth and heaven were thunderstruck save those who have detached themselves from the world, clinging to the cord of God, the Lord of mankind. This is the Day wherein the earth shineth with the light of thy Lord, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. We desired the life of the people of the world, yet they desired My death—thus did their souls delude them on this Day which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of its Lord, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. The Mother Book speaketh, yet the people hear not; and the Preserved Tablet hath appeared in truth, yet most people read it not. They have denied God's favor after its descent and turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. They have clung to the hem of idle fancies, turning aside from God's Hidden Name.

"Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair, by God, then bring forth what proof and evidence ye possess, if ye be of those who have attained this praiseworthy station. Say: Turn ye toward the Dayspring of God's Revelation, that We may show you the equivalent of whatsoever ye possess, and whatsoever the peoples possess, of the signs of God, and His clear tokens, and His proofs, and His testimony. Fear God and be not of them upon whom the chastisement from God, the Lord of existence, hath been decreed. This is the Day wherein the ocean of knowledge calleth aloud and revealeth its pearls, if ye but knew it, and the heaven of utterance is upraised in truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

By God! The Essence of knowledge proclaimeth and saith: The Promised One hath come, He by Whom the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, have been adorned. Through Him every grace and bounty hath appeared and unto Him shall all return. Fear God, O concourse of the ignorant, and wrong not them who desire naught save that which God hath desired, and follow not your selfish desires, if ye be of them that hearken. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish and ye shall weep for that wherein ye failed in the Cause of God. To this testifieth this inscribed Tablet.

"Be thou joyful for how We have remembered thee before and at this time with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off nor shall it change throughout the eternity of God's names, the Lord of all worlds. We have accepted thy remembrance and praise and promotion and service in this Great Announcement and We have heard what thy tongue hath uttered in the gatherings and assemblies. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have adorned thee with the ornament of My good-pleasure in My kingdom and have called thee from the right side of the vale in the luminous spot behind the crimson sea from the divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have created thee for My service and the exaltation of My Word and the manifestation of My Cause. Hold fast unto that for which thou wast created by the command of the Ancient Ordainer.

"And We make mention of My loved ones at this time and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors and what hath been ordained for them in My perspicuous Book. Ye have heard the derision of the enemies in My love and have witnessed the oppression of the wicked in My path, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

How many lands have been adorned with your blood in the path of God, and how many cities wherein your cries and lamentations were raised, and how many prisons whereunto the hosts of the oppressors led you. Know ye with certainty that He will aid you and exalt you in the world and make manifest your stations among the nations. Verily He doth not suffer the reward of them that are nigh unto Him to be lost.

Beware lest the deeds of the daysprings of idle fancies and what every remote oppressor hath wrought cause you to grieve. Take ye the cup of steadfastness in the name of God, then drink ye thereof through His strong and mighty sovereignty. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet the sun of My compassion and loving-kindness that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. The splendor that hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon them who have turned unto thee and have heard what thy tongue hath spoken in this mighty and great Cause.

> "Praise be to God! The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised in such wise that were the hearts of the people of the world to incline even slightly they would be attracted and set ablaze, nay all things, but the conditions of self and passion have veiled all the people of the world from the Lord of mankind. Fie upon them whom their selves and desires have debarred from God, the Lord of all worlds. This evanescent servant must render thanks and praise to the true Beloved by the number of all created things, for from the Supreme Pen the decree of His good-pleasure hath been revealed specifically for that spiritual beloved. All good is unto him who hath attained unto this most exalted station and supreme rank. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. In these days mention of that beloved hath repeatedly proceeded and appeared from the tongue of grandeur. God willing, ye shall attain unto the presence of each one."

Regarding those gentlemen, friends, and chosen ones of the land of Sh whom you mentioned, praise be to God they are adorned with the ornament of the love of God and are remembered and known by His Name in the Supreme Concourse. When this matter was specifically presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, each one was blessed with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and these exalted words were revealed from the Dayspring of the Cause, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs—His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O Haydar-Ali! The friends in that land have attained the remembrance of the Wronged One of the world and are mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. We have made mention of Ha and Sin in numerous Tablets and in the Crimson Book which none has comprehended save God, the Lord of lords, and We have revealed for him that before which verses bow down—the Mother Book bears witness to this. And We have made mention of Ali with such remembrance as has enraptured all things, and beyond them all who possess hearing have inhaled the fragrances of these days. O ʿAli! Be thou of such constancy that neither the cawing of those who have denied God nor the croaking of those who have rejected this Cause—whereby feet have slipped—shall sadden thee. We have made mention time and again of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn—He Who speaks at this hour bears witness that there is none other God

but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy name from which the sincere perceive the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God, the Lord of all beings. We counsel thee to perform pure deeds for God alone and that whereby His Cause may be exalted amongst His servants.

We have made mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and of what hath been sent down for him from this station. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in My days. We have previously sent you that which shall testify for you in private and in public. Hold fast unto God's cord and His strong rope, then assist His Cause in your days through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. We send Our greetings to Our loved ones there and counsel them regarding deeds and character, and that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen at all times. We have made God's utterance, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, the weapon of those near unto Him. Take hold of it in the name of your Lord. By the life of God! Through it shall they who are in all regions be subdued. Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge within the niche of utterance, and I am verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Section 2: "O My loved ones! Upon you be My…"

O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Ye have seen what no eye hath seen and have heard in My path what the ears of the world have not heard—to this testify the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawningplace of evidence. Ye have heard the roaring of the enemies in their hatred for Me; hearken now unto My most sweet call. Nothing in all creation can compare with it—He Who summons the world to the most exalted station bears witness to this.

In truth, they have attained that of which others are deprived, save whom God willeth. God willing, may they all arise to serve the Cause and speak that which is the magnet for attracting the world—and that is the utterances of God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Beloved of the world that if people would hearken to the divine utterances for but a few brief moments, they would surely become sanctified from the world and all who dwell therein and would arise to serve His Cause in such wise that no tribulations would hinder them or deprive them. In this Most Great Revelation He says that the weapons of the divine hosts have been and shall ever be praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and pure words. This weapon never grows dull nor needs polishing. This is what the servant heard from the tongue of his Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

This evanescent servant offers greetings and glorification to his honored, esteemed and beloved, His Holiness Anis, whom the idolaters made a captive and paraded through the lands. God the One is witness that he has ever been and shall remain before mine eyes, and in all conditions this evanescent servant beseeches confirmations for him. Likewise the aforementioned gentlemen—may God's peace be upon them—this evanescent servant offers greetings and salutations to each one, and is utterly abashed, for his eminence Shaykh S-L—upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]—was departing and this servant was not successful in offering any mention, praise, expression of devotion, love or affection. God is witness that this evanescent one was so occupied with writing that sleep nearly lost its way to my eyes. But since this service pertains to God, exalted be His glory, and its fruits are for all, surely the excuse of this evanescent one is acceptable and valid. I beseech God, exalted be His station, for confirmation that He may enable

this evanescent one to make up for what was missed, for verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to the mention of His Holiness the Afnan, Aqa Mirza Ibrahim—upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God—made at a special time in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes, thereupon the Tongue of Utterance smiled and spoke that which creation is powerless to recount. The servant mentions according to a known measure. His word, magnified be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Grace

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One from the prison to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it calleth all unto God and guideth them to His extended path. The Promise hath come to pass, the mountains have been scattered, the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been split, and the Speaker of Sinai proclaimeth upon the branch of utterance: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! We make mention of thee and of those who have held fast to the Sure Handle, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth this Cause which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of understanding from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those who understand not. Take what ye are commanded by God and follow not every ignorant rejected one. Say: God commandeth you to righteousness and godliness. Act according to what ye are commanded and be not of those who are heedless. Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of earth nor the clamor of every heedless one shut out from God shall prevent thee.

We have adorned thee with My kinship—this is a bounty that equals not what hath been created on earth, whereunto testify sincere servants. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones there who have turned to the Face when Its lights shone forth from the horizon of the world, and who responded when the Call was raised from Its praiseworthy station. O party of God in that place! Hearken unto the waves of this ocean: Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving. Aid your Lord through the sword of utterance, with the wisdom wherewith ye were commanded in My inscribed Tablet. Grieve not for those who have wronged, nor feel secure from those who claim to believe. How many a heedless one hath made his confession a means to his desires, and how many a wretched one confesseth to discover your station. Thus hath God counseled you aforetime. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My friends there, and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. End.

Praise be to God! That honored one hath attained, through God's favor—exalted be His glory—to His grace. This evanescent one expresseth utter evanescence and nothingness before him, and beseecheth God to increase at every moment his stations as an Afnan. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what was written about attention being directed to the Land of Verdure and its environs, this matter was submitted, and it was commanded that at this time attention to those regions is not permissible. At one time, this most exalted Word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, saying:

> "O servant present! Those souls who have been favored by God's grace and who take precedence over all others have been and are counted as few in number. These souls must conceal those persons of note and keep hidden their acceptance and belief. Whatever becomes manifest from them in the Cause of God must, out of wisdom, be kept veiled from eyes and withheld from ears."

Indeed, this is a most important matter requiring careful thought, for it can become the cause of great tribulations and universal harm. For example, if an honored and well-known person observes that mention of him has spread abroad, and this would cause the degradation and lowering of his station, he might arise with utmost oppression to prevent any diminution of his rank, station and honor. In truth, observance of this matter is essential. May God, exalted be His glory, inspire that which is beneficial for all.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God. His petition was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, and a Tablet was revealed for him specifically from the heaven of divine will. God willing, he will attain unto it and through its fragrance perfume the people of that land. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered on a dark night. His word, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His majesty: He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

By God! The Mother Book hath appeared, calling all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The seas cry out: "The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, from whose waves is heard: ʿThere is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed!"' The trees exclaim: "O peoples of the earth! The rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath been raised, and the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen. Hearken ye, and be not of the heedless!" The sun proclaimeth: "O concourse of divines! The heaven of religions is cleft asunder, the moon is split, and all are gathered unto a wondrous resurrection. Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Whom the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, bear witness unto."

The story of the Mount hath returned in this Revelation, and He Who conversed upon it proclaimeth: "The Desired One hath come, seated upon the throne of certitude, if ye be of them that understand." He hath counseled all concerning that which will exalt the Cause of God and guide all to His Straight Path. How many a bondsman hath been entranced by the Call of God, and how many a ruler hath risen in tyranny such that the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the people of this glorious station have lamented! How many a poor one hath quaffed the wine of divine revelation, and how many a rich one hath turned away and denied, even to the point of disbelieving in God, the Lord of this blessed and wondrous Day! Say: Fear ye God, then judge fairly concerning this News, before which, when it appeared, every momentous news hath bowed down.

Say: O company of the ignorant! By what proof would ye justify your belief in God's previous Messengers and in that which hath been sent down from His mighty and impregnable kingdom, were ye to deny Him?

Will that which ye possess profit you? Will your riches protect you? Nay, by the Self of God, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Cast away what ye have composed with the hands of fancy and idle imagination, and take fast hold of the Book of God which hath been sent down by His binding and mighty command.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of thy Lord's loving kindness, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, is diffused. We beseech God to make thee a standard in the city of His remembrance, and to exalt thy station in this Cause, beneath whose shadow the sincere ones behold all the tribes of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him to grant thee the best of what is in His Book. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Be thou steadfast in helping His Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him this Day, and steadfast is he whom the hosts of the oppressors have not frightened. The Glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the kingdom of utterance be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed His sealed wine in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and have drunk thereof despite those who have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed, and denied this News whereunto God Himself hath testified in His mighty and ancient Book. We make mention of those among thy kindred who have believed, and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor and mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds, for the waves of the ocean of His bounty follow one upon another and the winds of His grace succeed each other. O beloved of my heart! Although sorrows have encompassed from all directions, the Supreme Pen moves and is occupied in both night and day. May the spirit of all in the world be a sacrifice for the traces of His Pen. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to that mentioned one. It is hoped that they may attain the fragrance of divine verses which have descended from the heaven of will especially for them, attaining that which neither diminishes nor changes. The Command is in God's hands—He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

A Tablet was also revealed and sent in the name of Shaykh S-L. They had mentioned Jinab-i-Yusuf Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained to the bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent one conveys greetings to them. Multiple Tablets have been revealed and sent especially for them. God willing, may they attain to the traces of the Supreme Pen and act according to what befits His days. Their mention has been and is in the Most Holy Court. This is glad tidings from the servant to him.

Regarding the mention they made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Husayn (Ba), upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented in the Most Holy Court, pearls of mention appeared from the ever-flowing sea of utterance in the form of these words. His blessed and exalted Word:

In His Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Husayn! Be prepared for the descent of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Verily the All-Merciful desires to cast upon thee the pearls of divine knowledge from the ocean of His mighty, exalted

grace. Is there any possessed of sight who will witness and see? Is there any possessed of hearing who will hear My sweetest call from the highest horizon? Is there any possessed of heart who will turn to the Ultimate Tree in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects will weaken him? He speaks with wisdom and utterance throughout all possibility and testifies to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but Him, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and there hath been revealed for thee that which all the books of the world cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, but most of the people are heedless. We have called out from the horizon of proof to all who are in the realm of possibility. Among them are those who have been so attracted by the fragrance of their Lord's utterance that they have cast away all that people possess out of longing to attain the presence of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Among them are those who were perplexed and hesitated, those who hastened and soared and answered their Ancient Lord, those who turned away and denied until they disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and those who pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused every discerning one to lament.

We called them to the living waters while they ruled to shed My blood with manifest injustice. Thus hath the sun of explanation dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful. When thou attainest unto its lights, glorify thy Lord's praise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds! Blessed art thou and those whom neither the world nor its ornaments have prevented from this luminous horizon. Convey My greetings to My loved ones. We counsel them with the wisdom whose decree We have sent down in My wondrous Book.

Section 3: "And likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Darab…"

And likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Darab and Mashhadi Baqir, upon them both be the Glory of God. This is what was revealed for them from the kingdom of the grace of our Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. His mighty word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Most Exalted Pen! Let not the oppression of the divines, nor the tyranny of the rulers, nor the clamor of every vain and worthless soul grieve thee. The more intense the tribulations, the more We have commanded thee to raise a greater call than that which thou didst raise before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the Unconstrained. Leave the children to play with dust—thus doth the All-Bestowing command thee at this moment wherein He maketh mention of His servant Darab. Run once to the right and say: O people of the right hand! Your eyes are solaced by the rising of the Sun of Manifestation! And again to the left and say: O people of the left hand!

Die in your wrath! The Hidden One hath come, and the Treasured One hath appeared, and before Him speaketh the Mother Book. O people of Baha! Let not the doings of the enemies prevent you from the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish, and there shall remain unto you that which God hath sent down in the final end. This is a day wherein the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branch of divine knowledge, the Path hath appeared, and eyes are dazzled. Thus have the heavens of utterance

revolved through the movement of the finger of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and the Crimson Ark hath sailed upon the sea of grandeur by the command of God, the Lord of Lords.

We make mention of him who is named Baqir and those with him, that they may rejoice in God's loving-kindness and mercy. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O My loved ones! We counsel you regarding what befitteth your stations and this Cause which God hath made sanctified above all mention. Take hold of God's Tablet with the strength that proceedeth from Him, then remember Him in the night season and in the days, at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the greatest veil and heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree from the direction of the Most Great Scene. He is assuredly among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Books and Tablets. Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast behind them the vain imaginings of men, clinging to the hem of the robe of their Lord, the Possessor of all creation.

O My beloved! The world's desires have prevented it from recognizing its ultimate end, and wealth hath veiled it from its highest purpose. They cling to a drop while heedless of the ocean; they hold fast to the book while deprived of the Mother Book. What intoxication is this that hath encompassed the world, such that they truly cannot distinguish between the sun and its shadow? Greatness belongeth unto God, power belongeth unto God! In truth, this evanescent servant beholdeth himself in the utmost wonderment, for he observeth that a Cause whose truth is more evident and manifest than the sun, the sea, the heaven and the earth—from this are all veiled and deprived. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to bestow by His blessed hand from the ocean of His bounty upon the dead that which shall cause all to live, that all may taste the sweetness of life, the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, and the sweetness of His bounty, and may move throughout the world like unto the spirit. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what you wrote about the friends in those parts having set aside a certain sum for the prisoners in the land of Ta, the servant thanketh his Lord that He hath assisted them in that which beseemeth them in such days and circumstances.

And as to what you wrote regarding their having kept back some funds so that no hardship would befall that honored personage (AF), upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, this matter, after being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, was accepted, to such a degree that He said:

> "Blessed is he and joy be unto him, for he hath regard in all matters for the glory of God's Cause, His sovereignty, the exaltation of His Word and the promotion of His wisdom. O thou who art present! Beseech God that the teachers may in all conditions have regard for that which causeth the fragrance of sanctity to be diffused among His servants. Blessed is Haydar-ʿAli! We have truly testified to Our good-pleasure with him, and to this My Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness in this station and other stations. The teachers should accept from the Huquq only what is necessary, and that too if it be offered in a spirit of joy and radiance."

Although sufficient conditions for teachers have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, in these days, while this servant was writing a petition to one of the Afnan of the Sacred Tree, this supreme utterance was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur—exalted be His glory and sublime be His station:

> "We beseech God to aid them to serve His Cause and to teach what the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book, in such wise that neither what is witnessed nor what is seen may become a veil or obstacle. God willing, may they be adorned with the robe of piety, the mantle of detachment and the crown of severance. What hath been mentioned is like unto weapons for the teachers, nay rather, more penetrating, more decisive and more effective."

The beloved of the heart, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, had also written last year concerning this matter, and his purpose was that any teacher who is divinely assisted and commissioned for this mighty task should have with him only what suffices for his needs, and in whatever land he entereth, perfect detachment should be manifest from him. In truth, this matter is the greatest ladder for the ascent, rise, acceptance and attention of the peoples. Detachment and severance are two wings for the flight of those who are captives of self and passion to the atmosphere of nearness and the presence of God. Praise be to God that His Honor hath acted in accordance with what is acceptable before God. This is a great station and a mighty rank.

His Honor the Afnan (Alif Ha), upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and some others have labored greatly. In truth, they have acted upon whatever lay within their power and have not fallen short in exalting the Word, promoting the Cause and spending. Since His Honor was not content with their hardship, he should inform the loved ones of God with utmost joy and delight, that perchance hereafter the honored Afnan, upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory, might find rest. Although God, exalted be His glory, bestoweth whatever is befitting, yet since in these days their business affairs have suffered some loss, therefore it is more conducive to piety that they be relieved for a while. O beloved of my heart! Great favor hath been shown to them. Although at present this matter is hidden as it should be from them and others, yet God our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, will make it manifest.

That you wrote mentioning your presence at the home of Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, together with the friends of God, upon them be the Glory of God—this was presented at the Most Holy Court. These are the words uttered by the Beloved of the worlds and the One mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers, exalted be His glory:

> "O Fadlu'llah! The grace of God, exalted be His majesty, is manifest and evident in thy behalf, for thou hast been blessed with His mention and thy name hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison. All the Prophets, saints and chosen ones have testified and do testify to the greatness of this bounty. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. We have mentioned each of the beloved of God who were present in that gathering, and the name of each hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Blessed are they. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon them and upon My chosen ones and loved ones there and in other lands, and We counsel all to patience and forbearance in what hath befallen the righteous and in that which will exalt the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And regarding what you wrote about the handmaiden of God [name], sister of Muhammad, who hath ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon—this was presented before the Throne, as was her petition, and these are the words uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in response, exalted be His utterance and His mention:

“He is the Hearer, the Answerer. O My handmaiden and My leaf! Rejoice that thy cry hath ascended to the Divine Lote-Tree and it hath answered thee from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, there is no God but I, the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have appeared and made manifest the Cause, and guided all to the Straight Path of God. We have ordained the laws and commanded all to that which will profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. Yet they have pronounced death upon Me. By this the Maiden of Heaven hath lamented, the Mount of Sinai hath cried out, and the Faithful Spirit hath wept. They have deprived themselves of the outpourings of these days by following every ignorant remote one. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, turning to the ignorant ones who claim knowledge without any proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having cast aside idle fancies and held fast to the cord of God, the Strong.

“Consider the grace of God, exalted be His glory. How many kings and queens of the world, after seeking and yearning and waiting, remained deprived of the Goal of the world’s inhabitants, while thou hast attained unto it. God willing, thou shalt succeed in performing such deeds whose fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God’s names, exalted be His glory. By God’s life! All that is visible on earth cannot equal the words ‘O My handmaiden.’ Soon shall the eyes of the world be illumined by what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou and blessed is the mother who nursed thee.

> “Know thou the value of this station and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the doubts and intimations of the suspicious ones may not hold thee back from standing firm. The sun of certitude is shining while people cling to vain imaginings; the ocean of knowledge is surging while the people hold fast to the hem of the ignorant. These chronic diseases can be cured only through the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and mercy. We have desired for thee a station—therefore praise and thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.”

Praise be to God for His bounties and favors! The showers of the divine springtime have been and continue to be the portion of those who seek, those who yearn, and the faithful handmaidens. The rays of the Sun of generosity are so manifest that should all created things together turn towards Him, they would attain to the ocean of His grace. We beseech His seas of generosity and bounty to adorn all with the lights of guidance and deprive none from this peerless favor. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Your other letter dated the 15th of Dhi’l-Qa’dah brought boundless joy to the world and bestowed gladness. May you ever be gladdened through the grace of God, exalted be His glory.

Regarding what you wrote about J.M.Sh., upon him be the Glory of God, some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent specifically for him in the company of Shaykh S.L., upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be assisted to serve the Cause. Although grievous errors were manifested from him, yet God has pardoned him through His grace. Now the gaze of favor is turned toward him, and it is hoped that through God’s infinite bounty, exalted be His glory, whatever is beneficial for him will descend from the heaven of grace and be ordained by the Pen of Destiny. Man knoweth not what harmeth him or profiteth him. He knoweth and doeth what befitteth His loving-kindness toward His loved ones. However,

what this evanescent servant has beseeched for him is that in these days he may act for God and in the path of God in such wise that the fragrance of immortality may forever waft from it throughout all kingdoms. In any case, I beseech from God that which is for the good of His servants.

Regarding what you wrote about his having departed out of respect for God's Cause without informing others—this matter was highly acceptable before the Throne. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak, exalted be His glory:

> "It behooveth one like him to do as he hath done, and it beseemeth one like him to teach his Lord's Cause."

At one time this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of all being and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, exalted be His glory:

> "Detachment and severance are as the two greatest luminaries for the heaven of teaching. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most great station and this most pure and most mighty habitation."

As for the Tablets that were requested, they have been sent both with and without names. Likewise, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed and sent from the heaven of divine Will specifically for the friends in Abadih, upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of Oneness. Blessed are they, blessed are they! Theirs is a goodly beginning and end.

Section 4: "Regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Sh.K…"

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Sh.K. (T.R.), upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God that he has attained to the grace of God, exalted be His glory. He has been mentioned repeatedly in the Most Holy Court, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent specifically for him as well. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make him steadfast in this Most Great Cause in such wise that he may be pointed to with fingers of recognition. His movement and attention at present would be unwise. Should God will, He will write for him from His Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining His presence. These are words the servant heard from the tongue of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory be upon him.

As to what was written concerning the passages specifically sent for his honor Khan, upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—to explain in detail, those passages did not belong to Khan himself but were requested by another, thus they were sent. And now it is not permissible to give them to him; according to the command they must reach that honored one—let him request them. When mention was made of the beloved of the heart, his honor Shaykh Ali, who attained in the earliest days before most others, and likewise mention of the honored Afnans, upon them be all His most glorious glory, at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold according to that beloved one's letter, these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause—exalted be His grandeur: "O Haydar-Ali!

The fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze and the Interlocutor of the Mount is manifest and speaking. By the life of God! If the friends of God were to turn even slightly, the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance would so attract them that its effects would encompass the earth. And likewise they would

become so enkindled by the fire of the Lote-Tree that the effect of its heat would become evident in all things. This enkindlement and attraction, in relation to its means, is sometimes manifest and sometimes hidden—that is, at times manifest under the shadow of the Name the Manifest' and at times concealed under the shadow of the Name the Hidden.'

Upon ʿAli be My glory, and likewise upon the Afnans, upon them be My glory—from their acceptance and orientation and enkindlement, hearts and souls are set ablaze and the effects of that enkindlement exist in the world, though now hidden. Soon will the world witness their attraction and their enkindlement and the effects of what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. They must give thanks to God for this bounty, the like of which exists not in the world and which no people have ever attained." A hundred thousand regrets and losses for those souls who remained veiled and who, through false and slanderous words, were deprived of the supreme horizon and the most exalted summit. Thus have We adorned the heaven of Our bounty with the sun of Our utterance for My friends, upon whom there has befallen in My path that whose reward is treasured in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! The beloved of the heart, his honor Shaykh ʿAli, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, attained in days when the horizon of the Sun of Truth was not free from clouds, and the river of divine mercy was flowing in the innermost mystery, and the face of the Cause was hidden from all eyes and sight. A hundred thousand blessings upon them, for in such days they reached the Most Great Ocean and received their portion from the lights of the Sun of Truth. And likewise the honored ones, their honors the Afnans, upon them be all His most glorious glory, have attained to a station which this servant is powerless to mention, for God, exalted be His glory, has adorned them with the honor of relation to Himself. The entire world cannot equal one utterance of "O My Afnan!" Let alone the verses that have been specifically revealed for them which testify in most eloquent terms to their station before the faces of the world. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

And likewise those honored ones, and the saints of the one true God—glorified be His majesty—whose names had been mentioned: each one hath again and again been vouchsafed the grace of the divine favour; the recompense of all is with God, and shall neither be lost nor diminished. I swear by the Sun of Revelation! a single soul, raised up in the love of God, is remembered in the sight of God, and is inscribed, by the Most Exalted Pen, in the Crimson Scroll. Were I to recount them one by one, and to set forth their station, I should needs occupy myself with many registers and the compilation of numerous books. God Himself will make manifest His Truth. This servant beseecheth God to confirm them, at all times and under all conditions, in steadfastness, in service, and in that sincerity whereunto all things bear witness, and whose fruits may be made manifest and apparent in the world.

And as to the mention that had been made of Jinab-i-Muhammad—before (kh-a)—and of Jinab-i-Mirza Abu—may the glory of God rest upon them—namely that, praised be God, in the earliest days of youth they had turned their faces towards the Most Exalted Horizon: this matter was submitted in the Most Great Presence. This is what hath been sent down for them from God, the Most High, the Most Great—His word, blessed and exalted be He.

In the Name of the Wronged One!

The All-Merciful hath revealed this Book from the Kingdom of Utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe betide every heedless doubter. This is the Day illumined by the lights of the Countenance, wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Final Return!" Thy mention hath been made in this station, and We have revealed for thee that which the tongues of creation are powerless to recount. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been remembered in the Most Great Prison, and the Face of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards thee from the Most Exalted Station. We have revealed the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and We have called all to the Straight Path.

Among the people are those who have turned away and denied, and among them are those who have pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or evidence. The first to turn away from Us were the divines of the earth in this age, who call upon My name by night and day while reclining upon their lofty cushions, yet when I manifested Myself, they rose against Me in such wise as caused the very pebbles to cry out. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned unto it, and for having answered thy Lord when He came with power and sovereignty.

And this is what was revealed for the other one. He, exalted be His glory, saith:

In My Name, the One manifest from the horizon of utterance

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested His Cause in such wise that all things have spoken. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared, to Whom all atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The eyes of those near unto God have been gladdened by this Revelation, whereby the Tree of Sinai hath spoken, the darkness hath been illumined, and the Dove of the Cause hath cooed upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. How many a servant hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many a king hath turned away from God, the Lord of all kings.

Blessed is the heart that hath turned, and the face that hath been directed, and the ear that hath heard this Call which hath been raised from this praiseworthy station. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in the Prison and for having taught me that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and inscribed in Thy Books. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to cling to the hem of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

And as to the mention made of the Leaf, the sister of Jinab-i-Aqa Ghulam-Husayn—upon them both rest the glory of God—this was laid before the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible Threshold. This is what hath been revealed for her, and for those leaves who have turned unto God and believed in Him, the Incomparable, the All-Informed—His word, exalted be His glory, and mighty His utterance.

He is the Dayspring that hath risen from the horizon of Revelation.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast been made to attain this most great bounty in days when most of the divines and notables of the earth are deprived thereof. We have made mention of thee by the name of "Leaf," that thou mayest, even as the leaves, be

stirred by the winds of the Will of God, exalted be His glory, even as the leaves of the trees of the earth are stirred by the blowing of the winds. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this clear remembrance. Shouldst thou discover the sweetness of the words "O My handmaiden," thou wouldst find thyself detached from all the worlds, occupied day and night with the remembrance of the one intended Lord.

We have mentioned each of the leaves and handmaidens who have drunk from the waters of the Most Merciful's mercy and who are turned toward the Court of God, in most wondrous utterance. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. God shall soon reveal their station in a place that cannot be described by mention nor characterized by attributes. We counsel thee to that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause amongst His servants and handmaidens. He heareth the call of His loved ones and beholdeth their deeds. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And as for the mention made of the Greater Lady (upon her be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) who is known as Hajiyyih, it was submitted and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for her:

O beloved of My heart! The waves of the divine ocean of bounty are such that no one can comprehend them or adequately render thanks. The very essence of praise, glorification and thanksgiving finds itself evanescent and wanting in this arena. In days when the arrows of tribulation rain down more abundantly than showers from the heaven of hatred, and when the darkness of malice encompasses all directions, the Supreme Pen speaks in such wise that a hundred thousand essences of spirit are found thunderstruck. With a hundred thousand expressions of humility and supplication do I beseech Him to awaken the heedless and give them to drink from the ocean of knowledge. He is the Bestower, He is the Giver, He is the Munificent, He is the Generous, He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. I have strayed from the subject. This is what was revealed for her, His words, exalted be His glory:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, Who hath turned toward thee from the prison and maketh mention of thee. He hath aided every seeker, answered every call, and guided every wayfarer. Today the straight path is manifest, the balance of justice is set up, and the lights of the sun of bounty are shining. However, the darkness of oppressive souls hath become as clouds between the sun of bounty and the people of the world, becoming a veil and barrier. Blessed is the one who hath rent asunder the veil and become illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation. How many souls who counted themselves among the wise and learned were, on the Day of God, deprived and forbidden from all bounties. O My leaf! O My handmaiden! Know thou the value of this bounty, and likewise the mercy that hath preceded thee and guided thee to the highest horizon. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the steadfast handmaidens and gladden them with His favors.

And this is what was revealed for the spouse of His Honor Anis, upon them both be the glory of God:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing

O My Leaf! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. We have sent down from the heaven of Revelation that

whereby faces are illumined and eyes are gladdened. The Promise hath come, yet the people perceive not. The Promised One hath appeared, yet they understand not. He hath come unto Whom the world hath submitted and the pillars of the nations have been shaken—they who have violated the Covenant and the Testament. He Whom they remember by night and by day hath come unto them, yet they have turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the Spirit of the Cause to lament and the Throne to cry out from its exalted station. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having chosen thee for His servant who was for numbered years a captive in the hands of the idolaters, and delivered him by a command from His presence—and He is the Ordainer of what was and what will be.

O My Leaf! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who hath illumined thine eyes with the light of His knowledge and caused thine ears to hearken unto His most sweet call—a call that is raised at all times, at eve and at morn. The Hand of Grace took thy hand and brought thee from the darkness of idle fancies to the dawning-place of certitude. We beseech God to aid thee in that which befitteth this lofty station. He, verily, hath forgiven thee and thy mother. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We give thee and her the glad-tidings of My mercy and My favor, and We make mention of thy brother's wife and give her the glad-tidings of My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 5: "The effulgences of the Sun of Truth have…"

The effulgences of the Sun of Truth have so seized upon the chosen ones, the loved ones, the steadfast women and the leaves that, by the life of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, were they to hear the divine verses with the ear of truth, they would all become so enkindled as to set the world aflame—meaning that every soul in whom remaineth a trace of spirit would attain unto true life. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

At this moment, having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, until entering the Station, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and His most sweet utterance is this: "O servant! What wert thou occupied with?" It was submitted: "With writing replies to the letters of his honor Mirza and making mention of the chosen ones." At that moment this supreme word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of creation—exalted be His glory and mighty His power: "We desire to make mention once again of the stars of the heaven of knowledge and to counsel them with that whereby the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Blessed are they in that they have turned, hearkened, responded, and attained unto that which the learned and wise ones of the earth have been heedless of, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the worlds.

They must hold fast unto unity and concord in such wise that the differences of the world may not cause division and separation. They must arise with utmost dedication to reform the world, and must at all times guide heedless souls to the ocean of wisdom through wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may become aware and be freed and detached from all else but God. And We command Our loved ones to preserve their stations. By My life! For each one a station is ordained that the pens of the world are powerless to describe. Blessed are they! Blessed are they!"

In truth, this is the Day of deeds, actions, wisdom and utterance. In one of the Tablets this exalted Word hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen—exalted be His utterance:

> "In all matters be ye guided by wisdom. Wisdom is the greatest remedy. How often it transformeth the denier into a believer, and the enemy into a friend. Adherence unto it is binding, for in most of the Tablets this theme hath been revealed from the heaven of the Will of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of the Light of Unity. Well is it with them that act accordingly."

At all times hold fast unto that which will lead to the exaltation of the Word of God. Goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character are the hosts of God in this Most Great Revelation, and likewise are blessed and sanctified words. These hosts attract hearts and unlock doors. This weapon is mightier than any weapon in the world. I beseech God to assist all to act in accordance with what hath been revealed by His Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets.

In all conditions I implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, for assistance. Without His bounties, no thing among all things hath borne or beareth fruit. His is the grace, the bounty and the generosity, and His is that which the nations are powerless to describe.

That beloved one's other letter dated the 23rd of the revered month of Sha'ban was indeed as water of the bow for the thirsty heart of the Lion. Praise be to God, it brought complete joy. Whenever a sweet fragrance wafteth from the direction of that beloved one's love, it is truly like a musk-laden breeze for this evanescent servant. It perfumeth the nostrils of the soul and manifesteth the heart with renewed strength, for it is entirely adorned with mention, praise, service and love of the Beloved of the world. Therein was recorded what befell the people of God in the land of M and A. Exalted, exalted is the deed of Ali, the mention of Ali, the utterance of Ali, the steadfastness of Ali, the martyrdom of Ali, the effacement of Ali, the sobriety of Ali, the ascension of Ali, and the loftiness of ʿAli! By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, there hath been manifested from him such steadfastness as hath adorned the heaven of power, and such oppression as hath caused the Maids of Paradise in their chambers and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise in their lofty stations to lament.

In truth, it would be a pity for such blood to be shed in vain and freeze upon the ground. The excellence of his deed was that none of them saw any opposition, and nothing contrary to wisdom occurred. Purely for the sake of God did he sacrifice the most precious and noble things of the world. Blessed is he, a whole world of blessedness is his! The words, utterance and mention of this servant are not worthy of this station, but there hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which is befitting. His is the praise in all conditions.

In these days it is not advisable for that honored one to turn towards those regions, and especially regarding the captives of that land who have arrived at the prison of Ta, magnificent and glorious verses have been revealed and sent. The mention of that land, its captives and its martyrs hath been and is present before the Most Holy Court. Journey to the land of Ta is also not permissible this year, as complete trust cannot be placed even in those within. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Concealer, the Generous.

With regard to the mention of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, what they had intended was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and was accepted. However, they stated that mention of him is not permitted at this time, as the corruptors of the earth are in motion and seeking pretexts. They also stated that his services in this path have been and are remembered, and for some time a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been specifically revealed for him but not yet sent. It will be sent in these days, and another Tablet was also revealed in these two days. God willing, he will attain to both of them.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Haji Ali and his wife, upon them both be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Speaker of Sinai uttered, exalted be His grandeur and glorified be His majesty:

> "This matter was accepted before the Divine Presence. Yes, what the aforementioned Haji has done, meaning in the marriage of the daughter of Dhabih, upon him and her be the Glory of God. We have mentioned him before and on this day with that which brings joy to the eyes and causes spirits to soar. Give him My glad-tidings and remind him from the Wronged One of what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all beings. God willing, may they spend their days with joy and fragrance and unity and harmony, and be occupied with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds in the evening and at dawn."

End quote.

In truth, remaining in the Land of Ta at this time yields no fruit. God willing, the son of His Holiness Dhabih, upon them both be the Glory of God, will hold fast to what is right and will not cause division. Even if only for a change of air, their turning toward the land of Jinab-i-Haji is beloved. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist all to that which He loves and with which He is pleased. And peace be upon those who follow guidance.

Another submission: Jinab-i-Mahbubi-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, has repeatedly mentioned your honor. In truth, they are focused on truth and speak the truth. They have not let go of what is right and God willing will not do so. In any case, good mention of your honor has been repeatedly heard from them. May God grant success so that all may be enabled to do what befits this blessed Day.

The souls mentioned in your letter have truly drunk from the ocean of love and are gazing toward the horizon of grace. This evanescent non-entity bears witness to this regarding them and begs God, glorified be His majesty, for their success. Some time ago, Holy and Exalted Tablets were specifically revealed for all from the heaven of Divine Will and God willing they will be sent. I beseech and hope from the Exalted Truth that all may attain to the fragrances of the verses of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the world.

Regarding what you wrote about the Huquq, that the aforementioned Haji intends to pay it, this is from God's grace which He bestows on whomever He wishes. Praise be to God, they were assisted to act according to what was revealed in the Book. The amount they agreed to give this year was divided according to command. The details will be presented. I beseech God to assist them to mighty deeds and

bestow blessings from the heaven of grace. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about the Sacred Resting Places of the Most Exalted Leaf and the Greatest Holy Leaf and His Holiness the Afnan, the Most Great Uncle—upon them both be all the Most Glorious Glory—and the petition of him who attained and other souls, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold of the Lord of all beings and was granted acceptance. In truth, this is a most exalted bounty, for no obliteration can reach it and no removal can affect it. That such a bounty should be manifested from the Supreme Pen in the days of the Revelation indicates its station and rank. In truth, they have attained unto an everlasting robe and an eternal adornment. Blessed are they, happy are they, and joy be unto them. This mention shall be immortalized in the Book of God and its fragrance shall be diffused amongst the servants. This beginning is sanctified from ending and conclusion. In this regard, utterances were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, including these exalted words—His glory be exalted:

> "The Sun of divine utterance shall never set, and no sunset shall follow it."

Thus is the station of immortality, to which our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, bears witness. And specifically, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in this regard, namely concerning the conferral of custodianship of the specific Sacred Resting Places therein to his eminence Fadl, who attained the presence of God in prison, and other souls whose names were revealed in the Tablet, as a command from the All-Knowing Commander. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Command—exalted be His utterance:

He is the Commander, the All-Wise

O Fadlu'llah! We have appointed thee and the four known ones mentioned before the Face as custodians of the Resting Place of the Most Exalted Leaf and the Shrines associated with Us there, and We have placed the custodianship in your hands as a glory for you and your descendants, for as long as the earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure. Be thankful to God for this everlasting dominion and perpetual bounty. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Arise with firm and steadfast determination to serve that which has been entrusted to you by God, the Possessor of all that was and shall be.

Likewise, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty regarding the acceptance of the house and garden of his eminence H and S, upon him be the Glory of God. His majesty be exalted and His grandeur be magnified:

He is the Truth, there is no God but Him

O Husayn! We have accepted thy house and thy garden and have adorned them with the ornament of acceptance, and We have designated them as a dwelling place for the friends who travel and journey through the lands for the promotion of the Cause and the exaltation of God's binding Word. We have appointed thee as their custodian and servant, and We have ordained them as an enduring, eternal remembrance for thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Hearing, the Responding.

Praise be to God! Two suns have appeared from the horizon of the grace of the Ancient Lord—meaning two Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Desired One of the worlds. Each speaks with the most eloquent utterance through the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they attain unto them and act upon that which they are commanded. Likewise, the Huqúqu'llah which Haji Ali, upon him be the glory of God, was enabled to pay has all been accepted, and this blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful. He says, blessed and exalted be He:

> "We have accepted what he offered in the path of God. Blessed is he who hath succeeded in discharging the rights of his Lord."

After acceptance, as commanded, it was divided: fifty designated for the prisoners of Ra and Shin, forty designated for the prisoners of the land of Ta, and fifty from Shaykh S.L. was taken for certain travelers—this amount should reach them. And fifty should be sent to the Most Holy Court, and one year's worth was bestowed upon Haji Ali himself—meaning it was gifted to him. This is truly a great bounty and mighty favor for one who is assisted today in serving the Cause and paying the rights of God, for its effects and fruits endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

We beseech God to enable us to remember and praise Him, to perform good deeds, to speak goodly words, to manifest pleasing and acceptable character, and to arise to serve His firm and mighty Cause. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His station, that He may inspire all to recognize the greatness of this time and station, that all may know the value of this day and arise as befits it. Verily He is the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful. May the glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon you and upon the companion and upon God's loved ones and chosen ones there who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament and whom the ranks and hosts have not frightened. Praise be to God, the Lord of this Promised Day.

Section 6: "Praise be to God once again! I have…"

Praise be to God once again! I have attained unto your handwriting. Regarding what you wrote about the beloved companion and the honored ones Aqa Mirza Siyyid ʿAli, Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon them be the glory of God and His favors—on the seventh night of the month of Safar, one hour and twenty-five minutes after sunset, intending the supreme heights and the seat of the Throne, what you wrote was presented before the countenance of the Ancient Lord. He recited the blessed verse revealed in the Most Holy Book, His mighty utterance and exalted remembrance: "Marry, O people, that from you may appear one who will make mention of Me amid My servants. This is My command unto you; hold fast to it as an assistance to yourselves."

Then this supreme word appeared from the Most Exalted Kingdom, exalted be His majesty: "O servant in attendance! All matters have been and are in the grasp of divine power, and whatever He commands is beloved. We have mentioned each of the souls mentioned in such wise that all things are attracted by the wine of remembrance and speak in praise of the One remembered. This is of God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Write to them that poverty itself seeks glory. By the life of God! True poverty is like an ocean and the glory of the world like a drop, but the glory of the Friend ever gazeth

with humility and submissiveness upon the friends, is turned toward them and is seated with them." Thus ended His words.

After mention of poetry and the Covenant by his honor Aqa Mirza Siyyid ʿAli and likewise the requests of other gentlemen, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory: They must act according to what hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book from the Kingdom of God's Will. The Supreme Pen inscribeth the reward of attainment unto His presence for each one in the Crimson Book. He raiseth up the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. None can say "why" or "wherefore." This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that after bestowing the supreme bounty—namely, the reward of attainment unto His presence—circumstances may arise whereby they may outwardly attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion.

When this bounty will be made manifest and the Sun of permission will shine forth dependeth on His will. Yet praise be to the Goal of all existence Who, through His infinite grace, hath bestowed that which no thing among all things can equal. The reward of attaining His presence is a mighty blessing and it is the everlasting heavenly feast. Praise be to God that they have attained it. A hundred thousand regrets for those souls who remain heedless of today's bounty and are veiled and unaware of the lights of the Sun of Truth.

As for what you wrote regarding spending the night at the holy and sanctified resting place of His Holiness the King of Martyrs and the Beloved of Martyrs—may my spirit be a sacrifice for them both—in the land of Sad: By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, His Holiness performed what is among the most excellent of deeds. How can this poor nothing adequately render thanks for this, or the other friends who dwell in that land? This servant, on behalf of himself and them, confesseth to powerlessness and shortcoming. When utmost bewilderment had overtaken me and I was immersed in the sea of contemplation, it occurred to me to visit, on their behalf, the Spot that "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." This is a deed for which a hundred thousand million worlds would constitute profit upon profit. Immediately I engaged in praise and thanksgiving to the Peerless Beloved and sought permission. After the Sun of permission rose from the horizon of His Will, I presented myself and attained the visitation, which was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This is a deed for which no likeness or peer hath been or can be imagined. His is the praise and the bounty, His the grace and generosity and mercy.

As for the mention of the family—upon them be His most glorious splendor—and the bounties and love they showed to you: In truth, they are worthy of this station. They have ever been engaged in service to the Truth and have shown the utmost love toward His loved ones. Whatever befell them through the oppression of the oppressors—namely the Wolf and the She-Serpent—did not prevent them from the love of God. They are steadfast, and this is a most exalted station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to keep them assisted and confirmed. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God—a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of bounty specifically for him and hath been sent. God willing, he shall attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful—a draught whose ultimate bounds are sanctified and exalted. Let him drink thereof and give others to

drink. Such souls, if they conduct themselves with wisdom and remain firm and steadfast in the love of God, shall receive the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory. They must engage in teaching with the utmost wisdom, that perchance the people of those regions may catch the fragrance of the Revelation and hearken unto the call of the Friend, and act in accordance with that which shall profit them. This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, for His honor, upon him be the Glory of God. These are His blessed and exalted words:

In My Name, the Manifest One, Who speaketh from the Supreme Horizon

The Wronged One makes mention of him who has turned to the All-Knowing, the One, and has recognized His unity even as the Supreme Pen hath recognized it when it moved within the arena of utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the recognition of its Lord, and woe betide every heedless doubter. Man is like unto a tree. If he be adorned with fruit, he hath been and will ever be worthy of praise and commendation. Otherwise, a fruitless tree is but fit for fire. The fruits of the tree of man are exquisite and highly desired and beloved—praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, and pleasing words are accounted as the fruits of this tree. The spring season of trees is witnessed each year, but the springtime of human trees is the Days of the Manifestation of God, exalted be His glory. If in this divine springtime the trees of human existence become adorned with the aforementioned fruits, then verily the light of the Sun of Justice shall encompass all who dwell on earth, and all shall find themselves at rest and content beneath the shade of Him Who is the Desired One.

The water for these trees is the Kawthar of utterance of the Beloved of all creation. In one moment they are planted, and in another, through the showers of the mercy of the All-Merciful, their branches are seen reaching toward heaven. A withered tree is not and hath never been worthy of mention. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the ornament of endeavor and hath arisen to serve the Cause. He hath attained unto his purpose and hath recognized that for which he was created.

Alas, a hundred thousand times alas, for the heedless souls who are in truth like unto dried leaves scattered upon the ground. Ere long shall the wind of death return each one to their appointed place. Heedless did they come, heedless did they live, and heedless did they return to their abode. At all times doth the world cry out with its loudest voice, saying:

> “I am evanescent, and my appearances and colors are evanescent. Take warning from the differences and changes that occur within me and be ye admonished.”

Nevertheless, there is no eye to see and no ear to hear.

The true ear proclaimeth this day and saith: “Happy am I, for this is my Day, inasmuch as the Voice of God is raised.” And the essence of sight declareth: “Blessed am I, happy am I, for this is my Day, since the Ancient Beauty is shining resplendent from the Most Exalted Horizon.” The people of Baha must at all times beseech and supplicate the Lord of Names that perchance the people of creation may not be deprived of the effusions of these days.

All the divines were wont to utter these words, and I repeatedly heard them say in the days of My childhood: “O what is that Word at which even the holy ones take flight?” Say: That Word is now made

manifest, and ye fled before hearing it, and ye perceive it not. And that blessed, hidden, treasured and concealed Word is this: “He” hath appeared in the garment of “I,” and the “Self-Subsisting” speaketh forth with “I am the One Who is manifest.” This is that Word at which the limbs of the disbelievers have quaked.

Glory be to God! In all the Books of old mention hath been made of the greatness of this Day, the greatness of this Revelation, the greatness of its signs, the greatness of its Word, the greatness of its steadfastness, the greatness of its station and rank. Yet despite this, the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom. The Prophets yearned to attain unto this Day. David saith: “Who will bring me into the strong city?” The strong city is Akka, and its fortress is firmly established, and the Wronged One is imprisoned therein. And likewise in the Qur’an He saith: “Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God.” In most of the divine scriptures and books, mention of this Day hath been recorded and inscribed with utmost clarity.

The divines of the age have forbidden the people from this most exalted station, this sublime summit and ultimate goal. Blessed art thou, who hast not allowed the darkness of vain imaginings to prevent thee from the light of certitude, and whom the might of days hath not withheld from the Lord of all names. Know thou the value of this station and beseech its protection from God, exalted be His glory. In all conditions, the eternal dominion hath been and shall ever be His and His loved ones. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to God’s mighty cord.

Praise be to God that the effulgent rays of the Sun of favor have encompassed all, and such bounty hath appeared that every novel mention hath confessed its powerlessness to describe it. This evanescent one beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to protect all—namely the friends and the masters—from the evil of the deceitful ones, the treacherous ones and the crafty ones. He is the Protector of all, the Powerful over all, and the Encompasser of all.

And concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza ʿAbbas, upon him be the glory of God, that in his early days he is aflame with the fire of love and engaged in service—this matter too was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke, exalted and mighty be His Word:

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

God willing, may the new saplings, through the rains of divine mercy, be adorned with wondrous and delightful leaves and fruits. Today the rays of the sun of grace have encompassed the world. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it, and woe unto every doubting heedless one. Joy unto the trees that move by the winds of God’s will, exalted be His glory. In thy early days thou didst attain unto the recognition of God and service to His loved ones. God willing, throughout all conditions and days of life, mayest thou remain focused on the supreme horizon, enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the lights of His countenance. The Command is in the hands of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee.

This evanescent servant also conveyeth his pure greetings to all, again and again. I am now ashamed to write further, for I have caused much trouble. Would that each minute of these days were a thousand

minutes, and each hour a thousand hours, and this servant were enabled to occupy himself with the mention and praise of God's loved ones. Though even then he could not properly fulfill this task, yet there is hope that this wish may find expression and become established in deeds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory shining forth from the heaven of our Lord's favor be upon your honor and upon those who are with you, who love you, who hearken to your words, who aid you and who support you for the sake of God, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former days.

Another submission is that for each and every one of the friends of God—both men and women—who were mentioned in your letters, a most sublime, most mighty and most holy Tablet was sent down from the heaven of bounty and dispatched. This servant recorded these both in the original letter and separately wrote and sent each Tablet. Praise be to God, they were mentioned repeatedly. As for that which is not in the form of a Tablet, meaning certain revealed passages, that beloved one should send copies thereof to their intended recipients. Likewise, one most mighty, most holy, most glorious and most luminous Tablet was revealed specifically for that beloved one and was sent, as a bounty beyond what was revealed in the letter. God willing, they will attain unto it. And according to that honored one's request, Tablets numbering the Greatest Name were sent without names.

As for the Tablets revealed specifically for the friends in the land of Sh, these were sent to the spiritual beloved, his honor Anis, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, that he may deliver them. And those specifically for the friends in Abadih were sent to his honor Afnan, Aqa Mirza Aqa, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, that he may forward them. God willing, may the fragrance of the divine verses and holy words that have emerged from the treasuries of knowledge embrace them all and confirm them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He has power over all things. Praise be to God, the One, the Mighty, the Peerless.

The servant 19th of Muharram al-Haram 1301

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BH08453: Thy call hath been heard and thy turning unto…

He is the One Who speaks between earth and heaven.

Thy call hath been heard and thy turning unto God is evident. We beseech God that He may aid thee in a matter that shall endure and abide and never be effaced from the pages of time. This Day was promised in the divine Books and all were awaiting it, yet when it dawned from the horizon of God's Will, all were found heedless save a few who turned with faces illumined unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. The ones who have turned unto God must know their worth and recognize their station. Blessed is the soul that heard the blessed words "Am I not your Lord?" and attained unto "Yea." Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of this mighty Prison. The glory of God, proceeding from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, be upon thee.

BH08335: That which thou didst send hath been received…

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven

That which thou didst send hath been received, and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One hath presented it. We have heard it and respond to thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou before Whom the learned have confessed their powerlessness to soar into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge, and the mystics have acknowledged their inability to befittingly praise Thee!

I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy Most Great Signs, and the Manifestation of Thy Most Exalted Attributes, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned to Thy most exalted horizon when he heard Thy sweetest call. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones through the hands of Thy Command.

Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

BH01089: Glorified be His Most Exalted Station, His Grandeur…

Glorified be His Most Exalted Station, His Grandeur and His Power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear evidences and caused the Supreme Pen to speak forth betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And blessings and peace be upon Him Who is the source and end of existence, the Ultimate Goal and Refuge, through Whom the Morn of Revelation sang and the Nightingale trilled upon the Mount, and upon His family and companions through whom the horizon of the world was illumined and the Temple of the Cause was established upon the Most Great Throne—they who strove in the path of God with their wealth and their souls until the valley flowed with their might and the Zawra smiled through their benevolence.

To continue: O My loved one! Thy missive hath arrived, and manifest is the effect it hath produced. By the life of God, it was spirit itself, adorned with the remembrance of Him Who is the Goal of all creation and embellished with the praise of the Best-Beloved of all the worlds. Your reward is with God.

God willing, be occupied at all times with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Give out the Tablets according to the requirements of the time, for in these days some are fearful, some are anxious, and for others, due to wisdom, it is not permissible to give them. Ye must wait until the time is ripe, and time arriveth more swiftly than lightning. The intention is that until ye are informed of the conditions of the friends, make no mention of the Tablets. Every sapling in the Garden of Utterance that deserveth the water of mercy, bestow upon it the water of inner meanings, and God, exalted be His glory,

saith “Well is it with him.” This matter should be before the eyes of that loved one according to the command.

Counsel all the friends to patience, calm and dignity, and say: O friends of God in the earth! Ye are honored in all the divine worlds through the name of the True One, but in this transient world which will end more quickly than aught else, ye have been afflicted with abasement. In the path of the one true God ye have heard taunts and witnessed tribulation, ye have been imprisoned and have laid down your lives, but because of the tyranny of a few heedless ones, ye must not transgress the bounds of God—that is, ye must not molest any soul. All that hath befallen you hath been for God’s sake, this is the truth, no doubt lieth therein. And now too refer all matters unto Him, trust in Him and commit all unto Him. Assuredly He will not abandon you, of this too there is no doubt. No father delivereth his child to the lion, and no shepherd entrusteth his sheep to the wolf. Surely he exerteth his utmost in their protection. If for a few days, in accordance with consummate wisdom, outward affairs proceed contrary to one’s desire, there is and was no harm in this.

The intention is that all should fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast to that which hath been revealed in the Tablets. They should not step into the realm of corruption, nor place their feet in the arena of contention and conflict. They should assist God, exalted be His glory, through the hosts of patience and resignation, through goodly deeds and character, and through wondrous and sublime words. In these days, in one of the Tablets, this exalted word hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen—glorified be His utterance:

> “At all times, hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character are the hosts of God in this supreme Revelation, and likewise are blessed and goodly words. These hosts attract hearts and unlock the gates of cities. This weapon is sharper than the weapons of the world.”

Ask God to assist all to fulfill that which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets.

By the Day-Star of the heaven of inner meanings! If the friends were to act, or had acted, according to that which was revealed, the whole world would guard them as the pupils of their eyes, and the hosts of the unseen would protect them from behind. All things have been and are among the hosts of God. The winds are reckoned among His troops, the mountains among His armies. Moses with but a staff threw the world into turmoil, for it appeared through God’s command and arose to serve Him. God willing, it is hoped that the hidden staff will part asunder the sea of self and passion, and guide all unto God. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

According to His blessed command, in the Land of K thou shouldst convey greetings to the mother of the sanctuary—upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God—and likewise to the paternal aunt and the daughters of the paternal aunt and all the kindred, one and all, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s favors and the mention of the Wronged One. In truth they have suffered greatly in the path of God. They have not been, nor will they be, forgotten, and are mentioned in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Some time ago, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to each one; therefore, this time there was a

pause. We convey greetings to each one of the men and women, and give them glad-tidings of God's special favors.

And likewise, gladden the rest of the friends in that land with the mention of the Most Great Scene. The honored cotton-carders are truly engaged in service. Blessed are they both. Verily, We make mention of them and give them glad-tidings of God's favors and mercy. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the kindred of Muhammad-Sadiq—upon them be My Glory. God willing, may they manifest that which God loveth and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book, and with the hosts of deeds and character rout the ranks of the devils. God willing, may all attain unto the hearing of the Call of God and hold fast unto His path. End.

This evanescent one begs that greetings and salutations be conveyed to each of the gentlemen and friends who are present in that land. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

The servant, in the first of the month of Safar, 1301.

BH11075: Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings…

…Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Desire of all created things! I beseech Thee, by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to do that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. Then send down upon him who hath turned unto Thee the rain of Thy bounty and Thy mercy, and ordain for him, through Thy grace, the good of both this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lie the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00866: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the laws and made them a stronghold for His servants and a cause for the preservation of His creation. Blessed is he who hath clung to the Book of God and acted according to what He hath commanded, and woe unto the heedless. And prayers and peace be upon the Lord of both worlds and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth, through Whom the Kingdom of Names was illumined and the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" was raised, and upon His family and companions, the manifestations and repositories of knowledge and wisdom, through whom cities and villages were subdued and the law of God, the Lord of all creation, was spread, and upon every steadfast, firm and trustworthy follower.

And now, your letter arrived and the correspondences were received and given to their owners who will send their own replies. Your deeds are, God willing, accepted. Praise be to God, they are remembered in all conditions and are occupied in service. His Holiness Afnan (may all glory be upon him) sent a letter to this lowly one. Among other matters, he had written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ali-Rida (may the glory of God be upon him). It is hoped that a reply will be sent. I beseech God to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In truth, he is engaged in service.

The latest news is that the beloved of heart and soul, Jinab-i-Varqa (may the Most Glorious Glory of God be upon him) was given expenses and sent to his former location. And regarding the prisoners T and R, they had written that there is complete hope that they will be released in these days. This is the news that has arrived from various directions. Knowledge is with God. However, regarding the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Varqa (may God's favors be upon him), a word was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen, and His Holiness Afnan has given him this glad tidings. Verily He knoweth and we know not what is with Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding the Tablet of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-ʿAli (may the glory of God be upon him) from the people of Q, which they had written about, it was sent this time, and likewise the Tablet of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Isma'il Haji Malik, wherein mention was made of his deceased brother, wife and son, and likewise in other Tablets whatever needed to be mentioned has been mentioned. You will observe that God willing the rest will be sent later, and most of these Tablets this time are, as commanded, in this lowly one's handwriting.

And regarding what they mentioned about Jinab-i-Akhund Mulla Husayn and the maidservant of God (may the glory of God be upon both of them), it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and this supreme word was revealed in response. His mighty utterance is:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Husayn! The oppressed One of the horizons is surrounded by the people of discord, who with utmost effort strive to extinguish the divine light and quench the fire of the divine Lote-Tree. What benefit did their fathers and ancestors who previously girded themselves for these deeds obtain? By the life of God, they incurred a loss which cannot be remedied! The heedless souls followed suit, unaware that the Truth is ever-watchful and vigilant.

Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for thou hast hearkened unto the call of Husayn—that Husayn Whose appearance after the Qa'im was promised by God to all the world. His is the Manifestation of Whom it is said that all the Prophets and Messengers will gather beneath His banner—meaning they will attain to the recognition of His Cause. Praise be to the Goal of the world and the Ancient King Who hath enabled thee to attain this exalted station and most high rank. Guard it through His Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And likewise, addressing His handmaiden, His word, exalted be His glory, was revealed thus:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

O handmaiden of God! Mention of thee hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and in every year there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty, specifically for thee, that which no earthly thing can equal. Were the friends of God to become aware and know the station of the Word that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them, it is feared they would perish from joy and gladness. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the commanding Word of God—such a one hath attained an everlasting bounty. Convey on behalf of the Truth greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and give them the glad-tidings of His grace and favor, that they may arise as beseemeth the days of

God. He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path and acquainteth whomsoever He desireth with that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in thy vicinity, who were not deterred by the clamor of the oppressors.

Praise be to God, the honored one, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise the leaf who is known as the handmaiden of God, have attained the bounty of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed be they both and joy be unto them. The Afnan, upon him be from all nine [glory] most glorious, hath mentioned their two brothers and what that beloved one hath written. This evanescent one beseecheth the Truth that in this Revelation no sapling and no plant be deprived of the spring rain of His generosity.

As to what they wrote regarding whether permission is granted to bring someone on their return or not, this matter was presented. Thus did the All-Merciful speak in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His utterance: We have granted thee permission in this, that there may be with thee one who remembereth God in the evening and at sunrise. God willing, may all the peoples of the world attain to the mention, praise and service of the Cause. If one faileth to attain this station, in truth his existence hath yielded no fruit and his tree hath borne no fruit.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth at all times that He may cause all to attain unto His good-pleasure and adorn them with this crown which is the greatest of all the crowns of the world. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Another submission to his honor, the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious: I convey greetings with utmost sincerity. His letter arrived and brought complete joy. Since this servant had no matter requiring his attention, no separate letter was submitted. What he had written was the undoubted truth. I beseech God to sanctify His loved ones from that which causes their own abasement and degradation. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

All praise be unto His Presence. Please convey greetings and salutations to his honor, the esteemed and kind friend Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Ghaffar, upon him be the praise of God. I implore and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success and aid him in preserving what has been bestowed. Verily He is the Answerer, the All-Knowing.

Another submission: Please convey, on behalf of this evanescent one, expressions of utter nothingness and effacement to each and every one of the divine friends in that land. Peace, praise and mercy be upon you all, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 5 Safar 1301

BH00749: The command belongeth unto God Who, through a wave…

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

The command belongeth unto God Who, through a wave from the ocean of His trials, hath drowned countless souls whose number none knoweth save His all-knowing, all-informed Self. Exalted, exalted is He at Whose word all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, then through another word of His were raised up servants whom none hath known save He, and He is the Truth, the All-Numbering, the

All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Word in one station is expressed as the Trumpet, and when it is blown again, behold, they stand and gaze.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy Cause, and the might of Thy Revelation, and the divine realm of Thy glory, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon all existence that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, guide them to Thy path, acquaint them with Thy station, cause them to speak Thy praise, and attract them to Thy mighty and impregnable Kingdom. Then protect, O my God, Thy Afnan who hath risen to serve Thee. This servant testifieth that he hath, for numbered years after being enkindled with the fire of Thy love and tasting the sweetness of Thy utterance, arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that all things behind me bear witness to this. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your standing and service. The honored letter dated the 11th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was graciously received. Praise and thanks be to Him Who continuously and successively favors this evanescent one with blessed leaves adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds. All bounty and all sustenance referreth to Him and descendeth from the heaven of His favor—all is from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He created, guided, and taught knowledge and refinement. The purpose hath been the manifestation of the human essence, that it might attain to the recognition of the Countenance of Unity and be exalted to eternal life. The Sun of generosity hath shone forth, and from that effulgence another effulgence appeared, and from that effulgence yet another became manifest, and from these effulgences the world became illumined and radiant. One of these stations, through His grace and bounty, is the station of the Afnan. Exalted is He Who hath related them to Him, and exalted is He Who hath mentioned them in that which never endeth. God willing, you shall at all times be engaged in mention, praise and service to His Cause, as you have been and are.

Regarding the House, according to His command it is contingent upon a clear future command, and its mention is not permitted until God cometh with His decree.

News of His Holiness Ism-i-Sittih (Name of God), upon him be all glory, hath repeatedly reached this region. They desired to extinguish the light of God through their devices and quench His fire through their vain imaginings. Far, far from it! However, from the allusions in the utterance of the Desired One of the worlds, it was understood that some of the friends have again disturbed the government, and thus after ease came hardship. But as it was from fear and hope of deliverance, they were graced with pardon. The loved ones of the land of Ta, upon them be the glory of God, are afflicted with two trials—internal investigators from the right and external ones from the left. The command is in the hand of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

That which was written concerning the honored Chief, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—praise be to God that he succeeded in that which the company of divines and jurists remained veiled from. In these days, in a letter this servant was writing in response to His Holiness the beloved Aqa Mirza Haydar-Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, this most exalted Word was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of creation, exalted be His majesty: "Time and again it was heard that the nobles would flee from the Word of His

Holiness the Qa'im, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and the company of divines would be bewildered and perplexed as to what that Word might be.

And now they have fled before even hearing it, and are unaware. And that Word is this: He hath appeared in the garment of I', and the Hidden One speaketh with the voice of I am the One known'.' This is the Word that causeth the limbs of misbelief to quake and the hearts of the world to be troubled." Thus ended the divine utterance. This statement hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in numerous instances—one meaning clad in diverse expressions. May He grant the right of fairness, that they might at least understand this much: that the Word from which the nobles flee surely giveth them no rest—"As if they were frightened asses fleeing from a lion!" In any case, mention of the honored Chief was made in the Most Holy Court, and he hath attained divine favors. That which he sent was adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and the receipt was also sent.

As to the mention of the honored Mulla Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that he should be remembered in the Most Holy Court—this was presented, and this is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of our Lord's Will, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O Husayn! The story of Husayn hath returned. The Desired One of the world calleth out to the peoples from the Most Great Prison and summoneth them to the most exalted Summit, yet the people, heedless, have arisen with swords of steel and arrows of rejection, and strive with utmost effort to shed His pure blood. The very One Who hath removed strife and conflict from the world they have regarded and do regard as among the workers of corruption. By God's life! He hath come for the reformation of the world—to this testifieth the Mother Book before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the soul whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from the Beloved of all creation, and whom the might of the idolaters hath not held back from taking hold of the Book.

Give thanks to the Ancient Beauty, Who hath aided thee to recognize Him and enabled thee to achieve that for which all have been created yet from which they remain heedless. Ere long shall the believers behold their station and the ungodly their place. Convey My greetings to those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance and who are illumined and radiant through the dawning lights of the countenance of His Face. Say: This is the day of steadfastness, the day of service, and the day of arising. The glory from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, be upon thee and upon them. Thus ended the divine utterance.

Several days ago, in the letter of the honored Trustee, that is, my beloved Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, verses were specifically revealed for him from the heaven of God's Will and were sent. The honored one mentioned hath repeatedly made mention of them. By God's life! Every steadfast soul is today the recipient of an everlasting sovereignty—a sovereignty that cannot be described and that thought cannot comprehend before its manifestation. Blessed be they that attain!

And as for the mention made of the honored Haji M.L.K H.S., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—praise be to God, they have attained God's favors and their mention was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted

Court. The servant beseecheth his Lord to open before his face the gate of unveiling and attainment. Verily, He doeth what He willeth, and in His grasp is the reins of all things.

The letter of receipt has been sent. This servant's final submission is to convey greetings and praise to the friends and believers of that land, and beseeches God to assist all to accomplish deeds that are befitting of the Day of God. Most regrettable and lamentable it is that some are unaware of the station of this time and are moved by their own desires. The True One, exalted be His glory, has been and ever shall be the Concealer, and I beseech Him, exalted be His station, to sanctify them from that which they possess and to bestow upon them that which He possesses. May the glory shining forth from the horizon of our Lord's favor rest upon you, upon your brethren, your children, and your brethren's children, and upon those who have clung to the hem of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 12th of Safar al-Muzaffar 1301

BH02252: Praise be to God Who created from His Most…

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

Praise be to God Who created from His Most Exalted Word sublime letters, and took their essence through the operations of His wisdom and the manifestations of His power, and from its letter Mim created the Kingdom of Utterance, and from its Ha' the realm of praise and glorification, and from its other Mim the center of the circle of existence, and from its Dal created the servants and manifested the decree of return. And verily he is Muhammad in the heaven of utterance and the crown of names before God, Creator of heaven. And the peace that shines forth from the Supreme Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven be upon him and his family and companions who broke the covenant and pledge of the idols and cast away their ordinances and pulled up the tent-pegs of the pavilions of misbelief and raised the pavilion of divine unity among the world despite those nations who clung to the ropes of vain imaginings, turning away from God, the Lord of all beings.

And furthermore, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention. The servant has received your noble letter which was honored by the mention and praise of God. When I took it and opened it and read it and found from it the fragrance of sincerity to God, the Lord of the worlds, I went and approached and entered and presented what was in it before His countenance. He said—and His sweetest utterance is:

> "O servant! Make mention on My behalf of him who loved Me and desired My presence, and convey greetings unto him and magnify his countenance, and convey to him from the Wronged One that which will gladden him and attract him. We beseech God to grant him the good of the hereafter and of the former life, and to ordain for him and those with him His everlasting bounty and His perpetual table. Verily He is the One with power over what He willeth."

The servant thanks his Lord for your arising and service and mention and praise. Verily He is the Protector of whoever befriends Him and the Answerer of whoever calls upon Him. And we beseech Him to remove

the sorrows of His loved ones concerning what hath befallen His chosen ones in the land of Ta. Verily He hath power over all things.

As for what you mentioned regarding what Haji ʿA L from the people of K (upon him be the Glory of God) sent—give him glad tidings from the servant that what he sent hath been presented before His countenance and achieved the lights of acceptance, and He allocated a portion of it to each one, and the Lord—may my spirit and the spirit of all else but Him be a sacrifice for Him—said:

> "Blessed is he who hath attained and been present and heard. We give him glad tidings of the acceptance of what he sent. This is a Day wherein naught is seen except God, that it may be proven that there is no God but Him."

Praise be to God Who assisted His loved ones to recognize Him and turn toward Him and taught them His straight path. And as for the glad tidings you gave me about the arrival of Janab-i-Haza'—upon him be the peace of God—the servant conveys greetings to him and permission has been granted for him to proceed to the prison. Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

BH00667: Praise, sanctified beyond all bounds and the limited world…

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

Praise, sanctified beyond all bounds and the limited world, befitteth the court of Him Who doeth whatsoever He willeth and decreeth whatsoever He pleaseth, Who with one blessed and exalted Word adorned the world with the ornament of existence and illumined it with the lights of the Sun of His grace. Out of pure bounty, generosity, kindness and mercy He sent down the Book and raised up Messengers that they might guide His creation to His straight path and enable them to attain unto His knowledge, which is the ultimate purpose for the creation of beings. These are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-places of His decree, the Recipients of His knowledge and the Daysprings of His remembrance, until this most great bounty and most perfect and transcendent grace reached its consummation in the person of the Seal, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake.

He is the Source and the Goal, He is the Manifestation and the Dawning-point. He is the Manifestation of the most excellent attributes and the most beauteous names. Through Him was the Mi'raj adorned and Batha illumined. Through Him was the Temple of Light established upon the Throne of Names and the Essence of Utterance seated upon the Throne of Speech. He is the Manifestation of "He is the First and the Last" and the Dawning-point of "He is the Outward and the Inward." One word from the blessed Dawning-point of His remembrance appearing in the East—its influence and effect become manifest in the West. At His remembrance the Kingdom of remembrance falls silent, and at His utterance the Realm of speech becomes still. Through Him was made manifest all that was worthy of manifestation, and through Him was perfected all that befitted this station.

However, in these days, due to the weakness of the people, power has undergone change and strength has ceased to penetrate. We must all, at all times, beseech and implore the Self-Subsisting Lord that He

might renew the aging elements of the community with fresh and luminous garments. He is the Renewer, He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

O God, O Generous One, O Merciful One, O Forgiving One! The assaults of the ungodly have scattered the strongholds of the believers to the winds, and from the bullets of the deniers the edifice of remembrance and knowledge has been shaken, and the hearts of those near unto Thee and the sincere ones are trembling and agitated. Although, O All-Knowing God, the deeds of this people and their actions have, after glory, brought abasement, and after power have revealed weakness, yet we beseech of Thee Thy ancient grace and we entreat Thee: look not upon our deeds and actions, for they were not and are not worthy of Thy glance. Look upon Thine own mercy and bounty. Thou art He to Whose forgiveness every tongue hath testified, and to Whose power every seeing one hath witnessed. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And furthermore, it is submitted to that honored beloved one that after your departure from Beirut several Sacred and Exalted Tablets were sent, which we hope reached you, and likewise are being sent this time. A letter from this evanescent one was written and sent to Ibn-i-Alif and Ha, upon them be the Glory of God, and that letter contains divine verses regarding the friends of those regions. After perusing and reading it, they should send it, or that beloved one himself may deliver it. God willing, may the sleeping ones of that land be awakened by your passing, may the dead be brought to life, and may the wanderers turn to their true homeland.

In these days, in response to the letter of that honored master, upon him be all 9 [Glory] most glorious, a letter was submitted and sent, which also conveyed the favors of the Truth, exalted be His Glory, and two pages were also sent. As commanded, whatever was from before should remain as it was, and whatever has arrived and arrives thereafter should be sent. You yourself have seen and know the details of this land, so there is no need for mention. And in that letter, as commanded, mention was made of that beloved one, and likewise one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was revealed from the heaven of favor and was written and sent in the original letter. God willing, may they attain unto it and become perfumed by its fragrance and receive new life from its breezes. Consider how many verses have been revealed and how many evidences have appeared during the nights and days—truly their enumeration is difficult except for Him, verily He is powerful over all things. And likewise this Supreme Word was revealed from the Tongue of the Manifestation of Names, blessed and exalted be His Word:

“O servant in attendance, write to the Honorable Amin on behalf of the Wronged One to convey greetings to Nabil ibn Nabil. The favor of God, exalted be He, has been and is directed towards him. Truly the brothers have, from the first dawning of the Sun of Revelation until now, been occupied with mention and praise and have stood firm in service. God, His angels, His Prophets and His Messengers bear witness that they both turned to the Supreme Horizon when the Cry was raised and the Call was lifted. Blessed are they both and their father and those with them.” End.

This servant, the attendant, also extends greetings to them and begs confirmation from God, exalted be His station. Never has their mention been nor will it be effaced.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Praise be to God, he attained that which most of mankind are veiled from. On Friday night, the night of the full moon, the Sun of Divine utterance, may His glory be exalted, rose and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. He said: Write to Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My Glory, that he should convey Our greetings to Aqa Muhammad-Ali in the land of Sad. The Wronged One has ever remembered the friends of God with the most excellent mention and utterance, and We beseech God to gather all beneath the shade of the Most Exalted Word and to unite all hearts and minds. He is the Sovereign in the shadow of Whose will all have ever dwelt and shall ever dwell. His is the creation and the command, His the power and the might, the will and the choice. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Compelling.

This servant also conveys his greetings to him. Some time ago a letter was written and sent to him, which was adorned with divine favors. Praise be to God, his services are mentioned in the presence of the Divine Countenance. It is hoped that the friends in every land and region will, with perfect love and unity, hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause and act according to what is in the Book. Haji Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be God's favor, had a special Tablet which surely has arrived by now.

As commanded, convey special greetings to the friends in Sansan and other places and gladden them with the favors of God. God willing, may all hold fast to that which God loves. Your reward in all conditions rests with God, exalted be His glory. You have truly endured many hardships in His path and have mentioned the friends of every land in His presence. Today, when mention is made of any soul in His presence, a great reward is ordained for that one and is recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Whosoever has assisted you in service to the Cause has truly rendered service, and his reward rests with Him. Verily, He has power over all things. Say: Praise be to God, the Single, the All-Informed.

This evanescent servant is very pleased with that beloved one, for he has wished and continues to wish for the good of all. This is a mighty attribute. God willing, may you be adorned with this excellence in all conditions. This is a blessing that cannot be compared with any other blessing.

This servant further submits that you should convey greetings and salutations to each of the friends residing in God's lands. Most of them this year have been distressed, saddened and troubled by the wickedness of oppressive souls. However, praise be to God, one day this most exalted word was heard from the blessed tongue. He said, and His word is the truth:

> "Verily, He has purified them and forgiven them, and His mercy that has preceded all in the kingdom of earth and heaven has encompassed them."

This word is glad-tidings for the friends and loved ones, and a reward for their blessed temples. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. They have attained to God's mercy, favor, grace and bounty. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Kind, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book of our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 15th of the month of Safar 1301

BH01539: Praise be to God Who sent down the blessing…

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the blessing, and verily it is a table spread that hath descended from the heaven of His grace, and it expresseth itself in every tongue through all things, and it is that blessing whereby whoso attaineth unto it shall neither hunger nor be troubled. And in the understanding of the divine ones it expresseth the Primal Reality and the Point of Unity and the Mystery of Oneness—the Beloved of the Lord of Names and the Best-Beloved of those who are in earth and heaven, Who was named Muhammad, may God's blessings and peace be upon him and his family among all peoples. And He is the Book whereby were sealed the mysteries of origin and return from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. And blessings and peace be upon him and his family and his companions through whom were raised the banners of divine knowledge and the seal of the choice wine was broken and the ocean of divine confirmation did surge, and upon those who acted according to what they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, this evanescent servant hath attained unto your exalted letter and found therein the fragrance of your love and sincerity and submission and humility before God alone. The servant beareth witness that you have attained the lights of divine unity and the station of detachment and have swum in the ocean of mystic knowledge until you discovered the pearl of utterance and the coral of inner meanings. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen you and draw you nigh and aid you to accomplish what He loveth and approveth.

Although in truth that beloved one hath already attained this station, yet since prayer is beloved and good-pleasure is above all stations, from time to time this servant dareth to express such words. In truth this is a great and mighty station which none knoweth save Him. And after being informed and made aware it was submitted before His presence and He said:

> "The truth is with him, he hath spoken truthfully. We beseech God to aid His servants to perform pure deeds and speak truthfully and to righteousness and the fear of God. Verily He hath power over all things."

End quote.

And regarding his eminence Haji Ali Askar, may the 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors be upon him, they wrote that the beloved one his eminence Amin, may the 966 [Baha'u'llah] be upon him, hath repeatedly mentioned him, and especially in these days the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of will. However, since the weather is unsettled and likewise the sea is turbulent, patience is preferable. If they remain in that city and its environs, after things settle they may proceed. Although God, exalted be His glory, hath been the Protector and the waves of the sea move not, nor have they moved, appear not, nor have they appeared, except by God's will, yet the intention is that in this winter season the sea hath not been, nor is, free from toil and hardship. Therefore their hardship is not beloved in the sight of this servant. And likewise They said if any work arose requiring return to their land, the reward of attaining

the presence would be bestowed upon him. Verily he is among those who have succeeded in serving the Cause and have been adorned with the love of God, the Mighty, the Wise. End quote.

This transient one also conveyeth greetings and salutations to them. Another submission: whatever that beloved one doeth hath been and is according to the command, for at first They said complete association with known persons is not permitted, as people's properties are with them and the great ones of the earth await pretexts. Therefore one must act with utmost wisdom. This hath been and is explained in detail to travelers as well. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Kind, the Affectionate. Any matter that occurreth for God's sake is beloved and predominant over other matters. This is what I heard from the tongue of Him Who speaketh today in the heart of the prison that which causeth to tremble the minds of the weak and the hearts of the foolish.

The final glad tidings is that on Saturday morning the 15th of Safar, acting as your spiritual representative, I attained unto visitation and circumambulation and was adorned with acceptance. Praise be to God that the letter was concluded with a mighty matter. The peace shining forth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle and have acted according to what they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings.

The servant 15th of the month of Safar 1301

BH03481: Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who…

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

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who enabled His servants to know Him, guided them to His path, adorned them with the ornament of His love, and ordained that which would lead the poor to the ocean of wealth and the sick to the kingdom of healing. His is the praise and favor in all conditions.

Thereafter, your letter arrived and was presented exactly as received. He said:

> "O Ali! Blessed art thou for having held fast with certitude, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thy letter was presented and We heard from it thy call. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which will draw thee near at all times. Verily, He is the One Who oversees what shall be and what has been."

End.

That which was sent arrived and was accepted with favor. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions in remembrance, praise, attention and devotion. All shall pass away and what remains is that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

After the arrival of your partner Haji Ali, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant. We beseech God to grant him success in all conditions. As commanded, if trade is conducted in a place other than Beirut it would be better and more appropriate. And in whatever place business is conducted, they must act with the utmost wisdom, for people are ignorant and the Persian consuls seize upon pretexts

and engage in corruption and the seizure of properties, as they have done. In all cases, no word that might cause corruption should pass from the tongue. Blessed art thou for having held fast to earning a living and adhering to wisdom. Peace be upon thee and the mercy of God.

BH01150: Honored friend, your letter was received and it truly…

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

Honored friend, your letter was received and it truly brought both great joy and much sorrow, as it mentioned the ill health of yourself and those upon whom be [Baha'u'llah's blessings], and likewise your esteemed brother Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Akbar, upon whom be Baha'u'llah's blessings, and also the dear friend Aqa Lutfu'llah, upon whom be [Baha'u'llah's blessings]. Indeed, "tribulation is for those who are near" has shown its face, and "the world is a prison for the believer and a paradise for the unbeliever" has become manifest and evident. This year in this land too, numerous souls have been bereft of health and afflicted with illness. Yet praise be to God, all ended well. It is certain that the friends in that land too shall be adorned with the ornament of complete healing.

Some time ago, the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Akbar submitted a petition to the Most Holy Court. A gracious reply was given and sent. Undoubtedly they have received it. The world has been seized by the dust of sorrows, and the darkness of rebellion has obscured it. People remain veiled and heedless, not having yet pondered what has been and is the cause of the triumph of the idolaters over the people of unity, why the clouds of oppression have prevented the light of the sun of justice from shining forth, where the fruits of the seeds of knowledge planted in the soil of hearts have gone, and what their yield has been. All Islamic lands are now surrounded while non-Islamic lands surround them. Indeed, how true are the words of the poet: "All this from the ill-fitted, disproportionate form."

When Adam, the father of humankind, came, he said: "O people, fear God! I have come for your salvation and give you glad tidings of the meeting with the Beloved, and guide you to the land of security." They said: "This is pure falsehood." Then another Messenger came from the True Sender and said: "Fear God!" They replied: "We see you as a liar." Thus did the Messengers come and show the way until it came to Moses. You have heard what the Pharaohs did and what the tyrants said. Despite the nine signs, they denied and strove with utmost opposition to extinguish the fire of the Blessed Tree.

Then Jesus came and said:

> "O people, I have come to give you glad tidings of He Who shall come after Me to complete for you what I have mentioned to you."

They seized Him and intended to kill Him, but God took Him by His power and raised Him to heaven. Although these holy, pure, and steadfast souls never saw a moment's rest and were forever under the lash of enemies—consider Noah and the later Prophets such as Hud, Salih, Lot, and George—all were at all times subjected to such torments that none but God, exalted be His glory, knows of them. Yet none reflected on why these oppressed ones bore all these things.

At last the horizon of the world was illumined with the Greatest Light, the gate of grace was opened, the ocean of generosity appeared, the ornament of beginning was adorned with the name of the Seal, and the first Sun was manifested with the final Light. Blessed and exalted be His words: “But He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets.” In the beginning of His Cause, He spoke nothing but the word of unity, saying: “O people, say ʿThere is no god but God’ that you may prosper.” Nevertheless, you have heard the scholars of the Torah and the Gospel and what the divines of idols have wrought! Every possessor of sight hath wept, and every possessor of a heart hath lamented. Then did His Cause appear with the utmost power and might in the world, until hearts were transformed and faces turned away from their devotion, and there came to pass what came to pass, as ye see and hear. This evanescent one beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may deliver all from their deep slumber and rend asunder the veils that blind their eyes. He is the Omnipotent, He is the All-Powerful. The Command is God’s, the Lord of all names.

May the honored Sabri Effendi, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, ever abide beneath the shadow of the care of the Eternal Beloved in tranquility and peace. Convey to him greetings and expressions of sincere devotion from this evanescent servant. The other loved ones have never been, nor shall ever be, effaced from memory; they have ever been and shall continue to be remembered. To them also do I send greetings and salutations. To the apple of our eye, Inayatu’llah, and his sister and mother, upon them be peace, do I send salutations and give them the glad-tidings of the bounties and favors of the True One, exalted be His glory.

The degrees of humility, submissiveness, self-effacement and nothingness of your honor and your household have been mentioned in the Most Exalted Station and before the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility. Whenever the letter of that honored friend arrived, this servant was specifically present and made mention of it, and tokens of loving-kindness were manifested from each of the Daysprings of light. This is a glad-tiding from the servant to you, both now and hereafter. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

The servant 17 Safar 1301

The delay in sending the letter was due to the absence of rock candy. Two days ago, very excellent rock candy was obtained from a certain place and was sent.

BH11694: Praise be to God Who hath made known…

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

Praise be to God Who hath made known to us His Cause, taught us of His Revelation, guided us to His Path, and unveiled for us that which lay hidden in His knowledge and concealed within the treasuries of His power. He, verily, is the Single One, unto Whose oneness every tongue hath testified, that He is God, and there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One, Single, Alone, and Self-Subsisting. He hath no peer in creation, no equal in invention, no likeness, no similitude, no partner, no helper, and no offspring. By this doth He shine forth as the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Glory and splendor be upon His loved ones and chosen ones, whom the howling of wolves did not disturb, and who faltered not in their

response when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from its final habitation: “There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!”

And then, thy letter was received, bringing boundless joy, for it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and His loved ones. This servant beseecheth God to cause all His loved ones in that land to attain His special favors. Blessed are they who have outstripped others in God’s Cause, who have acknowledged and recognized His oneness and singleness, and all that the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. May He honor others too with eternal life through the breath of accepted souls. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning what thou didst write about proceeding to Istanbul and arriving there, it was presented before the Countenance of the Goal of the world’s desire. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge—these are His words, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

> “O Sadiq! What thou didst write to the Branches of the Tree was presented before the Face and was seen, and the servant in attendance also submitted thy petition before the Wronged One. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions remain focused on the horizon of the Cause, for the stations of unity, the degrees of remembrance and detachment, the ways of success and prosperity, and the paths of knowledge and salvation have ever led and continue to lead to this station. Nothing can withstand His Cause. Whosoever hath turned towards it must fix his gaze upon the horizon of His Will and act in accordance with that which he hath been commanded, even should all on earth deny it. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad tidings of divine favors. Blessed is he who hath heard the verses of his Lord and he who hath spoken His praise. Let them hold fast unto wisdom in all matters, lest there appear that which would grieve the hearts and souls.”

Praise be to God, mention was made of the friends of that land in the Most Great Scene, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for each one. All the world’s riches and adornments cannot equal a single letter thereof. Regarding what thou didst write about entering the great city, had thou acted in accordance with the Command, it would have been more fitting, beneficial and appropriate, for whatsoever proceedeth from God is assuredly in accord with consummate wisdom and closest to what is expedient. Praise be to God that after its presentation, thou wert adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. This is what our Beloved and your Beloved hath spoken, exalted be His utterance:

> “We have forgiven him. Verily his Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous.”

This is a great bounty and a mighty favor that hath shone forth from the horizon of generosity.

As regards what was written concerning Aqa Rida-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him. God willing, may he be accounted among the servants of God. And concerning his participation every year in the commemoration of His Holiness the Prince of Martyrs, may our souls be a sacrifice for him, this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. According to His command, they should continue to act as before. The people are weak and do not understand the cause and reason. Therefore, if it is abandoned, it will cause tumult and confusion. Wisdom requires that they deal with the divines and the descendants of the Prophet with love,

as love may guide some to the straight path. Avoidance and distance have been and are the cause of estrangement. In the Most Holy Book He says, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "Consort with the followers of all religions with joy and fragrance. Thus hath the light of Our guidance shone forth from the horizon of wisdom and utterance. Hold ye fast unto it. This is the command which the All-Wise, the Faithful, hath revealed from His Most Great Prison."

For if association is abandoned, who will convey the Word of Truth and who will hear it?

However, they must pay the Huququ'llah, and this servant mentions this out of sincerity, for this practice has been and is the cause of the purification of wealth and the descent of blessing. Since it was asked what they should do, this servant mentioned the Command of God that was revealed in the Book, otherwise for many years most commands and ordinances were sent to various regions except this matter which remained concealed until God decreed it and revealed it through His grace as a bounty to His servants.

And concerning what was mentioned about Mulla Muhammad-i-Shirvani, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, and this is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Verily We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. This is a Day wherein everyone possessed of vision hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and everyone possessed of hearing unto His sweetest call, and every tongue unto His wise remembrance. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Dayspring of grace and was among them that believe in the unity of God. The Wronged One hath desired naught from anyone. He hath summoned the people by night and by day unto that which God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath commanded. He calleth them unto righteousness and unto that which will draw them nigh unto the All-Informed One. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and in that which hath been revealed for thee, whereby thy remembrance shall endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Be thou thankful for this great bounty.

God willing, may they be adorned with the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and with the ornament of steadfastness, and may they speak in praise and glorification of God, exalted be His Glory. According to His command, that spiritual friend should act with utmost wisdom. To everyone who is steadfast and firm, they should convey that which is the cause of sanctification, detachment, love and knowledge of God, exalted be His Glory. In the Hidden Words He says, exalted and glorified be His Word:

> "The wise are they that speak not unless they obtain a hearing."

No one is permitted to approach anyone without permission. Make this command known to all, for proceeding without permission can often lead to troubles. The excellence of deeds depends upon God's good-pleasure. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

With regard to the six firm, assured and steadfast souls—Jinab-i-Aqa Ali Akbar, Karbala'i Aqa Kish, Aqa Rida-Quli, Aqa Asghar, Aqa Mirza Abdul-Karim and Karbala'i Qasim, may the glory of God rest upon them—you mentioned that they have intended to undertake pilgrimage. This matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and was met with approval. God willing, may they be assisted to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy conduct. They must give thanks to the Exalted Truth that they have been blessed with this supreme bounty. His is the glory and the generosity, His is the grace and the grandeur, His is the command and the judgment. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to them and to all the other friends of God in that land who are enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of recognition.

He beseecheth from the Exalted Truth confirmation and assistance for all. Verily He is the Bestower, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord be upon you and upon them and upon those who have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hands of the generosity of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH01655: My Most Exalted Pen hath testified from the direction…

He is the Hearing, the Seeing, the Answering One.

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified from the direction of the white spot, from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and sent down the heavenly table from the heaven of grace, but the people have deprived themselves of that which God, the Lord of lords, hath willed. This is a day wherein the mysteries of the Books of God, both past and future, have been revealed. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless liar.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee and hath revealed for thee this Book whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and all things have spoken:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be."

This is a day at the mention of which the eyes of the chosen ones were solaced, but when it appeared the divines and religious doctors denied it, save whom God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, wished. I bear witness that through their oppression the servants have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have committed that which hath caused the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur to lament at eventide and at dawn.

Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols of fancy and vain imaginings in the name of God, the Lord of all men. How many a learned one hath been deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge, while thou didst turn and drink therefrom from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst attain unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain. God hath elevated thy station to one wherein He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with a remembrance through which the fragrance of life passeth over all creation. Glorify thy Lord with praise and thank Him at all times.

Well is it with thee for having cast away what the people possess, yearning for that which is with God, and for having arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance. By My life! We were with thee when thou didst speak in remembrance of My Most Great Name, turning toward this horizon whereby the horizons were illumined.

O Husayn! Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee and Who calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison? Say: Yea, by my Lord, in Whose right hand are all who dwell in the heaven of Command and creation, and in Whose grasp is the reins of all who are in the kingdoms of earth and heaven! The ears were created for this Most Great Day and the tongue for this Cause before which, when it appeared, all religions have bowed down.

O uncle! We have manifested unto thee the ocean of utterance and shown thee its waves and what floweth upon it by My Name, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Reflect upon the stations of them that are veiled. All count themselves among the people of truth and await the days of manifestation, yet when the standards of divine expression were raised and the banners of the Revelation appeared, all were found to be veiled save whom God wished. The Truth, exalted be His glory, in all the Books both past and future, hath given everyone the glad-tidings of this most wondrous, most glorious Day. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this. In all ages and centuries they have beseeched and implored God not to deprive them of the fragrances of His days, yet due to their heinous and unseemly deeds they have been deprived of their goal and forbidden from that for which they were created. He it is Who hath made their highest to be their lowest and their lowest to be their highest.

We convey greetings to all the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and bounty. We beseech God that all may be recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book as the fish of this ocean and the stars of this heaven and the letters of this Tablet. By My life! The world and all that is therein cannot be compared with this most exalted Word, for if a soul be recorded in the aforementioned Book, he shall attain unto special favors in all the divine worlds. Were We to describe this station, all who are in the heavens and earth would swoon away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who were not hindered by the affairs of the world from the Most Great Name and who cast away all that they possessed, clinging to the cord of the bounty of their Lord, the Strong, the Predominant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04702: Praise, sanctified above all words, befitteth the Lord…

Praise, sanctified above all words, befitteth the Lord of all mankind Who was not deterred by the tribulations of the world and the clamor of the nations from His holy purpose….

This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of the All-Merciful for His handmaiden who hath been named Narjis. His mighty Word:

In the Name of the Forgiving, the Generous

O my handmaiden! The handmaidens of the world are heedless of this supreme bounty and mighty benevolence. Their eyes are deprived of beholding the light of His countenance, and their ears are barred from hearkening to His call. All were created for this glorious and wondrous Day, yet they remain veiled and unmindful of it. Praise be to the Desired One of the world, that thou art adorned with the pearls of love and the gems of knowledge of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. This Tablet is as a crown for heads—adorn thy head of acceptance therewith, and remain firm and steadfast in the love of the Lord of Names. All the pearls and precious stones of the world are as nothing and shall perish compared to the pearl of thy love. Shouldst thou ponder upon this bounty, thou wouldst, throughout thy life, ceaselessly utter "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" The glory of God rest upon thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed….

I presented at the Most Holy Court that which was befitting regarding the newborn. The favor of God concerning them is manifest and evident. Blessed is the newborn who has attained to the mention of God, the Most Great, and blessed is the father whose service the Supreme Pen has testified to, and blessed is the mother who has attained His beautiful mention. O Amin! While you drink milk from your mother's breast, the world of the seen and unseen makes mention of you. You were born in His days and have attained His favors. The pens of the world are incapable of properly describing this station. Blessed art thou and thy father and mother, from God, the Possessor of the Kingdom of the hereafter and the former times, the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat.

Praise be to God! This child has traversed in one night the path of a hundred years, nay rather, has attained to God's favor and mention in days when faces, scholars, nobles, and mystics were all deprived, save whom God willed. This is a great bounty and a tremendous favor. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that they may ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Tree and drink from the Kawthar of meanings and utterance….

BH04748: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all names…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! Thou seest me in the claws of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and turned away from meeting Thee, after Thou didst counsel all in Thy Book and didst make a single word from Him to be above the Bayan and what Thou didst reveal therein of Thy verses. Thou knowest, O my God, that I stood firm in Thy Cause and spoke Thy praise in days wherein the back of the world trembled at the manifestations of Thy might and power.

When Thou didst manifest Thy Most Exalted Cause through Thy Name, the Guardian over all names, and didst raise up the banner of Thy victory between earth and heaven, there emerged from behind the rocks a band of wolves who committed that which caused the dwellers of heaven and the people of the cities of names to lament. By Thy glory, O my God! They violated my honor and sought to kill me. When their scheming was exposed, they wailed like bereaved ones and cried out like one stung by a speckled snake. O Lord! Thou seest the tears of mine eyes and hearest the sighing of my heart. I beseech Thee, O Ancient Lord, by the Most Great Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and didst open before their faces the gates of bounty, grace and generosity, that Thou mayest acquaint Thy servants with that which

they have neglected, then draw them near, O my God, to the ocean of Thy bestowal [and heaven of] Thy gifts.

Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest and the Guardian over those in the kingdom of creation. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05562: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in the lands!…

In the Name of the one true God!

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in the lands! Every fire is observed to be extinguished except the fire which appeareth and blazeth forth in hearts for the love of God. Every mighty tree is uprooted by tempestuous winds save the trees in the divine garden. Every lamp is quenched save the lamp of God's Cause which shineth resplendent in the midst of the world—winds cause its light to increase and cannot extinguish it. Strange it is that in the upheaval in the land of Ta some friends are seen to be disturbed, fearful and shaken. By the life of God! This was not and is not befitting for the friends. God is the Protector, God is the Helper, God is the Observer, God is the Mighty and Powerful.

Those who are His and are related to Him must be firm and steadfast like unto a mountain, nay even more so. We give glad tidings to all of God's loving-kindness and His mercy, and We send Our greetings to them from this exalted station. God hath forgiven them as a bounty from His presence and made them among the pure ones. Read unto them the Tablet of God and its effects that they may rejoice in His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to My strong cord.

BH05515: The Tongue of Mercy speaks: O My friend…

He is the All-Wise Expositor

The Tongue of Mercy speaks: O My friend and My Afnan! The robe of glory has been cut and prepared to the measure of your temples, for that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen cannot be equaled by any thing among all things. Praise be to God, in the prime of youth thou art associated with the Truth and art mentioned by His Name. The abasement suffered in these days is the dawning-place of glory and the dayspring of favor.

Ere long God will manifest, in truth, a matter from His presence, the Lord of all worlds. Had the people known, they would have circled round you. Soon shall they know what they missed on the day when all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. The transient, accidental conditions have prevented the people from hearing and seeing—neither are their ears worthy to hear nor their eyes fit to behold. By God's life! They are in manifest loss. The Perspicuous Book speaks and the Mother Book is manifest, yet all are deprived and forbidden save whom God wills. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee and unto thy brothers and unto those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon My Afnans who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty—they are indeed among the triumphant in the mighty Book.

BH05787: The Ancient King hath testified that this Pen spoke…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous

The Ancient King hath testified that this Pen spoke before the creation of the world and the appearance of the nations, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Through His manifestation all things appeared, and through His movement the Supreme Pen moved, though most of the people perceive not.

O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those who turned away from the Truth when it came to them with a Cause that held sway over what was and what would be. Say: Ponder on that which hath appeared in truth, and deny not God and His sovereignty, and reject not His proof and His evidence. Thus doth the Tongue of Grace counsel you in this praiseworthy station. The ocean hath surged and the fragrance hath wafted, yet most of the people understand not. They have turned away from the Supreme Horizon by turning to every rejected ignorant one. When thou hearest My call and art stirred by the fragrance of My loving-kindness, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say: I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest Thy path, and Thou hast spoken and caused all things to speak in praise of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined by the light of this exalted Remembrance. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acted according to that which was ordained in an inscribed Tablet.

BH06044: Verily the lamp before the Face lamenteth…

He is the Unique Caller

Verily the lamp before the Face lamenteth with the lamentation of the bereaved for My loved ones, and saith:

> "O Name of God! I know not at what hour they seized Thee, in what place they bound Thee, and at what time they imprisoned Thee. Do we hear Thy cry from the dark pit, or do we see Thee under chains and fetters through what the hands of the enemies have wrought? Would that I knew who is with Thee, who consoleth Thee, and who companioneth Thee in Thy tribulation."

We have heard all that he hath uttered, and We have been patient, for We are the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. We have detailed for thee what hath befallen the loved ones of God on earth—those who hastened with their hearts to a station that God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His mighty Cause. By God! The hearing ear perceiveth from all things their lamentation and their cry by reason of what hath befallen the Manifestation of the Self of the All-Merciful through sorrows, yet most of the people are heedless. Counsel the loved ones to patience and fortitude lest there appear from them that which they have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06365: O Shafi'! The fragrances of the Kingdom have encompassed…

O Shafi'! The fragrances of the Kingdom have encompassed the realm, and the dove coos upon the branch of might. The Book hath come, to which all the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have testified. The servant who is present hath appeared before the Face and laid before the Wronged One that which thy heart's tongue uttered on the day wherein the faces of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, were darkened. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Hidden Tablet, which was concealed in God's knowledge and inscribed in His Preserved Tablet.

Convey My glorification to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them from this glorious station. We counsel them with that whereby God's Cause is exalted amongst His servants. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which he hath been commanded in God's Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O My loved ones in that land! We counsel you to observe justice and equity, trustworthiness and religiosity, chastity and faithfulness. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the Expositor, the Mighty, the Loving. He created you, sustained you, assisted you in His Cause, and acquainted you with that which remained hidden from most of the learned. He counseleth you with that which shall profit you in all His worlds. To this testifieth My Most Exalted Pen, and behind it, He Who in every state proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

O Shafi'! Rejoice in that We have remembered thee aforetime with that which diffused the fragrance of My loving-kindness, and in this irrevocable Tablet….

BH06575: O God of the world and Goal…

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

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! Glorified art Thou! Thou art He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire, and of which Thou didst give tidings aforetime in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by this Day wherein the Event hath come to pass, the Abyss hath appeared, all creation hath been shaken, and the edifice of the ungodly hath been made to tremble, to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! This is the Day wherein the earth hath quaked, the mountains have been crushed to powder, and the Balance hath been set up. I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted attributes and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all things, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy generosity.

Then ordain for him who hath been faithful to Thy Covenant and Thy Testament that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! The hands of my hope have been raised toward the heaven of Thy favor. Do with me as beseemeth Thee, O Thou before Whose outstretched hand the very essence of bounty hath bowed down, and before Whose ocean of giving the very reality of grace hath been humbled—Thou Who art the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Gracious. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH06424: In the name of God! He is the Speaking…

In the name of God! He is the Speaking Witness! Verily the sea walketh in human form and counseleth the servants with that which will profit them in the worlds of their Lord, the All-Wise. Verily the sun proclaimeth and beareth glad-tidings to the sincere of what hath been ordained for them in a perspicuous Book.

O concourse of creation! Behold then remember what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and in the Books of old concerning this Revelation through which the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken and the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary hath called out. By God! He Who was hidden hath come, and He Who was treasured hath appeared, and through Him all things have spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Most High, the Most Great!"

O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies, then turn with your hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon—the Station from which hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge from One mighty and powerful. How many a learned one hath been veiled by the veils of conjecture, and how many an ignorant one hath hastened and attained unto that which God, the Mighty, the Praised, hath willed.

Glory be upon the people of Glory through whom the limbs of every heedless doubter have trembled. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

BH08041: He is the Witness from the horizon…

He is the Witness from the horizon of the world! The Lamp proclaims amidst the nations, saying: By God! That which was treasured in God's knowledge and inscribed in His perspicuous Book, which was named the Mother Book by God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been revealed.

O thou who gazest toward the horizon of the Revelation! Hearken unto that which the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, Who was promised in the Books of God and mentioned by the tongues of the Messengers. He hath come with the truth, and through Him the pillars of misbelief have quaked, the edifice of unbelief hath been shaken, and the faces of those near unto God have been illumined.

When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, render thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know! Thus have We caused thee to hear My sweetest call and shown thee My [straight] path.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon the people of Baha who have cast behind them the books of the learned, holding fast to this mighty Book.

BH08819: Glory be to Him Who speaks the truth…

He is the One warbling upon the branches!

Glory be to Him Who speaks the truth and summons the people to the straight path. Today We turned Our face toward a place mentioned with joy, where the Most Great Throne was established beneath a pavilion raised in this wondrous Name. Before it flows water over white pebbles—exalted be the Lord of

Names Who has manifested every mighty matter! When the Throne was established, We sent down verses in such wise that the hearts of the mystics were attracted, and We were gladdened there by God's favor, the Lord of the worlds. Therein We made mention of God in the morning and at noontide until the sun set. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Face on this day. Be thou thankful to God for this and be of the thankful ones.

BH11877: The honored Afnans, upon them rest all My glory…

The honored Afnans, upon them rest all My glory, the Most Glorious, arrived in Beirut and, afterwards, by Our leave, gradually and individually arrived here. Having entered the canopy of Our favors and might, one by one they returned.

Regarding what had happened, they stated that their plan was that, after arriving in Beirut, Siyyid ʿAli would return to Shiraz to accompany the exalted leaf to this land of God. They stated that they had designed the plan in this way because they feared going to Shiraz any earlier might provoke the foes and enemies to act and prevent all from attaining Our presence. It was even asserted that, despite such caution, the enemies caused disturbances along the way; but creation, protection, and liberty are all in the hands of God, and He is the All-bountiful, the All-generous. In short, such excuses were heard from one after another. But the Lord hath knowledge of all things; He is the All-knowing, the All-informed.

Nevertheless, it would have been best [if they had] carried out the wishes of the illustrious exalted leaf, as this was most pleasing and acceptable to God; but it was otherwise ordained. The One True God is My witness! Our heart hath melted in agony that she was deprived of this pilgrimage, and all the dwellers under the tabernacle of purity and might are most sorrowful and despondent.

At one point, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these exalted words: "O ʿAbd-i Hadir! The effect of what hath happened may well appear on earth." More recently, this utterance was spoken by His blessed Tongue: "Write to My Afnan [who had promised to escort the Bab's wife] that we agreed and consented to the exalted leaf's request. Currently, the honored persons continue to stand ready and prepared to fulfil that promise, though they have not spoken of it." He further stated, "Write of this matter to the Afnan, upon him be the glory of God, as he was well aware of such a promise beforehand. We desired to fulfil what We had assured the exalted leaf."

BH04615: Praise be to God Who hath sent down His…

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His grace and revealed the heavenly feast and manifested that which draweth His servants to the supreme horizon and the loftiest heights….

O My beloved! The whole world hath been created for this Day, and it is clear and evident to every possessor of hearing, every possessor of sight, and every possessor of a heart that this Most Great Manifestation hath come for the reformation of the world and hath forbidden His loved ones from that which is abhorrent, let alone matters that would cause corruption or conflict and contention and the like. Nevertheless, they have turned away from justice and forsaken equity, and with the utmost tyranny and oppression have cast His loved ones into prison. They have risen up to humiliate Him Who hath desired

glory for all, and in their vain imaginings have determined to shake the edifice of God's Cause and obliterate its traces.

Fie upon them! The foolish of the earth laugh at their minds and understanding, let alone the wise; children laugh at them, let alone men. Have they not witnessed those mightier and greater than themselves who, with the utmost apparent power and strength, strove to extinguish the light of the Divine Unity and quench the fire of the Divine Tree? Yet all were observed to be abased and overthrown. Where is Caiaphas who mocked and derided the Spirit, and where are the princes who turned away from the Truth and occupied themselves with vanities? The Hand of Power hath made them scattered dust. Well is it said:

Wait until thou seest those who are parts today become whole; Wait until thou seest those who are thorns today become flowers…

BH02073: Praise be to God Who sent the Beginning…

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong majesty and power

Praise be to God Who sent the Beginning in the form of the End, and manifested the First in the image of the Last, that the word might be fulfilled that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is God, the Single, the All-Informed. And blessings be upon Him and upon His family and companions who held fast to the Book of God and strove in His path with true striving—they whom the All-Merciful hath described in the Furqan with His words "No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve."

And now, the servant hath been honored to receive your letter and the traces of your pen, from which wafted the fragrance of your love for God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven. Praise be to God, and to Him be praise and favor, and to Him be thanks and glorification, in that the servant was gladdened by the soundness of your health and your sincerity towards God. This servant hath ever beseeched and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, the good of this world and the next for that beloved one. He is the Hearer and He is the Giver.

As to what you wrote regarding the friends and conveying the instructions—it is known that that spiritual beloved one hath been and remains firm, steadfast and established in service to the Cause. It is hoped that all may be adorned with the ornament of wisdom. Some of the servants in various regions utter words that yield no fruit whatsoever. God willing, may they speak as befitteth and act as becometh their own selves. And after presentation of the letter, they said: God willing, may they hold fast to that which was imparted to them face to face, and in all circumstances call the people to goodly conduct and the fear of God, that perchance through the grace of the Lord the characteristics of the self and satanic imaginings may be lifted away and spiritual qualities may become manifest from the mines of the hearts of the servants. This is the ultimate goal and the supreme pinnacle. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His creation and to adorn them with the ornament of justice and fairness. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

Peace be upon you and upon those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings. End.

Your mention and greetings were conveyed to the two Most Great Stations. Special favor was shown towards that beloved one. Likewise the mention and greetings of the friends of God brought joy and delight. God willing, may they be assisted in that which God loveth and drink from the ocean of the Friend's good-pleasure. The people of the Sacred Household and this servant convey greetings to each one.

Peace be upon your honor and upon them, and the mercy of God and His blessings. And we ask God for a good end. And as for what you mentioned regarding the arriving one—the servant sends greetings to him and congratulates him and remembers him with pure love, and those with him. And we beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us reunion and remove the veils and barriers. His honor may present himself and be honored with what he desires. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you, both female and male, young and old.

BH03121: We have sent down the Book of Names…

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

We have sent down the Book of Names from the heaven of God's Will, the Creator of the heavens, wherein We gave glad tidings to the world of this glorious and wondrous Day. Therein We counseled every name through the Most Great Name and commanded it to abandon all it possessed on the Day of Manifestation, when the Temple of God was established upon the throne of His Great Name. We taught every name My way and made known to it Him Who would come with clear sovereignty.

Yet when He came, all the names denied Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Among them were those who said "He hath not come; He will come hereafter," and those who said "He hath falsely laid claim against the One, the All-Informed."

Say: By what proof do ye establish your claims and by what evidence do ye prove your position? Bring it forth if ye be among those who know. Say: By God! The proof weepeth at what ye have wrought, and the evidence waileth like unto those who have lost their beloved ones. They have clung to their idle fancies and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Verily he who pronounced death upon those who turned to the Supreme Horizon arose to slay Me. When God revealed what was hidden in his breast, he cried out within himself and denied what he had committed. To this testify those servants who were with Me in the Land of Mystery, and beyond them is a Preserved Tablet. We made known to him Our horizon and commanded him to do what was right, yet he arose to harm Me and committed that which caused the hearts of those near unto God to melt.

Say: O people! The Revealer of the Bayan said:

> "O peoples of all possibilities! Ye were created that your names might be mentioned before the Throne."

Fear God and be not among the veiled ones. Beware lest ye object to God or turn away from Him through Whom every wise command was revealed.

O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the ocean of My utterance, remind the people of what hath been revealed in the Tablet, that they may arise to what they missed in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. By My life! We see them not in wakefulness, but rather in their ancient stupor. Remind them with wisdom, that perchance My beautiful remembrance may influence them.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath opened his eyes in God, the Goal of the sincere ones.

BH07304: This is the Day wherein the dwellers of earth…

He is the One manifest through His manifestation.

This is the Day wherein the dwellers of earth and heaven were seized with trembling, for the Beloved hath come without veil or covering. Verily He is the One calling in the atmosphere, manifest from His most exalted horizon, and speaking forth that "I am God, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens." Blessed is the ear that hath been honored and the eye that hath beheld this horizon from which the horizons were illumined.

Say: O people, fear God and follow not every doubtful idolator. Say: Leave behind all that ye possess. By God, nothing among all things shall profit you this Day, nor any name among all names, nor that which ye have clung to of tales and traditions.

This is the Day wherein the hand of the All-Merciful hath taken the living waters, and He Himself calleth out saying:

> "Come, O people of the earth, then drink in My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower."

Thus have We mentioned thee in Our Most Great Prison that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of all necks.

BH07268: He is the One manifest from the horizon…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the prison. By the life of God, the thunder lamenteth and the clouds weep at what hath befallen God, the Lord of all men. He who was powerless to speak before His face hath uttered that which was not uttered by the Lord of the Stakes. Say: If thou dost object to God in this Revelation, by what proof canst thou establish that whereon thou dost rely, O heedless and doubting one? We sheltered him and gave him refuge beneath the tree, yet he denied the favor of God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the soul that hath drawn nigh and drunk the choice wine of the All-Merciful with delight and fragrance, and woe unto him who hath turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings.

Thus warbleth the Dove and speaketh the Mother Book from His presence. O thou who hast turned to God! When thou hearest the Call raised from the luminous Spot and findest the fragrance of the garment in My most exalted words, arise and say: O Lord of existence! I beseech Thee not to cast me out from the door of Thy grace, nor to withhold me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Then make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH07348: In His Name, the One Who rules over all…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven! O people of Baha! Know ye your stations, then give thanks to Him Who made Himself known to you, caused you to hear His call, and guided you to His straight path. The pillars of the divines were shaken when the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. The idols wailed and foundations trembled, while the sincere ones were in great joy. This is the day wherein smoke hath encompassed all who are in the kingdom of creation, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath willed. O people of the earth! Be fair in the Cause of God and be not of the transgressors.

He hath come for your salvation. Fear God, O concourse of divines and O concourse of the corrupt ones! He hath come to set right that wherein ye are. He speaketh at all times: "The Desired One hath come with mighty sovereignty." Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given from the presence of One mighty, powerful, ancient. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the choice wine sealed from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

BH07486: In My Name, the All-Speaking, the All-Wise! The Remembrance…

In My Name, the All-Speaking, the All-Wise! The Remembrance calls out from the most exalted station, speaking and saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having manifested Thyself, sent down Thy verses, and revealed Thy clear tokens! Woe unto him who hath denied Thy grace and turned away from Thy luminous horizon! He that denieth what Thou hast revealed through Thy sovereignty—to whom shall he turn, and in whom shall he believe? Perdition unto him and unto whosoever hath been heedless of Thy wondrous Day! Thou knowest, O my Beloved, that I have not failed in Thy remembrance. We counseled the people of the Bayan and took from them the covenant of Thy Self—to this testify all atoms and every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. We counseled them in most explicit language that should He come with but a single word, they should not deny Him but rather ask Him, that He might graciously make clear unto them whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thou knowest that in every instance We made mention of them, gave them glad-tidings, and bade them present themselves at the gate of Thy Revelation and submit themselves before Thee. And Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

BH07728: The Tree of Remembrance has been raised up through…

He is the Most High, the Most Glorious

The Tree of Remembrance has been raised up through this Name, whereby the Balance has been established and the Path set forth. O people of the earth! This is a Day wherein the Lord of Eternity gives you glad tidings through the Most Great Name, which proclaims throughout the world: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." Say: O people! Hasten to the shore of the Most

Great Sea, then hearken unto that which the Beloved of the world calls out: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.” The rapture of the Call hath seized all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names and the Concourse on High, yet the people remain wrapped in slumber. The Hand of Grace draws nigh unto them and stirs them, that perchance they may awaken in this Dawn wherein the lights have shone forth. The wine of idle fancy hath so seized them that they are not roused by the Call, nor by the Cry raised betwixt earth and heaven, nor by His Hand manifest with power. Thus hath the Pen spoken that thou mayest rejoice in thy Lord’s bounty and remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

BH08273: The Book beareth witness that there is none other…

He is the Speaker in the Prison.

The Book beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. The heaven hath testified that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. And every thing beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Every leaf and stone and clod hath testified to the appearance of God and His sovereignty, yet the people deny and perceive not. The fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted throughout the world, yet the people detect it not. The mysteries have been revealed and the signs have appeared, yet the servants understand not. The earth hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance and the heaven hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance, yet the people behold not. Thus hath the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of thy Lord, the Merciful. When thou hast understood and attained, shun the wicked and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!

BH08211: A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who hath turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Fear ye God, and cast not trustworthiness behind your backs, nor reject the truth knowingly. Verily My Most Exalted Pen counseleth all who are in the kingdom of creation to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness. By the life of God! Its light is more manifest than the light of the sun in the heaven of commandments. Every light hath been eclipsed before its light, its radiance and its effulgence. Thus doth He Who hath with Him the Preserved Tablet make clear unto you. Verily, he who adorneth himself with the ornament of trustworthiness is remembered by the Concourse on High, and upon him do the denizens of the realms of dominion and kingdom offer prayers. Thus have We taught thee that thou mayest teach the people that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Protector over what was and what shall be. Read thou My verses and ponder that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will and that which every heedless and veiled one uttereth.

BH08953: He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Say…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Say: The Bayan is as the earth, and trustworthiness is as its water. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and pondereth that which hath been sent down by God, the Revealer of Laws. Say: Through it the beauty of His Cause is made manifest, and the might of God and His

loved ones is proven amongst His servants. Whoso hath recognized the authority and sovereignty of God must needs act according to that which He hath revealed in the Book. Say: Fear ye God, O people, and make not the Cause of God a mockery amongst you. Take hold of the Book with the power bestowed by Us, and follow not every heedless doubter. We have adorned the heaven of laws with the stars of trustworthiness and truthfulness—know this, O people, and associate not with God, the Lord of all men. Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, and for remembering thee with that which causeth the mountains to soar.

BH01747: Praise be to God, Who hath created all…

Section 1: "Praise be to God, Who hath created all…"

He is God, exalted be His state of majesty and dominion.

Praise be to God, Who hath created all that is, through the Primal Word, and through it hath manifested such things as the pens of the world and the tongues of the nations are powerless to reckon. And may blessings and peace rest upon Him Who proclaimed unto all His Day, and His Manifestation, and His uprising and advent, and the exaltation of His Word and the elevation of His Cause; and [announced] the eight paradises, the lofty trees, the fruits of delight, and the clusters hanging low; and upon His kindred and His companions, the standards of guidance and the straight paths.

To continue: my soul is a sacrifice to the remembrance of you. The servant hath been gladdened by the receipt of your letter, and hath quaffed the choice wine of your mention and utterance, and beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant you success and to strengthen you, and to vouchsafe unto you the bounty of attaining His presence once again. Verily, He is the Lord of all mankind, and the Omnipotent to do whatsoever He willeth.

Concerning what ye had written regarding Haji Ghulam-ʿAli—upon him be the Glory of God—this was submitted in the presence [of the Blessed Beauty]. He said:

> "In his delay there hath been no harm, neither is he blameworthy; but God hath willed that he should give tea unto the companions, and be aided to attain unto this blessed deed. Blessed is he, and happiness be his."

And as to what ye had written, that Mashhadi Sadiq—upon him be the Glory of God—desired to send a gift unto the Most Holy Presence; and likewise the offerings of the handmaids of God—upon them be the Glory of God—praise be to God, were laid before Him, and were honored with acceptance. He said:

> "Blessed is he who hath, this day, attained unto the remembrance of God and His praise, and hath turned toward His Horizon, and arisen to serve His Cause. They who have labored in the path of God—verily they have attained unto every good, in this world and in the world to come. It behoveth them to preserve this most exalted station, in the Name of their Lord, the Possessor of the Throne and of the dust. They who have been faithful to their covenants and their contracts and their vows, and have discharged the trusts of God and His dues—these are of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise. Thus doth the Wronged One, in His mighty prison,

give them glad-tidings. Blessed are the servants who have triumphed, and the handmaids who have triumphed, and every soul who hath clung unto that which is meet and hath fulfilled what was enjoined upon him in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Whatsoever is in the world is not, nor hath ever been, worthy of mention. Yet if a soul be enabled [to arise], and, in the path of God, expend one dirham—or even less—such an offering is, in the sight of God, among the treasures of old, and of the most ancient. For this cause hath the True One—glorified be His glory—remembered the doers and the expenders in all His Books. Entreat ye God to confirm all to render the Rights; for by these means is the Cause uplifted and made manifest. Were the servants to know, in these days, the station of deeds, they would all act according to that which beseemeth. The matter is in His hand: He ordaineth as He pleaseth; and He is the Ruler, the Bestower, the Just, the Expounder, the All-Wise.

God willing, may all be adorned with patience and steadfast endurance, with service and constancy. Had the peoples of the world acted, in former ages and in those to come, according to the law of God, assuredly Islam would not be seen this day in weakness. They are beheld in grievous peril, and this is naught but the fruit of unseemly deeds. Let them beseech, of the True One, [aid] for that honored personage and for all the friends, that He may enable all to attain unto His outpourings in such wise that they may return unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous; yea, such a return may become the cause of the salvation of the community.

And as to what ye had written concerning the amount of money that had been remitted: let five tumans be taken by Aqa Mirza Abdu'llah—upon him be the Glory of God—and five tumans by Aqa Mirza Muhammad—upon him be the Glory of God—and four tumans on account of the debt of Aqa Mulla Muhammad-Ali—upon him be the Glory of God—for, outwardly, nothing is in his hand. And five tumans, according to the command of that honored personage, let him dispose of; and the remainder distribute among such souls as are in need.

This poor one, by night and by day, waileth and lamenteth and crieth aloud, that he may kindle the friends with the fire of the love of God, and that he may be granted the grace to safeguard the bounties. Alas, how great the loss, if the people of that land should become heedless of their stations, and squander the reward of their labors! It is now some years that the emigrants make not good mention—meaning those who come from that direction. The expectation is that the people of the Truth should appear, amongst the countries, even as stars—manifest, rising, and resplendent. Nay, it hath even been heard that the children, in no wise, obey their fathers. Verily, this is a thing wondrous!

A Tablet in this connection, revealed from the dawning-place of knowledge in the presence of the Beloved, is with the revered physician—upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, that honored one shall peruse it. The fruits of unity and concord are manifest, and their benefits resplendent; all must hold fast unto them. The believers and the affirmers of Divine unity are even as one being and one soul. What hath befallen man, that he is heedless of the Most Exalted Station, and is content with the lowest? Repeatedly hath this blessed utterance been heard from Him: that which is, in the first place and in the primal rank, obligatory and essential for children is the teaching of the word of Divine Unity and the

ordinances of God; for without these the fear of God is not attained, and in the absence thereof a myriad hateful deeds, unrecognized and unseemly, and words impure, come to be made manifest.

And at another time He said: fathers must exert their utmost endeavor in fostering the religiosity of their children; for if the children attain not, in the beginning, unto this first adornment, they will become heedless of obedience to their parents—an obedience which, in a certain station, is obedience unto God. Such children then have not, nor will they have, any care; they do as their passions will. The friends of God, in that land, must appear in such wise that they may become the cause of the remembrance and awakening of the servants; for the mention of those souls is repeated in the Tablets, and it is heard in all regions. Should a thing appear contrary to their stations, it hath not been, nor is, beloved. The eyes of the peoples round about have been, and are, turned toward the friends of that land. God forbid that this station should be altered!

Let them sit together, and be gladdened together, and drink together, and hold fast unto the Most Glorious Law. God is witness and testimony that if souls act according to that which is in the Book, they shall attain unto every good, outward and inward. Verily, He guideth whomsoever He willeth unto His straight path.

And as to what ye had written regarding Shaykh Salman—upon him be the Glory of God—from the land of Taff: in these days it is not expedient that any soul should turn his steps toward those regions. Let three tumans from the fifty be given to him; if he return to his place, that is nearer unto expediency. The loved one, Aqa Muhammad Mustafa—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory—hath likewise written in this matter and hath deemed return advisable. He hath, on many occasions, attained unto visitation. God willing, may he bring the remainder of his days to their end in utter firmness and steadfastness.

Concerning the mention you made of two handmaids of God—upon them be the Glory of God—this was presented. He said:

> "We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall profit them, and draw them nigh unto Him, and to bestow upon them that which shall be good for them in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

End of utterance.

And as to what ye wrote regarding Aqa Muhammad-Rida—upon him be the Glory of God—of the people of S—this likewise was submitted in His presence. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Remembering.

O Zayn! We have remembered him, and strengthened him to turn toward Us, and have given him to drink of the choice wine of recognition, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to make him steadfast and aided to act according to that which hath been enjoined in His perspicuous Book. It behoveth him to say:

O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by Thine Chosen Ones, and by Thy Prophets, and by them that are nigh unto Thee amongst Thy creatures, to make me of those who have held fast to the cord of Thy

obedience, and have clung to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! I have fled from mine own self unto Thee, lifting up the hands of my hope to the heaven of Thy munificence. I implore Thee, by the ocean of Thy grace and by Thy Most Great Name, to aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that neither the doubts of Thy creatures nor the insinuations of Thy servants may hinder me. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. End of utterance.

And as to what ye wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad-Hasan—upon him be the Glory of God—in the land of H-M, and his request regarding his brethren: this servant beseecheth and hopeth of the True One—glorified be His glory—that He may confirm him in the service of the Cause, and likewise open the door of My mercy unto the faces of his brethren. Yet, according to the command, write ye unto him that, in all circumstances, he must watch over wisdom; for men are weak and are not aware of the Purpose. They speak out of their own desires, and they know not.

And concerning the mention you made of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad-Jawad—upon him be the Glory of God—of the people of N-R: this was presented. He said:

> "Blessed is he, for he is of those who, in ʿIraq, attained unto visitation of the holy ones, and beheld the Most Exalted Station, holding fast to the Firm Handle. We beseech the Exalted One to send down for him, and for his brother, and for those with them, a blessing from His presence; and to preserve them from the evil of those who have clung to the cords of falsehood and calumny; and to write down for them the good of this world and of the next."

End of utterance.

And as to what ye wrote concerning Aqa Yari—upon him be the Glory of God—and likewise the details regarding the bounds of the Sabbath: these were submitted in the presence. He said: "Blessed is he, in that he hath shattered the chains of vain imaginings." The True One—glorified be His glory—saith, in the sacred Books of old, unto the children of Israel: "In the days when I delivered you from Egypt, I enjoined upon you neither sacrifice nor burnt-offering; rather did I enjoin upon you this blessed thing, that ye might hearken unto My voice." Blessed are the contemplators and the discerning! Behold what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan. He—blessed and exalted be He—saith: "And indeed We sent Moses with Our signs: ʿBring forth thy people from darkness into light, and remind them of the Days of God.' Verily in this are signs for every steadfast, thankful one." Blessed is the soul that perceiveth the allusion of the All-Merciful's utterance; and blessed is the soul that, after comprehension, speaketh according to the measure of minds and souls.

Praise be to God: Yari, through the aid of the Lord of Being, hath attained unto the lights of the Sun of Truth that shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz, and hath exchanged the former limits for recognition of the Seal [of the Prophets]. This is the great triumph, the straight path, the sure Cause. And He saith moreover: "Howl, O shepherds, and cry out, and wallow in dust, O chiefs of the flock, for your days are fulfilled for slaughter…"—to the end of His words. The divines of the Torah became the cause whereby the inheritors of the Speaker with God and the Friend of God were withheld from the true inheritance; they wander in deserts of darkness and ignorance, and perceive not.

Glorified be God! The person afore-mentioned, through the bounty of the True One—glorified be His glory—hath been illumined with the light of faith and hath set aside the ordinance of the Sabbath. Now it behoveth the people of Islam to manifest unto him the utmost love; for verily he is upon a straight path—this is of the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. May God preserve us and them from those whose passions have prevailed over them, and whom leadership hath deceived, until they have become heedless of God and of what He hath sent down in the Book. End of utterance.

Section 2: "This servant conveyeth to him salutations, and beseecheth…"

This servant conveyeth to him salutations, and beseecheth the True One—glorified be His glory—to confirm him in that whereby his recognition shall not be severed from the world. Verily He is powerful over all things.

And as for Aqa Mirza Sulayman—upon him be the Glory of God—it is not expedient that he should, in this direction, turn his steps; but should he turn toward other lands, there is no harm, nor ever hath there been. In the Cause of the loved ones of God, wisdom is the first thing; for all are commanded thereto. The servant remembereth him, and will remember him, and saluteth him, and congratulateth him upon that which he hath attained.

And as to what ye wrote concerning Akkash Effendi—upon him be the Glory of God—and that which he desired: the Beloved of the world said: "It is beyond wisdom." If the Persian suluk be sent, there is no harm. Akkash Effendi, in truth, both he and his father are very good; they have ever desired, and still desire, the welfare of the community, and have clung, and still cling, to the Law and the Path. Yet their dwelling is in a place through which travellers pass; they show friendship, but God knoweth what is in their hearts. Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim—upon him be the Glory of God—likewise hath walked, and still walketh, the straight path. In these days his mention came specially to mind, and tokens of favor were shown. We beseech God the Exalted to preserve them from the evil of the heedless and from the tyranny of the oppressors. Amen, O Lord of the worlds.

And as to what ye wrote concerning the well-beloved, the honored physician—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory: praise be to God, he hath arrived. The fullest favor hath been manifested toward him. God willing, he shall be confirmed and aided in that which is, in the sight of God, beloved and accepted.

And likewise Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Hadi—upon him be the Glory of God—attained [unto presence]. He showed forth favor, and, in view of the exigencies of the Cause, return was enjoined. All know that whosoever purposed to come hither, from the first of his arrival until this hour, hath continually been restrained by the Source of the Cause. That honored one himself beareth witness how many souls, with wailing and supplication, sought permission to come, yet were not granted leave. Notwithstanding this, certain wretched ones of Persia have imagined that the purpose of the loved ones is gathering and corruption—God forbid this mighty calumny! Strife and contention and فساد are of the nature of satans; the loved ones are sanctified, purified, and wholly severed therefrom. Every fair-minded and seeing one testifieth to this. And what was with the well-beloved, the honored physician—upon him be the Glory of God—and his favor, hath been received; the reply to it, God willing, will arrive.

Further: the names mentioned at the close of that honored one's letter are all adorned with the lights of favor and have been enabled to attain unto remembrance—happy are they therefor.

And as to the mention of the well-beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory—his remembrance hath ever been, and still is, in the assembly of the friends. His letters have, one after another, reached this servant; and now, as he is engaged in writing this missive, he imploreth aid from the True One—glorified be His glory—that he may be confirmed to answer his letters, and that it may be sent within this week.

And likewise the mention of the honored lady, the leaf, the mother of Aqa Mirza ʿInayat-u'llah—upon them be the Glory of God—who was, and still is, in prison: I offer her, and the leaf [her child]—upon them be the Glory of God—the expression of takbir and salutation.

Another letter from that beloved one, dated the fifteenth day of Safar the Triumphant, shed a fresh light upon the world of sight and bestowed a new vision. Praise be to God: it was adorned with the remembrance of the Beloved of all mankind, and spoke, and gave tidings, of the health of that honored person and his kindred. The All-Knowing, the All-Aware is witness and testimony that the letter of the loved ones bestoweth that which the cloud of mercy bestoweth, and dealeth with the trees of being as the Kawthar of life with the thirsty, and the pure water with the sapling. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And as to the mention of favor, and the confession of inability to render thanks and praise unto the True One—glorified be His glory—verily such is indeed what hath been said; yet a hundred thousand praises be to the Beloved of all mankind, Who hath preserved these servants and enabled them to attain unto a drop from the ocean of recognition. The prayer of that honored one, and his desire in this station, hath been answered with true acceptance—happy are ye therefor.

And as to what thou didst write concerning the Feast, that it was held in the house of the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah—upon him be the Glory of God—happy are he, and happy are they who ate, and they who drank, and they who read, and they who listened, and they who remembered, and they who attained, and they who served, and they who cooked, and they who labored, and they who praised and thanked and glorified God, the Lord of the worlds. Unto all, this lowly servant offereth congratulations and conveyeth salutations, and declareth, "May it be pleasant and wholesome unto you." This detail was submitted in the presence [of the Blessed Beauty], and these words were uttered from His blessed Tongue: "Blessed is he who hath attained unto the bounty of God—glorified be His glory—and hath arisen to praise and glorify Him in the realm of creation, in such wise that the face of heaven rejoiceth and all things are magnified." End of utterance.

Praise be to God, a goodly share fell to all: they were both refreshed and gladdened, and were enabled to attain unto remembrance. As for the servant's portion, it is not known where it is, nor in what place—[it is] with God, if He willeth and desireth.

The trust of Aqa Ghulam-Ali—upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God, reached its place; and likewise the sum that was given to Aqa Abdu'l-Ghani—upon him be the Glory of God—was received.

Sanctified be the dust of him who hath been honored to have what he sent of his substance adorned with the robe of acceptance.

And as to the mention of Mihman—upon her be the Glory of God—and the sister of the exalted one, Aqa Muhammad-Rida—upon them be the Glory of God—and likewise the arrival of that which had been enjoined: He said,

> "Praise be to God and thanksgiving; His are bounty and generosity and grace. He bestoweth upon whom He willeth, and withholdeth from whom He pleaseth. We stand at His door, and beseech of His bounty and His generosity, and hope for that which is in the treasuries of His grace. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous."

And as to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Mahdi—upon him be the Glory of God—of the people of Kh—this was presented. He said: "O Zayn! write unto him: Thy remembrance hath been, and still is, in the presence of the Wronged One. O Mahdi! The clouds of oppression have veiled the lights of the Sun of Justice, and the horizon of the divine bounty is overspread with thickening vapors. The vulgar multitude of the earth have risen up to extinguish the Light and to quench the Fire; and for this cause the radiant community hath been weakened, and the Most Glorious Law left in abeyance.

Unseemly deeds, in diverse forms, are seen: in place of glorification, the clash of swords is raised aloft; in place of righteous works, the rattle of chains is heard. The commission of forbidden things appeareth in the guise of piety, and the recompense of idle sports shineth forth in the form of guns. The wolves have encompassed the human world; heedlessness hath reached such a pitch that, in place of light, they have taken darkness for their leader; and the seats of knowledge and understanding they have clung to with ignorance and folly. They know not wherefore they have come, nor whither they go. Blind they came, blind they lived, and unto the grave they go.

Beseech thou the True One to aid the perspicuous Faith, to exalt the Word, and to make the world one single piece through the light of divine unity. Say: O friends! this day is the day of remembrance and praise. In nights and days occupy yourselves with the mention of the Lord of mankind, in such wise that the dominion of the sovereign and the riches of the owned may not withhold you from the inviolable True One, nor turn you aside from seeking Him.

Where are the people of rebellion and lewdness and oppression, and the haters of former times? Where is their power, and where their wealth, and where their pomp, and where their sovereignty? They boasted of riches, and displayed pride in perishing glory, until, kindled with the fire of wrath, they found their dwelling and abode in hell. If this world and its hues and ornaments possessed any worth, the chosen ones and the Prophets of God would not have surrendered themselves into the hands of idolaters. Consider the Seal of the Prophets—may our souls be a sacrifice for all besides Him—and likewise the Qiblih in the days of the Spirit, and before Him the Prophets and the near ones and the sincere: all, in the path of God, drank deadly poison as though it were the honey of everlasting life, and with the wings of longing soared to the domes of majesty. Would that the people might know! Would that the people might understand!

O Mahdi! the Wronged One hath remembered thee many times, and likewise the friends. God willing, thou wilt be confirmed in that which is acceptable in the sight of God. The life of the oppressors is even as the last remnant of the sun's light upon the mountain-tops: soon shall it vanish away, and remembrance, and glory, and majesty, and light shall remain for God and for His loved ones. Say: O people of Baha! cleave to spiritual virtues, to pure words, and to praiseworthy speech and deeds. The True One loveth him who loveth Him, and remembereth Him, and doeth what He hath sent down in the Book." End of utterance.

The sweet fragrances of musk-like meanings and utterance have seized the world: we beseech the True One to raise up those endowed with scent, and to grant them attainment. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And as to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Nasru'llah and Aqa Muhammad-Taqi—upon them be the Glory of God—this matter must be made known to Kh alil—upon him be the Glory of God—himself. Glorified be God! A man must exert his utmost endeavor in discharging his debt; and if he be afflicted with poverty, the creditor must deal with him according to what is right. In truth, Aqa Muhammad-Taqi—upon him be the Glory of God—hath shown loving-kindness and extended help. We beseech the True One—glorified be His glory—to adorn His servants with trustworthiness and religiosity, with truth and purity.

And as to what thou didst write concerning Haji Mahdi—upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God, he is confirmed through the bounties of the True One—glorified be His glory. He arrived, and heard, and drank; yet now he should remain there occupied with a task, for it is not expedient that he should turn his steps toward this land—and to relate the details is not permissible. This lowly servant beseecheth the True One—glorified be His glory—to open wide the gates of His most great mercy unto the faces of the people of Baha. He manifested exceeding favor toward him. Convey, on behalf of this servant, salutations unto him.

At this moment, as I am engaged in writing this missive, I was summoned; and after attaining the honor of presence, He said:

> "Write unto Zayn—upon him be the Glory of God—that in all matters they must look to wisdom, and hold fast to this word: Believe not every speaker, and trust not every newcomer. Convey greetings to all the friends, and, on behalf of the Wronged One, enjoin them to act with wisdom. No adornment for man is higher than wisdom. God willing, may all be adorned and illumined with this shining ornament."

And we make mention, at the end of the discourse, of him who is named Asdaq, even as we mentioned him before, and we beseech God to manifest for him, at every time, that which betokeneth His favor, and His mercy, and His compassion that have preceded existence. End of utterance.

This lowly servant likewise offereth salutations unto all: peace—manifest and resplendent—from the horizon of divine favor be upon you, and upon them, and upon those who sought help through patience and prayer, and through the remembrance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Servant, 17 Rabi' al-Awwal 1301.

BH02551: Lawh-i-Istiqamat

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O servants of the All-Merciful! We counsel you to observe trustworthiness, truthfulness and fidelity, and to fear God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Whoso cleaveth unto the fear of God, he verily is of the people of this exalted station.

O people of Baha! Your eyes are gladdened by what they behold of My Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed are your ears for having been honored to hearken unto the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. Know ye the value of this most exalted station. By My life! The treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. Ye are beneath the glances of God's loving-kindness—He heareth what ye speak of His love and seeth how ye fare in His Cause, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He maketh mention of you from His Most Great Prison in such wise as to immortalize your names in a preserved Tablet.

Say: By God! All things give you glad-tidings under all conditions, if ye be of them that know. Hold ye fast unto steadfastness, then again unto steadfastness, lest your feet slip from His Straight Path. Say: This is My greatest counsel and My most mighty trust unto you. Preserve it, then set it before your eyes. And God is witness to what I say.

We have counseled Our loved ones who soar in My atmosphere and drink the choice wine of My utterance to observe the Most Great Steadfastness in My Tablet and My Leaf and My Scriptures and My Pages and My Books. To this testify My Pen and My ink and My finger and My hand and My arm and My ear and My sight and My hair and My limbs and My truthful, trusted tongue.

We repeatedly made mention of this Greatest Remembrance until My Most Exalted Pen addressed Me as it moved between My fingers, saying:

> "O Thou Who art imprisoned and wronged, Who art the All-Compelling over what is hidden and known! I behold that the ocean of Thy will is directed towards this Word which Thou hast made the foundation of Thy most sublime Words at the station of remembrance in the kingdom of creation. By Thy might, O Lord of eternity! I find myself bewildered at this, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I beseech Thee to remove the veil from the face of my understanding and to make known to me Thy purpose, O Thou Goal of all worlds! Can it be possible that after the dawning of the sun of Thy Testament above the horizon of Thy Most Great Tablet, the feet of any one shall slip in Thy Straight Path?"

We answered:

> "O My Most Exalted Pen! It behooveth Thee to occupy Thyself with that wherewith Thou hast been bidden by God, the Most High, the Most Great. Ask not concerning that which melteth Thy heart and the hearts of the denizens of Paradise who circle round My wondrous Cause. It beseemeth Thee not to learn what We have veiled from Thee. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the All-Knowing. Turn Thy most luminous countenance to the Most Great Scene and say: O my

> God, the All-Merciful! Adorn the heaven of utterance with the stars of steadfastness and trustworthiness and truthfulness and fidelity. Thou art verily powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Bountiful."

BH03125: The Fire hath appeared and the Light hath shone…

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

The Fire hath appeared and the Light hath shone forth in this Revelation wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved." Indeed the Fire speaketh from the luminous Spot: "He Who is the Lord of earth and heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty." The call of the Tree hath been raised upon the Sinai of the Command, and that which was concealed in the Books of God hath been revealed, and that which was inscribed by the Pen of God, the Lord of the kingdom of names and of heaven, hath appeared.

Blessed is the stranger who hath hastened to his most exalted home, and the poor one who hath hurried to the treasury of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the thirsty one who hath made his way to the Most Great Ocean, and the one who, having remained seated, hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: The Lamp of bounty hath appeared in the world and from the horizon of justice hath dawned the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful been wafted. Happy is he who hath drunk the first and attained unto the second in the days of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Thy shrill sound hath been raised and thy fragrance diffused, after We found thee silent and still in this praiseworthy station. It saith:

> "O my Lord, the All-Loving! I chose silence, for I was bewildered by Thy Cause and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty. Thou art, verily, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. By Thy might! Such bewilderment seized me that I forgot myself, my station, my scratching sound and my movement. Thou art the Witness of what I say. I observe that they who were created from the spray of the ocean of Thy utterance by Thy command have risen up to harm Thy Self, yet Thou didst forbear despite Thy power and didst forgive though Thou wert able to subdue all who dwell in the realms of might."

Thus did My Pen speak, but the people do not understand.

When thou art intoxicated with the wine of My knowledge and seized by the fragrance of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

> "Perdition betide them that have wronged and imprisoned Thee, and woe unto them that have turned away from Thy face after God had made it the qiblih of all existence."

Glory be upon thee and upon them that have shattered the idols of vain imaginings through this Name whereby that which was recorded in the Scrolls of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, hath been made manifest.

BH05661: I bear witness to that which God did bear…

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

I bear witness to that which God did bear witness before the appearance of the names—that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaks with truth is indeed the One hidden within God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: By God! The Speaker of the Mount has appeared and the horizon of Revelation has been illumined through this Name whereby those in the graves have arisen, and every matter that was concealed behind the veils of the unseen and inscribed in God's Books, the Most High, the Most Great, has been made manifest. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of My garment, has spoken My praise and glorification, has soared in the atmosphere of My love, and has acted according to what was sent down in My perspicuous Book.

We have heard your call and answered you, and recognized your turning to Us. We have sent unto you that from which you will find the fragrance of your Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs of the nations veil you or the doubts of the sinful ones prevent you. Be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the One manifest through the Most Great Name, for having caused me to hear [Thy verses] and recognize Thy clear signs. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Wise.

BH05862: In the Name of Him Who speaketh between earth…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh between earth and heaven! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath attained the Kawthar of certitude on the day whereon the foundations were shaken, and the earth was cleft, and the mountains passed away. Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath revealed that which He desired through His command from His presence. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe unto every denier and infidel.

O concourse of the earth! Be fair in your judgment by God and follow not your selfish desires in this Cause which, when it appeared, caused the lights to shine forth. Have ye anything greater than that which God hath brought? Then bring it forth and tarry not, O dawning-places of idle fancies! That which ye possess hath been cast away and your carpet hath been rolled up. Unto this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him.

Say: Verily the Book speaketh, would ye but hearken, O people of understanding! And say: He Who revealed it speaketh—unto this testifieth every learned one who hath spoken the truth in the days of his Lord, the Master of the Return.

The Hidden One hath appeared and calleth out, saying:

> “O peoples of the earth! Answer Him Who summoneth you to the Most Sublime Horizon. Beware lest the conditions of those who disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return veil you.”

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the splendor of My Most Great Remembrance. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of this heaven be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH06166: A mention from the Wronged One Who is imprisoned…

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

A mention from the Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He calls out with the most exalted call from the Supreme Horizon and summons all to the One, the All-Informed. O thou who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. Behold and then remember what befell the Messenger of God, and before Him the Spirit, and the Prophets and Messengers—among the people were those who turned away from them, those who opposed them, and those who pronounced judgment against them without any proof or clear Book. Verily, he who chooseth the crooked path cannot make My straight path crooked. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We counsel thee to manifest the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation. By My life! The kingdom shall pass away, but power and might shall endure with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon all who are firm and steadfast.

BH07579: Thou seest me, O my God, and hearest my…

He is the One speaking from the horizon of the world!

Thou seest me, O my God, and hearest my call in this eventide. By Thy glory! The raptures of my longing for Thee and the fragrances of Thy raiment have so seized me that patience and composure have departed from me. By Thy beauty, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations! Whenever tribulations surrounded me in Thy path and afflictions in Thy Cause, I found myself drawn and soaring in Thy atmosphere.

I know not what fire Thou hast kindled within me by the hands of Thy power, such that the waters of hardship in Thy love cannot extinguish it, nor can the seas of trials in Thy remembrance and praise.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by this fire burning in the heart of the world, to rend asunder the veils of glory from before the face of Thy creation, that they may turn toward the ocean of Thy reunion and the fountain of Thy presence.

Then I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deprive me of Thy sweet fragrances nor bar me from the heaven of Thy grace. Moreover, ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Generous Giver.

BH09730: He is the Speaking One, the All-Knowing! The people…

He is the Speaking One, the All-Knowing! The people of truth must today be even as true physicians laboring to heal humankind. No disease hath been or is greater than heedlessness, treachery, envy, malice and hate; and no healing remedy hath been or is more potent than the Word of God. O peoples of the contingent world! Hearken with the ear of the spirit to the call of the All-Merciful. By the life of God! Its fragrance hath encompassed the world and perfumed the Concourse on High. Arise through the power of the Most Great Name, and with utmost joy and delight heal and remove chronic diseases through the Divine Word. His Name is the key to deliverance and His love the strengthener of souls.

BH10913: O thou who gazest upon Mine horizon! The entire…

He is the Most High, the Most Exalted

O thou who gazest upon Mine horizon! The entire world hath been thunderstruck by this Most Great Word, save whom thy Lord willeth. He hath appeared in the garment of "I am" and speaketh forth with "I am the One Who is manifest." This is the deadly poison for the evil ones and the water of life for the righteous. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, to the shame of every infidel who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust.

BH04622: Praise be to God Who hath guided us…

Praise be to God Who hath guided us to His straight path…

The rain of mercy hath fallen in these days to such degree that in truth one is powerless and incapable of describing it. Blessed are you and those with you and those who love you. God is witness and testifier that this servant has ever been occupied with mentioning you and with companionship and association in the springtime of grace, and continues thus. Never do these matters fade from sight or are erased from the heart. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to manifest through you that which is lasting and enduring. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O apple of God's eye, upon whom be God's loving-kindness! I have been and am mindful of thee. I convey greetings and praise to the honored leaf, upon whom be the glory and loving-kindness of God. I beseech God to grant her patience. Though the sorrows that have befallen are and have been grievous, yet through the manifestations of infinite favors and bounties, every bitterness becomes sweet and every hardship easy. How excellent was what was said of old:

> "When I have Thee I have all, though naught else cometh to me."

With the appearance of this verse, in truth the entire world is neither worthy of attention nor deserving of regard. Peace and glory and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have held fast to God's mighty cord….

…all must be adorned with patience and steadfastness and submission and contentment, lest that occur from which the fragrance of discontent might be detected. They must not be saddened by the oppression of some, the wickedness of others, the calumnies of a faction and the abominable deeds of a people. Verily He seizes as He has seized. He has no need of anyone. His is the command and the creation. He seizes whomever He wishes, as He has done and you have seen. All must hold fast to the cord of patience and with perfect submission and contentment entrust all matters to God, exalted be His glory. It behooveth His loved ones to be as ensigns of guidance and as banners of ease and trustworthiness and chastity among all people.

If two or three foolish ones deny thee, Why shouldst thou become bitter when thou art a mine of sugar?

Let not the buzzing of the fly cause the Cause of the Lord of Lords to waver or grow weak, for it hath ever been and shall remain supported by a mighty host. Verily the hosts of God shall triumph. These hosts are none other than pure deeds, praiseworthy character, and words of wisdom, and behind them standeth the absolute power of God. Blessed are they who in this day fix their gaze upon the horizon of God's Cause and not upon the deeds of the wicked ones. Their continuance and persistence are like unto that of an owl that crieth out upon a ruined wall, then riseth up and departeth. Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with insight! This evanescent servant beseecheth God—exalted be His glory—to safeguard His loved ones within the stronghold of His protection and to inspire in them that which is befitting. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Then peace and glory and mercy and grace be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the glorious throne.

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BH05245: The servant testifies to the oneness and singleness…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

The servant testifies to the oneness and singleness of God, His justice and bounty, and to the Last Day when people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. And prayers and peace be upon the best of those who walked upon the earth, through whom the sun of truth shone forth and the horizon of servitude was illumined, and whom He sent with truth to the people to guide them to His straight path, and upon his family and companions who truly clung to his holy and luminous robe.

To proceed—may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. I received your letter and heard your words and visited what reached me from you. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and sustain you in manifesting justice and fairness in the cities and regions. As for what you wrote regarding Qurratu'l-ʿAyn's proceeding to Alexandretta for assistance and benefit—this is a matter approved by the people of

consultation. We ask God for a good outcome. Regarding what you mentioned about the arrival of his honor—the servant sends greetings to him and congratulates him and remembers him with pure love, and those with him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us reunion and remove the veils and obstacles. He may proceed and be honored with what he desires. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. And peace be upon you and upon those with you, female and male, young and old.

The servant 9 Rabi'ath-Thani 1301

BH02042: Praise befitteth that Intended One Who illumined the world…

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

Praise befitteth that Intended One Who illumined the world with the lights of the Sun of Truth and ordained for the hearts of the Prophets and chosen ones the spring of the Water of Life. He is the One Peerless Lord Whose sovereignty neither increased nor diminished through the acceptance or rejection of the peoples of the world. Exalted, exalted be His binding Command and His Most Great Mystery. And blessings and peace be upon Him Whom He sent with the truth and made the Manifestation of His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes among creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the earth brought forth its fruits and the heaven sent down its rain.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored brother arrived. Praise be to God, it indicated your well-being and the favorable resolution of affairs, which brought joy. When it was presented before the Master, He said:

> "O Lutfu'llah, welcome to thee! The flourishing of work and personal health brings joy. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in that which pleaseth Him and to grant thee success in His remembrance and praise. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Be thou in all conditions reliant upon Him, hopeful of the wonders of His grace, speaking His praise, and gazing toward the horizon of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth."

Thou art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. The friends of that land have not been and will not be forgotten. God willing, may all the friends of God be adorned with the ornament of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

Praise be to God, thou art successful in remembering the true Friend. In truth, grace hath been manifested in such wise that this servant is powerless to mention it. God the All-Informed is witness and testifier that at all times I have beseeched and do beseech from God, exalted be His glory, glory and blessing and exaltation and bounty for you and the other gentlemen. How much joy was obtained from news of the good health of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Akbar. In truth, he is a remembrance and remnant of the family of the late and forgiven one whose virtues the pen is powerless to recount, and he is ever remembered in the presence of the Countenance. This servant conveys greetings to him. Repeatedly mention was heard from the blessed tongue of his healing. The servant praises God for this. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering.

As to your mention of the honored and revered brother Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the peace of God, God is witness and testifier that this servant in all conditions beseeches and hopes for the wonders of His generosity and grace, that He may preserve him and his kin beneath the shadow of His care and compassion. And further I beseech from God that He may ordain a meeting. This matter has been long delayed. God willing, may the Pen of Destiny bring it near. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

We have no news of the honored master Sabri Efendi, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be sustained with the blessing of health and well-being. The poor one possesses naught save prayer. Verily He doeth whatsoever He willeth.

BH01633: Praise be to God Who has manifested…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Might

Praise be to God Who has manifested that which was sanctified beyond the knowledge, recognition, comprehension and understanding of all things. He has ever been and will forever remain sanctified above all thoughts, even as He has always been. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And His manifest blessings be upon Him Whom He created and sent forth to His creatures to guide them to the straight path, and upon His family and companions through whom His Cause was spread throughout the lands among the servants.

My spirit be a sacrifice for you. The blessed autograph of His Holiness addressed to the honored master, Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the peace of God, and dated the sixth of Rabi'u'l-Avval, truly renewed the existence of this ephemeral one, for it spoke of the well-being of that Beloved One. It brought spiritual joy and true gladness—to Him be praise, grace and bounty. Since the honored master, upon him be God's care and grace, was not present, this servant received it on his behalf and with his permission. Now on this 19th of Rabi'u'th-Thani this response is submitted.

Regarding what was written expressing joy and gladness at the acceptance by His Holiness the Branch of God, Aqa Mirza Diya'u'llah, may our spirits be sacrificed for him, of the book that was sent—praise be to God it arrived and was accepted and is being read. Even the Desired One, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, has perused it several times. Your reward is with God.

Another submission: His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of his footsteps—is not present these days, having departed for certain reasons. He graciously gave me a page to send to that beloved one. That page was sent, and similar verses to what that beloved one has should be corrected, and this page and other such pages that were sent should be destroyed.

At this point They gained presence in the Holy Court and said to write to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin:

> "O Zayn! The Wronged One counsels His loved ones with that which will elevate their stations before God: pure fear of God, goodly deeds, trustworthiness, religious devotion, chastity, truthfulness, patience, steadfastness, deliberation and reflection, and acting according to what they have been commanded in the Book. We beseech God to assist them and aid them to act

> upon what the Pen of Counsel has proclaimed at all times. And We implore God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, to draw them near to Him and grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of the throne and earth. O Zayn! Upon you be the peace of God, His mercy and His care. Man must adorn himself with that which befits him and be embellished with conduct worthy of him. Night and day the Pen of Counsel has not ceased, and has revealed that which is the cause of the exaltation and elevation of souls and the comfort and tranquility of the people of the world. Ask ye of God that He may assist all and grant attentive ears. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer."

Furthermore, all those circumambulating send greetings, and this evanescent servant also extends greetings to each one. Peace be upon you and those with you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

One more submission: Regarding what was written about travel from that land, one day these words were heard from the blessed tongue:

> "If the companions in Mosul, upon them be God's peace, were to gradually move toward Iran and Arab Iraq with perfect wisdom, it would be very good. Apart from these considerations, in these days this land has somewhat been affected by certain odors due to the intimations of some malicious ones."

The servant, on 19 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1301

BH00527: Praise be to God Who hath made His Most…

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

Praise be to God Who hath made His Most Glorious Name a light and a mercy and an honor and a treasure for the people of guidance, and a fire and a chastisement and a sword for the people of tyranny and wickedness. Exalted is He at Whose Name the limbs of the treacherous have trembled and at Whose mention the foundation of the idolaters hath been shaken. He is indeed the One Whom neither the veils of the people nor the glory of those who have denied this Day have hindered. And peace and blessings be upon His Prophets and His Messengers who have sacrificed all they possessed in His path and have arisen to serve His Cause in such wise that His banners were unfurled throughout the lands and the standards of His guidance were raised amidst His servants.

And now, the letter of that true beloved hath bestowed upon this thirsty one that which is as the pure water unto the sapling and as light unto the horizons. After its perusal and review, it was presented in the Most Holy Court, whereupon He commanded: Write to S.M.: The Wronged One counseleth all to patience and steadfastness, to serenity and dignity. The hearts of them that are nigh and sincere must not be saddened by the deeds of the oppressors and the heedless. Such souls have never, in any age or dispensation, obeyed the divine command and have, with the utmost tyranny and injustice, visited upon the Manifestations of God's Cause and the Dawning-places of His revelation that which all have heard. However, in the sight of God these base and vile ones have neither worth nor station.

The friends of God must in all matters place their trust in God and commit their affairs unto Him, and must supplicate at all times with the utmost lowliness and devotion for all who dwell on earth, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the living waters nor be denied the fruits of the tree of true humanity. They must at all times keep before their eyes the divine counsels and be not heedless. The heedless souls have risen up with satanic hosts to extinguish the divine light; you must assist through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. God is in Himself powerful and mighty. Whatsoever He willeth appeareth instantly. His power prevaileth over all powers, and His will triumpheth over the will of all who are on earth and in heaven. The oppressor seeketh victory over Us through the might of his hosts, while We seek victory over him through the One Who is nigh, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

What fruit did the calumniator reap, and what station did the wolf attain, and what benefit did the serpent gain? By God's life, all are in manifest loss. Were the lamentation of but one of those souls to be heard, all who dwell on earth would be struck with terror. O S.M.! Those souls who in these days have rendered service in God's path, who have given shelter to the captives, or who have shown regard—all are recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. God will surely reward them with a goodly reward and recompense them with a great recompense. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Praise be to God! By divine bestowals you have been and continue to be favored. As commanded, write to my beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, that they should not remain in the Land of Ta. They should certainly spend some time away, as this is closer to piety. The funds that the distinguished person, may God the Blessed and Exalted assist him, paid for the Huquq—blessed is he and joy be unto him! And now as commanded, regarding the fifty tumans that were first transferred, if received, twenty tumans should be delivered in the Land of Kaf to the honored matron, the Mother of the Sacred Precinct, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and thirty tumans to the beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, Master of Power. More will arrive later, God willing.

And regarding the five units that the honored wife of him who ascended to God, upon her be the Glory of God, designated for the Huquq—mention of its receipt was revealed in the Tablet to that honored leaf from the heaven of the Divine Will and was accepted. As commanded, the aforementioned funds should be delivered in the Land of Kha to the spiritual beloved ʿAyn-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, as they have incurred debt and the sooner it reaches them the more beloved it is in the sight of God. They have been wronged and considerable sums have been taken from them.

Regarding what they mentioned about the honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name of God Mim-Ha, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory—all that was sent of their letters was received and replies were sent twice. In any case, the hosts of God have been and will always be victorious. In the prison, mention is made of them and those with His Holiness most of the time, especially in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence and among the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur. The entire world bears witness to their sanctity, detachment, piety, righteousness and success, and likewise to the oppression, transgression, tyranny, lies and hypocrisy of those who have caused harm to the party of Truth, exalted be His glory.

He said: Write, O thou who hast turned unto the Face! Reflect upon the injustice of the people. The Name of God who has desired naught but good and reform, and who has been occupied day and night in service

to humanity—the atoms of creation bear witness to their truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness, religiosity and oppressed state, as well as that of the other prisoners. Nevertheless, they abandoned justice and acted without it. End quote. This evanescent servant beseeches the Lord of all beings night and day to grant them deliverance and ordain their meeting. Verily our Lord is powerful over all things, wise.

Regarding what was written about the honored beloved, the Hakim, upon him be the Glory of God—they arrived in Beirut from the great city and proceeded to Damascus. Until now they have not arrived in this land. Wherever they are, may they be safe and at rest under the shadow of divine favor. Regarding what was written about my master Amin, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors—yes, these matters are with them and truly they have arisen to serve with utmost dedication. They are occupied day and night. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth to confirm them, although what confirmation could be greater than that their service has been accepted? In these days they wrote a letter to this servant. God willing, a reply will be sent. If that beloved one writes to them, they should mention God's favors toward them.

As regards the sum which, according to the pen of that beloved and honored brother, His Holiness Haji Khalil, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has been given and through which they have attained to this bounty—mention was previously made of the bestowals of God, exalted be His glory, concerning them. And as to what the beloved one, His Holiness A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, has written to that beloved one saying that they should await further news from them—this is very good and depends upon their will. The sum which the honored master, His Holiness Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has sent by draft pertains to the Huquq which His Holiness Haji Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was to deliver to His Holiness A.H., upon him be from all the Most Glorious Beauty, and they were to deliver this amount to that beloved one.

The details of this were also previously submitted, that it should reach Kaf and His Holiness Ibn-i-Abhar. What more can I say regarding His Holiness A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and what befell him in the path of God—he has endured great hardships: on one side the oppression of the ungodly and enemies, and on the other the oppression of the internal hypocrites—the latter oppression being greater and more severe. Thus after this matter was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this verse:

> "Indeed, as was said of old: The oppression of kinsmen is more painful to bear for man than the blow of a polished sword."

In truth, this is so. This servant is greatly amazed by souls who possess not the weight of a gnat in dignity nor the steadfastness of a fly—the lowliest creatures of the earth are and have been better than such souls. In truth, those souls were not worthy of this station and were eliminated by the sieve of tests. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He confirmed them and made them the target of tribulations and trials in the path of His love. Whatever has befallen them was for God and unto God shall it return.

As to the mention they had made of the honored master, His Holiness Nabil-i-Musafir, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors—it was submitted. Praise be to God, they are blessed with His favors and are mentioned in His presence. After the submission of this supreme word, from the Kingdom of utterance was revealed—His glory be exalted:

> "God willing, may they be confirmed in that which is befitting. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad tidings of My mercy and My favors. God willing, may they be protected and adorned with the favors of God. In the gathering of inner meanings their mention has been and is made, and in the school of the knowledge of the All-Merciful they are as interpreters. Blessed be he from the Wronged One, the Grief-Stricken."

End quote. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them in that which is lasting and eternal.

As to what was mentioned concerning the honored brother Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God—in these days petitions have arrived from those regions through the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad. It appears that he is engaged in commerce. The response to these petitions has been sent down from the heaven of grace and will be forwarded, God willing. The servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in His remembrance and praise and the service of His Cause, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things. I convey greetings and glorification to him as well. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord and your Lord be upon you and upon those who are with you.

The servant 22 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1301

As commanded, it is best and most fitting and closest to piety that all written matters remain confidential. And glory be upon him who follows His command.

BH00559: All praise be unto God alone, and blessings be…

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

All praise be unto God alone, and blessings be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise befitteth the Desired One of the world and the Lord of all nations, Who illumined the world of existence with the Muhammadan Light. He is the Herald of the meeting with divine manifestations on the Day of Resurrection, and He is the Manifestation of the infinite names and attributes. In truth, the knowledge of the world is but a trace of His knowledge, and the understanding of nations is but a fruit of the Tree of His understanding. The appearance and continuance of the world hath been and is through His blessed existence. Who is capable of describing Him as He deserves to be described, and who can praise Him as befitteth His station? The manifest blessings from the horizon of God's grace be upon Him and upon His family and companions, through whom the throne of Islam was established and the world attained the light of faith. God hath described them in His words: "No fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve."

And further: the letter of that beloved one, who thirsteth in separation, bestowed the water of reunion, and granted the cup of nearness and presence to the seeker of His meeting. Praise be to God, the bounty of love hath flowed and descended from the heaven of the grace of the friends of Truth. God willing, may this grace remain eternal and enduring. After its reading and review, when presented before Him, He said:

> "We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to cause the streams of His knowledge to flow through them, to manifest through them that which will awaken His creation, to ordain for them every good thing which He hath sent down in His Book, to protect them from His enemies, and to aid them to perform pure deeds as He aided them before. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

In all conditions they are remembered and are visible before Our eyes. Night and day, one must beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His religion and preserve the radiant Faith from the evil of enemies. The darkness of oppression hath encompassed the world of justice. The domains of Islam are observed as a lifeless body fallen upon the earth. Each day a limb thereof is severed by an oppressor or an idolater, and these matters are the fruits of deeds.

This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, and likewise those gentlemen should beseech, that perchance He may grant victory to the oppressed and bring the oppressors to their due requital. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and implore confirmation and success for each one. God willing, may they be illumined by the light of harmony and unity, and be ever gazing toward the highest horizon. All are remembered before His Presence and are sustained by His special favors. Happy are they!

Praise be to God, the path is clear and the field is vast. The horsemen in the arena of love, fellowship, kindness and unity may gallop as they please. This is the Day of utterance; we must make up for what was lost—that is, whatever was delayed and prevented by numerous obstacles. May the Spiritual Luminary shine forth from the heaven of acceptance and inner meanings, adorning the world of gloom and sorrow with the lights of joy. Though indeed the letter of that beloved one was like a swift-winged bird, seemingly moving with the wings of yearning or the pinions of eagerness and attraction, accompanied by a world of gladness and joy—its joy enabled this subdued one to offer praise and thanksgiving.

If the people of the world were to discover the station of true love, by the life of the Intended One, all would engage in this trade, and its profit would fill the treasuries of earth and heaven. What benefit is there when they are heedless and submerged in the sea of regrets, cares and sorrows? The wonder is that even their abundant wealth has become the cause of their distress and anxiety. Their wealth is their enemy, yet day and night they strive to acquire this enemy, unaware. Were they to receive but a particle of the lights of spiritual manifestations, they would behold themselves at all times, in this world and the next, in the highest paradise. Their desires have prevented them from witnessing the lights, and their ornaments have occupied them from recognizing the mysteries. In any case, I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to awaken all and make them aware, that they may attain to that which is befitting.

Your beloved one's attention to the region of Egypt has yielded desirable results, for that beloved one turned from this direction—indeed you were a gift to the friends of that land and crystal water for the saplings of the spiritual garden. The mention of that honored one's journey and hardships, from the acquisition of the palm tree and its details, and the visitation of God's saints—all were presented before His presence. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken.

In the Name of God, the Helper, the Single, the All-Knowing.

We send greetings to the friends in that land and seek confirmation for them, and we beseech God to grant them all a share from the incomparable pure water of the Kawthar of divine knowledge and bestow upon them a portion from the ocean of utterance. Praise be to God, the door of His grace has ever been and will forever remain open, and His straight path is clear and manifest, though hidden from unseeing eyes. Today an eye is needed that is sanctified from the veils of men and purified from the dust of vain imaginings, and an ear is needed that is detached from the world and the clamor of the peoples, that it may hear the call of the true Nightingale and behold the horizon of the manifestation of God's names and attributes. No ocean can equal a drop of the recognition of this Day, and no works of past ages can compare with an atom of deeds performed therein.

How excellent is the state of one who has raised the banner of trust in God and emptied his heart of all remembrance save that of God. Every hour, every minute, nay every moment, it proclaims in most eloquent utterance: "O friends on earth! Know ye my station and recognize my worth. Strive that ye may not lose that which ye would be powerless to regain. Hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of justice. Should there come upon you at times that which causes grief and sorrow, be not dismayed, and soil not the luminous heart with the dust of sadness. Whatever the All-Wise Wisdom requires is pure good and sheer bounty. Ere long that which has flowed from the Pen of counsel of the Wronged One shall become evident and manifest.

The whole world has been created for the Most Great Luminary, that is, God, exalted be His glory, and all tongues confess and acknowledge this truth. Nevertheless, all are heedless save whom God willeth. Heedlessness has reached such a stage that an ignorant one among the ignorant of the earth has exerted his utmost effort to extinguish the light of divine knowledge and quench the fire of the divine Lote-Tree. He is not the first to arise to extinguish the Light. Reflect upon the earliest ages—the manifestations of tyranny and pride have ever endeavored to extinguish the light, but God made manifest what He desired despite their opposition, and made them among the most lost in His perspicuous Book.

The oppressor seeks victory over Us through the force of hosts, while We seek victory over him through the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. That which caused sorrow has befallen some of the friends in that land—let them not be saddened. Soon will they witness the favor of their Lord and attain what they have missed. To this testifies He Who has acknowledged the oneness and singleness of God and has spoken in all conditions that there is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Out of wisdom We have not mentioned names—soon will God open the doors of good things to the faces of His loved ones. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Soar in the atmosphere of the love of God. Beware lest anything deter you. Cast away that with which the people are occupied and take what ye have been commanded by an All-Wise Ordainer. And peace and blessings be upon the Messengers, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The services rendered by that honored one and the attention of that beloved one have been and will continue to be accepted deeds, and their reward rests with God, exalted be His glory. Moreover, you yourself have a share in that small plot. In every place and location where a sapling or tree is planted, God is witness that it has been and continues to be planted with the intention of the loved ones, in remembrance of the loved ones, for the sake of the loved ones, for the joy of the loved ones, and for the gaze of the loved ones. It is known and evident that there is no purpose other than this. The crown of deeds is that which is performed for God and His loved ones.

You had written that one day when we received the envelope from the post office and were going to visit the honored Munis-i-Ruhani, the sealed wine was still in the ruby. Such a state overtook me that I said to Munis,

> "If the government were to arrest the truly intoxicated ones, we would all be in prison every week."

Would that this blessed intoxication might be attained by souls and they might dwell in prison their whole lives! This cup is not destined for everyone, and not every soul is worthy of this station. However, we beseech God's grace and His infinite bounties that He may intoxicate the whole world with the Kawthar of recognition and make them known and recognized in the gathering of the world by the name of God, exalted be His glory. Though there is a profound difference between the station of creation and this station, nothing is difficult for the generous ones.

The mention of the honored Mirza Hamshirah-zadih, upon him be God's peace, brought joy. God is witness that he and the other gentlemen are ever before my eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for the good of this world and the next for each one of them. Verily, He has power over all things. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH00752: The essence of praise and thanksgiving befitteth Him Who…

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

The essence of praise and thanksgiving befitteth Him Who, from His Most Glorious Station, hath summoned all creation and guided them through His Self-Subsisting Name. How great the blessedness of those souls whom neither cares and sorrows nor the hosts of the peoples have deterred from the Dayspring of the Most Great Name. They have regarded the world and its varied hues and embellished ornaments as though they had never existed, and have turned with heart and soul toward the Friend. Glory be to God! Every person of understanding is bewildered, every fair-minded one perplexed, and every just one filled with remorse. What has come to pass that people of insight and possessors of reason remain deprived of this most great bounty and supreme grace? Do they possess any proof greater than the proof of God, or any testimony more exalted than that which hath been made manifest? By God, no!

All that exists in the world cannot equal a single utterance thereof. To this beareth witness every just and discerning soul. Verily the soul is prone to evil. By God's life! These heedless and rebellious souls are as dried leaves before the winds of self and desire, which carry them whithersoever they list. They have neither rest nor tranquility.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all mankind and in Whose right hand lie the destinies of all in the lands! Thou seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones at the hands of those who have broken Thy Covenant, turned away from the choice wine of Thy Revelation, and denied what Thou hadst sent down unto them of Thy signs and Thy clear tokens, after they had witnessed the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestation of that which Thou hadst explicitly foretold in Thy Books and Tablets. By Thy Self, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! This servant hath been amazed at Thy patience despite Thy power, and Thy forbearance despite Thy might, though he is assured that nothing proceedeth from Thee save that which Thy wisdom requireth.

I beseech Thee to send down upon Thy chosen ones that which shall deliver them from the enemies of Thy Self and make them the inheritors of Thy kingdom, the emblems of Thy victory and the standards of Thy might amidst Thy creation. I moreover beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence, to preserve him whom Thou hast related to Thyself and made one of the twigs of the Tree of Thy Lordship. Then ordain for him that which shall exalt him amongst Thy servants and aid him in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit, my soul and my heart be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and unto your steadfastness! Some time ago, a response to your letters along with a reply to the letters of the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was submitted and sent together with divine Tablets which descended from the Most Holy Heaven specifically for the friends of Sh and A and B. It is hoped these have arrived and that the eyes of the people of God have been honored and blessed with these wondrous and exalted Tablets, that they may become enkindled by the burning fire within the divine words and drink from the hidden oceans concealed therein. Glory be to Him Who hath joined the opposites in His verses and made them one thing! Your honor should hasten in sending the Tablets; the sooner they arrive, the closer it is to piety.

The other matter is that, at thy previous request, three verses were revealed and sent specially for the gravestone of the illustrious exalted leaf, upon her rest the Most Glorious of the Glorious and the Most Exalted of the Exalted. Any of these that thou consider to be in accord with wisdom and deem prudent may be engraved.[BH11569] According to His command, wisdom must be observed in all cases, especially regarding the Afnan, upon them be all the most glorious Glory. This has been repeatedly emphasized. The Command is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

In these days, some friends in various regions have again been instructed to be mindful of protecting the Afnan of the Tree in all conditions. This relates to outward causes. The point is that they have been and are watchful of their Afnan in all circumstances. How blessed are you, a hundred thousand blessings and felicitations be upon you!

In view of the repeated supplications of the beloved of the heart, Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be 9 66, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and likewise regarding the matter of the son, if the beloved Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, should return to Iran, he is permitted. God's favor has been and is with him. He should be engaged in serving the Cause in all circumstances, whether in Iraq or Hijaz or other lands. The protection of children is emphasized by God. And regarding what you had written about having sent a letter to Sarkar Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise his reply—when these details were submitted in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said:

> "We beseech God to assist him in that which will exalt his mention, his name and His Cause, and to give him to drink from the cup of My good-pleasure, which God hath placed above all stations."

Additionally, the recommendation you had written regarding Haji Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, was received. They specifically summoned him from Beirut. During days when meeting was somewhat difficult, nevertheless he was repeatedly blessed with attaining the presence, and afterwards he was given leave to return. He hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He came with the spirit and returned with fragrance, through a command from God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he and joy be unto him.

Another submission: On the 22nd day of Rabi'u'th-Thani, the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Shukru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived at the Most Great Prison and attained the supreme honor and greatest gift. Praise be to God, the veils of hindrance were rent asunder and he achieved his heart's desire. This is naught but from His supreme bounty, His prevenient mercy, and His all-encompassing grace. The details about the trees that were sent will surely be mentioned by him. In truth, he himself is like a tree—God willing, he will appear with sweet fruits. They said:

> "Blessed is he who sent it and blessed is he, for what he hath done in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been accepted before the Wronged One."

Although the wild rose did not arrive, the deed of the sender and his honor are accepted before God—meaning there is no difference whether it arrived or not. May my spirit and the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of utterance be a sacrifice for His bounty! This much is submitted: that his honor has in no way fallen short, and the ultimate aim and effort was to reach the Source. However, of what that eminence sent, two items arrived. From his honor, the Beloved of the Heart, Shaykh ʿAl, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, outwardly it did not arrive, but it truly did arrive, for the Tongue of Grandeur has testified and it was accepted before God. It behooveth us to praise, thank and glorify our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory shining from the heaven of our Lord's providence be upon your honor, those with you, and those who have arisen and spoken what they were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

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Additionally it is submitted: If his honor, the honored beloved Aqa Mirza Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God, has departed—that is, to another city of the lands—there is and was no harm in it, and it will not be

fruitless. And if he returns, in consideration of the wish of his honor, the honored, revered beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, that too is acceptable. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for those lands that which is the cause of success and prosperity. Verily, He has power over all things. Another submission: Multiple packets have previously been sent; God willing, they have arrived by now.

BH01897: Praise be to God Who hath, through His grace…

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

Praise be to God Who hath, through His grace and bounty, bestowed upon us the gift of recognition and sent down from the clouds of His generosity the table of utterance. And peace and blessings be upon the Point of Existence and the Manifestation of the names of our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, through Whom the Book of Divine Unity was adorned and the Point of Detachment appeared, and upon His family and companions who cast away vain imaginings and attained the lights of certitude and arose with their spirits to serve the Cause of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

To proceed: Your letter was like unto a hoopoe bearing glad tidings of your good health. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of the world's peoples, Who hath singled out His loved ones with His special favors. After it was read before His presence, He said:

> "Let them place their trust in God in all matters and occupy themselves with their work. O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The fruit of the tree of insight and wisdom is consultation. Take counsel in matters, and when thou hast decided, place thy trust in God, the Single, the Strong, the Almighty. It is well that thou shouldst engage alone in an occupation. Blessing lieth within His mighty grasp. Be not remiss in thy work. His grace and confirmation have reached thee and will continue to reach thee. And if something else should appear from consultation, [it] is acceptable before His presence. We beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to grant [thee] success and confirmation. Be thou confident in God's grace and mercy, and be among the steadfast."

Today the tongue of favor in the Kingdom of utterance beseeches imperishable bounty for all. Should God will it, the friends of God shall attain unto it, for generosity is His attribute and grace is among His characteristics. If a suitable location is found, this would be and is closest to piety, but consultation is necessary, as was told to you in person. Engage in business, for He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the trials of the Manifestations of Thy names and attributes, and by the afflictions of the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause and the Daysprings of Thy Revelation, to ordain for me that which shall make me content with Thy good-pleasure and with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy generosity and grace.

O my Lord! I am he who hath fled from all else save Thee, turning unto Thee and standing before the door of Thy will. I beseech Thee to make me among those who have held fast to Thy will, turning away from their own wills and desires. Thou art He Who hath ever been the Helper of the servants, their

Provider, their Protector and their Succourer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Books and Thy Scrolls and [Thy Tablets] and by [the ocean of Thy knowledge] which none hath comprehended save Thyself, to send down upon me a blessing from Thy presence and [a bounty from Thy side. Verily Thou] art the Munificent, the Generous.

Praise be to God, you are blessed with His grace. Be [occupied with work]. Profit has come and will come. Consultation with the gentlemen, may God's peace be upon them, is beloved in every matter, and surely they are trustworthy and speak with justice, fairness, trustworthiness and piety. All your relatives are safe and at ease, adorned with the ornament of good health. The apple of our eye, Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, is engaged in study with the new teacher. God willing, may he be successful and at rest beneath the shadow of His grace. Peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings.

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BH04611: If one were to fully reveal what is concealed…

…If one were to fully reveal what is concealed, an uproar would arise, for it outwardly conflicts with what is in the hands of the people of outward forms. Yet if one were to conceal everything, no one would attain eternal salvation. The conduct of the Ancient Beauty Himself in Iraq and other lands serves as a complete guide for all. Most of the divines in Iraq would present themselves before the Countenance of the Goal of the worlds night and day—some questioning, some seeking, some investigating, and some searching for truth. He would say that if we were to conduct ourselves otherwise, the greatest separation would become manifest, in which case no one would draw near to hear the Word of God….

Protecting the Afnan is incumbent upon all—they have endured much hardship in this Cause…. By command, showing consideration to them is necessary….

Jafar the Liar hath appeared in that land. In truth, this is Jafar the Liar, not he who was formerly known by this name. His sons are even more wicked than he….

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

This is a Book sent down from the Wronged One to all who have believed in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but Him, then aid Him through remembrance and praise, and through the hosts of wisdom and goodly character. O My loved ones in that place!… O Abbas!… We make mention of Muhammad-ʿAli… O Husayn!

BH02431: Praise be to God Who has made His remembrance…

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

Praise be to God Who has made His remembrance and glorification the food of His loved ones, and His love and good-pleasure their paradise. He is the Single, the One, to Whose greatness and sovereignty all atoms testify, and to Whose power and might all beings bear witness. He is the One Who manifested His attributes and names in a Temple and made him a mirror of His Self and a reflection of His knowledge and power, and named him Muhammad. Were it not for him, the mysteries of eternity would not have been

revealed nor would the fragrances of revelation have been diffused among the nations. Through him God manifested His Cause and enacted His decree. This Most Great Remembrance and Manifestation of Eternity deserves praise from those immersed in the depths of divine knowledge and remembrance from the Manifestations of the Cause throughout all lands. And the prayer shining forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon him and his family and companions, whom God made the hands of His Cause among His creation and signs of righteousness and piety among His servants. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. The servant has attained to that which shone forth from the horizon of your love. When the joy of your words and the delight of your mention took hold of me, I beseeched God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, that He may assist your honor in all good that guides the servants to the path of wisdom and acquaints them with the ways of kindness and care, and that He may grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He has power over all things.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding what his eminence the Trustworthy—upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all worlds—desired, it behooves us to consider what the Master has uttered. He—may my spirit be His sacrifice—said:

> "We desire to purify hearts from rancor and hatred, that thereby the standard of unity may be raised in the kingdom of creation."

The servant beseeches his Lord to assist his eminence in what He loves and is pleased with, and in that which unites hearts, attracts souls, and brings joy to eyes.

And as for what you mentioned about the Prisoner—upon him be God's peace—his eminence is remembered and regarded. The servant sends greetings upon him and upon the loved ones, and asks forgiveness from your honor because this ephemeral one delayed in sending a copy of what was sent to him. And from Him I ask for assistance in all conditions. God willing, he sends peace, remembrance and praise upon your honor and upon the friends who have returned from the Sacred House of God and attained what God desired in the Book, and upon his eminence Husayn Effendi and those who bring joy to eyes and your family and upon the unified loved ones of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The servant 11th of Jumada I, 1301

BH00189: Praise be to God, Divine relief hath come after…

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

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

Praise be to God, Divine relief hath come after hardship. O Beloved of my heart! There was a time when, for the sake of God's Cause, they were imprisoned. The One God is witness to their state and doth attest to these words, that throughout all nights and days this servant struggled without arms against the hosts of sorrows and grief, until one day a special Tablet, destined for His Holiness the Afnan, the letter A and H, upon whom be all the most glorious splendor of God, descended from the heaven of the All-Merciful's

will, suddenly adorning heart and soul with the ornament of joy. For from that most mighty and holy Tablet wafted the fragrance of that Beloved One's well-being and deliverance from imprisonment. Some friends forwarded certain letters in that Beloved One's hand, each of which caused the lips of this evanescent one's spirit to smile, and all were presented before the throne of Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden.

The effulgences of the Sun of grace were visible and manifest from the horizon of bounty, requiring no mention from this evanescent one. A hundred thousand regrets that nights and days passed while the gate of utterance remained sealed, yet there is hope that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, the gate shall hereafter be opened and responses to previous letters shall be presented and dispatched. The cause of delay in these days was that the fetid winds of the souls of the ungodly had somewhat passed over this land as well. The greatest glad-tidings is that in the days when that Beloved of the soul was confined in the prison of Isfahan, one most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed which indicated, proclaimed and spoke of that Beloved One's oppression. By command it was not sent, for the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word: "O servant in attendance, preserve it and dispatch it after deliverance." However, that Beloved One was remembered night and day. At this time, by command, it was raised to the sovereign heights until it attained the presence of the Countenance, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted Word, exalted be His utterance:

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Dove! Warble upon the bough of remembrance and praise in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, and give glad tidings unto the people of God's favor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, a band of youths desired to extinguish the light of God with the force of their armies, their cannons, and their swords. We beseech God to quench their fire through His Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Say: O concourse of friends! Beware lest the might of the enemies cause you grief. It behooveth you to commit your affairs unto God. Verily, He will seize the oppressors as He seized those before them, making them a lesson to those who are discerning. Say: Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth which hath come with the Kingdom of Utterance and hath called all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Do these oppressive souls not take warning from what hath transpired before? What oppressor hath ever profited from his tyranny? All have been and are in manifest loss. Nevertheless, the smoke of pride and vainglory hath deprived their eyes from beholding the lights of justice. They say that which they understand not, and do that from which every just one, every equitable one, every seeing one, and every learned one would dissociate themselves.

I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that erelong will the oppressive souls become aware of their loss and witness it with their outward eyes. Verily, thy Lord is the True Informer, the Trustworthy.

Say: O friends! Stand firm upon the straight path in such wise that the fragrances of your steadfastness may be wafted among the people. Every matter is established through you and made manifest for you. Reflect upon what transpired in the Dispensation of the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be

sacrificed for His sake. How many were the souls who engaged in mockery, rejection, and cursing, while behind them a group of companions sustained themselves with but a date pit. Later, that straitness, confinement, hardship, and difficulty were transformed into complete abundance and great prosperity.

In this Most Great Revelation, God—exalted be His glory—hath not and will not grant respite to the oppressors. Verily, He is possessed of terrible might. Ye must at all times engage in the promotion of God's Cause with wisdom and prudence. The world hath never been, nor is it now, worthy of attention or observation, much less of attachment or preoccupation. Death shall come in any case. By the life of God! In the path of Truth and for the love of Truth, a hundred thousand martyrdoms are preferable to other forms of death. This is apparent in what is spoken, but in reality, the ocean of life cannot be compared to martyrdom in His path, exalted be He, for martyrdom in itself possesseth eternal stations, everlasting life, and perpetual existence. This station hath endless exposition.

The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of all religions. Souls need educators, teachers, and reminders. You must, during the days and nights, water the trees of the garden of utterance with the living waters and nurture them that they may yield wondrous, sublime, and ripe fruits. For thirty years or more, We have forbidden all people from corruption, conflict, contention, and reprehensible deeds. We have borne the oppression of the oppressors and the tyranny of the heedless. Yet these unconscious people have not desisted, and heedlessness hath reached such a point that if the Almighty, the Powerful were to seize the people of a city and leave but one person as a reminder, that one person would still rise in opposition.

Behold the recompense for the heinous deeds of the ruler of this land—nigh on a hundred thousand souls have perished, yet none hath been awakened or turned his gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the paths of the mischief-makers. Arise from the slumber of negligence and passion, then call to mind what hath befallen the enemies, and be not of the heedless. Say: Not far from you are the Raqsha, the Sadiq, and the Husam. God hath seized them with His might and hath made them a warning unto the beholders. God willing, through the power of divine wisdom and the strong hands of the unseen, may the heedless souls be guided and directed toward the horizon of unity.

Glory, rising from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty, be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those whom the veils of the people have not prevented from God, the Lord of all the worlds.

O beloved of my heart! The servant supposed that in the realm of education souls would be found who would somewhat comprehend what is intended in this Most Great Manifestation. Now it has become evident that even if a hundred thousand worlds should reach their end, the people still remain at the beginning, as if they had seen nothing and heard nothing. According to the letter of the honored and revered beloved, His Holiness ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, several volumes of books and writings fell into the hands of the enemies. Nevertheless, they did not comprehend a single word thereof. For had they understood, they would have known with absolute certainty that this Most Great Manifestation is for mercy, not for affliction; for guidance, not misguidance; for eternal life, not for aught else.

Despite all they have said and heard, it has not yet been established that the purpose was and is not oppression, corruption, conflict and contention. May God grant the power of understanding and aid His loved ones to act according to what has been revealed in the Book. The tribulations of this time have had various causes, the blame for which lies both within and without, for certain souls within, due to heedlessness and ignorance, have spoken that which has caused the disturbance of souls, even though these same souls testify to the justice and truthfulness of this Most Great Manifestation. The servant beseeches God to assist all to pure truthfulness and pure deeds. Verily, He has power over all things.

His Holiness Mulla Muhammad-Ali-Dahji, upon him be 99 [Baha'u'llah], turned some time ago toward this direction bringing numerous petitions from M.R. and those parts and other regions. An answer was revealed but, due to wisdom and the delusions of the land of Ta, was not bestowed upon him, as it was thought he might encounter the ambushes of evil ones in the wilderness. Now it has been sent. That beloved one should observe it and forward it, and if that beloved one himself should turn toward those parts, it would be well-pleasing unto God, for the people are very receptive in all regions. May God confirm all to arise in His Cause and raise up souls who will arise with complete dedication to serve, and if the Tablets of M.R. and some regions should be given to Mulla Muhammad-Ali himself to deliver, it would be most pleasing, for he returned from the Land of Purpose in utmost sorrow. May joy overtake him after sorrow, and ease after hardship.

The authoritative letter which you inscribed after release from imprisonment, dated the twentieth of Dhi'l-Hajja, brought tranquility to the spirit and boundless joy to the soul. After learning of its contents, I approached the presence of the Lord of Creation and presented all before Him. Thus did the Tongue of Utterance speak, as the Temple of Oneness was established upon the Throne of Grandeur. He said, exalted be His glory and magnificent His utterance:

> "O Dove! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! There hath befallen thee in My path that which befell Mine own Self at the hands of the oppressors among My servants and the transgressors among My creatures, they who violated My Covenant, shattered My Testament, cast aside My Book, disputed My verses, and committed that which caused the dwellers of My Kingdom to lament and the inmates of the Tabernacle of My Glory to cry out. Grieve thou not, for thy Lord is with thee under all conditions and hath assisted thee with truth when He delivered thee from prison and established thee in His service, speaking forth His praise. Blessed art thou and happy art thou! Thou art he who hath witnessed and beheld from the factions that which hath troubled the hearts of the righteous and hath heard that which caused the chosen ones to lament."

Praise be to God! The dawning rays of the Sun of Providence are truly of such magnitude that the denizens of the Supreme Kingdom are bewildered, let alone this servant and his like. At one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "O attending servant!" After Varqa—upon him be His Glory—turned toward Azerbaijan, outwardly no news of him arrived. The purpose of mentioning these words is that mention of that beloved one has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence.

Regarding what you wrote about his eminence S.—upon him be the Glory of God—he himself sent to the Most Holy Court all that transpired. In truth he has endured and continues to endure many hardships. This servant beseeches his Lord to protect him. However, mentioning him in correspondence may cause misunderstanding, in the sense that some friends relate whatever they hear in such a way that news reaches the enemies and may cause harm to sacred souls. In any case, praise be to God that what the enemy intended was contrary to God's will, to their utter frustration.

Section 2: "And regarding the mention of the honored beloved…"

And regarding the mention of the honored beloved, his eminence Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah and his leaf—upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God—and their household—upon them be the Glory of God and His favors—who all showed the utmost love toward that beloved one, what they have done is evident. Indeed it was befitting. This servant beseeches that they be granted what they desired in the path of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Regarding what you wrote about the results of imprisonment, praise be to God that whatever occurs and whatever harm befalls His loved ones is transformed. Imprisonment in His path has become the cause of freedom and deliverance, just as through your imprisonment those few souls found life and attained salvation. This is why it has been said: "You have won, whether it falls even or odd." This is unique to this Cause, for whatever has befallen it has become the cause of exalting the Word of God. God willing, may those newly planted trees yield wondrous and sublime fruits.

Regarding what they mentioned about the location and instructions for dhikr, it was submitted according to the command that the beloved one should travel in [the letter] ta and its surroundings, and wherever they enter, they should go to the mosque and engage in teaching. If the stay in each location is not prolonged, it would be better and more acceptable. The means will be provided, God willing. I beseech the True One to illumine all those regions with the light of His knowledge, and that from the utterances of that beloved one, countless saplings may be planted and attain delectable fruits.

A letter was sent previously by that beloved one mentioning numerous names, requesting wondrous and exalted Tablets for all. Now if these should be sent, let that beloved one inform us, as some time has passed and there has been delay in sending them, this being due to the imprisonment of that beloved one.

As for appointing this servant as representative for the visitation: On the 12th of Jumada al-Awwal, one hour after nightfall, this evanescent one, as your representative, intended the ultimate goal and attained the visitation. Praise be to God, it was also adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Blessed be it unto your honor and unto me.

Several Tablets were entrusted by the honored friend Aqa Mirza Inayat, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah]. The envelope was addressed in his name. That beloved one may deliver them to him in whatever manner deemed appropriate. It is very important that they reach him. Likewise, there is an envelope addressed to Mulla Muhammad Ali, upon him be 66 9 [Baha'u'llah], which should reach him.

The Most Great Branch of God 66, may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps, and the other two Branches, may my spirit be sacrificed for their footsteps, send greetings and say: “Praise be to God that His hand of providence granted deliverance. Night and day we beseeched freedom from the Truth, exalted be His glory, and through His grace it was answered.” Likewise, the people of the pavilion of infallibility and glory send greetings and say: “During the days of imprisonment we were grieved and sought deliverance from the Truth, exalted be His providence. Praise be to God Who fulfilled His promise and delivered you in truth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.” And all others of those who circle round also send greetings and praise. Indeed, all were delighted by that beloved one’s well-being and with utmost joy and gladness were engaged in praise and glorification of the Beloved of all worlds.

When this servant’s writing reached this point, another door opened and a fresh mention was heard, namely that a packet arrived from that direction addressed to the honored master, his eminence the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. Since he was not present and had appointed this servant as his deputy, with permission the packet was opened. A letter from his eminence M.H., son of the exalted A.B., upon them both be the Glory of God, was observed. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of all creation wafted from it. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His station, that He may confirm him as He confirmed his father in steadfastness in this mighty Cause. The mention of “Greatest Name” to him depends on the favor of that Beloved One. Although his letter was addressed to his eminence the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, yet all of it was adorned with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. This servant beseeches his Lord to manifest through him that which befits His impregnable, mighty and exalted Cause.

That Beloved One should remind all and counsel them with wisdom from God. This wisdom that is mentioned refers to the conduct of the Ancient Beauty during His sojourn in Baghdad. In the beginning of His arrival in Iraq, the divines and notables of that land would not approach, as they had heard meaningless words from the foreigners of that land. In short, such suspicions had become a barrier and obstacle that their penetration and removal seemed very difficult. However, the conduct of God, exalted be His glory, was such that in a short time all the notables among the divines, princes and others turned towards Him. The Cause reached such a station that even the sons of kings in that land showed complete sincerity. They would specifically go for pilgrimage to Kazimayn, peace be upon them both, and sometimes to the mosque, and during the days of mourning for the Prince of Martyrs, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for him, it was as if the effects of that greatest tragedy were resurrected on the Day of God. God willing, may all be confirmed in that which causes the remembrance, acceptance and attention of the servants.

Likewise, in the aforementioned packet there were multiple letters and petitions from his eminence M.H. before M.W., upon him be the Glory of God. The petition was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. They showed complete favor. Indeed, his petition itself was speaking, mentioning and revealing the conditions of the sender. Each letter of it was honored with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and was calling out in His name. God willing, may they be seen more enkindled in every moment. We beseech God to preserve the fire of His love and increase their light of steadfastness and knowledge. Enkindled souls are indeed the cause of enkindlement, especially if they appear with patience and calm.

This evanescent servant conveys Greatest Name and greetings to them and says: Congratulations and blessings to you, for you have found the sweetness of this Day and attained what most on earth were prevented from. God willing, may they be assisted with divine confirmations and supported in that which causes the exaltation of the Word of God.

And the souls mentioned in their letters were each honored with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. This is that bounty which previous books gave glad tidings of, and God willing, the letters will be sent to his eminence the Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance under all conditions.

That esteemed beloved one had written instructions regarding his own people, and since those instructions were given with permission and leave, therefore that beloved one should support them in carrying out what they have determined. And if anything is needed, whatever any soul gives will reach him, for the All-Glorious Truth has been and is the Guarantor of the friends, and He well fulfills His promise. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Munificent, the Generous.

As to that beloved of the heart, his honor A.B., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in truth he is the cause of the turning and enkindling of that region. We beseech the Most High that there may be manifested through him that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. God willing, they shall conduct themselves with wisdom and utterance. Praise be to God, they have been assisted to turn in love and steadfastness and to direct their attention to the friends. All this is from God's grace upon him. Verily His grace is beyond compare in the heavens and the earth, as every just and discerning one doth testify.

This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to them, and beseecheth from the Exalted Truth whatsoever is worthy of His generosity, exalted be His station. Likewise do I convey greetings to the gentlemen and friends of that land, and I say unto them that they should know the value of these days and at all times strive to guide the thirsty ones in the valley of heedlessness to the ocean of knowledge, and deliver and free the captives of self and passion through the hosts of remembrance. What day hath darkness not overtaken? What beginning hath not met its end? All are in motion, and motion itself is evidence of stillness. All speak, and speech itself is a truthful witness to silence—meaning that ere long all shall return to their earthen home. Verily we are God's and unto Him do we return.

Therefore they must not be prevented by the might of the oppressors. Pure intention and sanctified deeds are today reserved for the men and heroes of the arena of truth and utterance. In such case, should harm befall them in the path of the Friend, it is as the water of life to the spirit. The negligent one is fearful; what concern have others? God willing, may they hold fast to wisdom and to that which hath been revealed in God's Book. Verily He is with them and will aid them as He pleaseth, and verily He is the Powerful, the Strong, the Trustworthy.

Another submission: this servant wrote a letter to Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], which should be delivered to him. Regarding the Tablets, it was also mentioned to him that whatever that Beloved One deems advisable, He should act accordingly. O Beloved of my heart! The world appears ready at a time when complete despair prevails. Glory be to God, from this negation and this affirmation! God willing, a new creation shall appear and become manifest between the two, despite the ungodly.

However, we must lament our own doing. Poor Sa'di spoke well: "Sa'di cries out against his own self." In brief, the cause of the commotion in the land of Ta [Tehran] has been those who claim to love.

Outsiders have said what they have seen and heard, but these people have said that which they themselves do not believe, and have become the cause of fear. The fault lies with us, not with the government. However, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may inspire the government authorities with that which has been and is His blessed will. By the life of God! If they became aware, they would turn toward the one peerless Friend. In any case, there is hope that they may turn from the north of conjecture to the south of certitude, and become cognizant of that which is intended and that which is the cause and means of security and safety. Verily, He is the Helper. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

May the glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who hold fast to the Sure Handle and believe in God, the Lord of the First and the Last.

The servant 22 Jamadi'l-Avval 1301

BH01715: Praise be to Him Who was in the eternity…

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty!

Praise be to Him Who was in the eternity of eternities powerful through His name the Powerful, and self-subsisting through His name the Self-Subsisting, and all-encompassing through the sovereignty of Names, whereby the limbs of the wretched who were seized by the wine of self and passion did tremble—those who denied His verses and disputed His proof and associated partners with His Countenance and rejected His bounty and turned away from His supreme mercy which preceded all things. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. And blessings and peace be upon the Guide of paths and Sovereign of Messengers, through whom the scrolls of the Prophets and Messengers were sealed, and upon His family and companions who cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of certitude, and arose to assist the Cause of God with their souls, wealth and children, and strove in His path until God's laws and commandments spread throughout the cities and lands.

Thereafter, your letter which you had sent to the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was brought to this servant. After reviewing it, it was presented before His holy presence. He said:

> "Praise be to God that through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, you have attained and are speaking His praise and acknowledgment of His oneness. We testify that there is no God but Him. He has ever been and will ever be One, Single, Powerful, All-Encompassing, even as He was in the eternity of eternities. O servant named Karim! This Wronged One heard your call. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in that which is befitting and appropriate. Blessed is the mother who nursed one who acknowledged God and His oneness, and blessed is the father who raised him with hands of mercy and kindness. Be assured of God's grace and mercy. We pray that He ordain for you what will profit

> you in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of the throne and earth. He doeth what He willeth and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise."

Praise be to God that you have attained to the mention of the Intended One. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His station, to assist you in deeds whose mention will endure as long as God's names endure. Verily He is powerful over all things. I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of supreme servitude and grant them success. The palm trees sent before and after arrived and were planted in the designated land. Praise be to God, the plants and others were accepted. His is the grace and bounty. You have taken much trouble. Your reward is with God. Praise be to God they enjoyed its fruits before planting and appearance, for they attained to wondrous and exalted mention. And his eminence the honored beloved Aqa Mirza Ja'far-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God, who was in charge, truly attained to service. Mention of them and their attention and service was all presented before His presence. He said:

> "We beseech God to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace that which will draw him near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

This servant also has and had the utmost gratitude for the trouble taken by you and them, and beseeches God, glorified and exalted be He, to grant these deeds lasting fruits and eternal rewards. Verily He is the Generous Giver. Peace be upon you and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant 22 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1301

BH01121: Praise be to God Who sent down the Book…

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the Book and sent forth Him Whom He chose before the creation of earth and heaven, and manifested Him with truth and guidance, and made Him a mercy to all worlds, and adorned Him with the crown of the Primal Word through His utterance "but He is the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets." And peace and blessings be upon His family and companions and followers who attained the recognition of God and drank from the Kawthar of certitude from the hands of assurance, and testified to that which God had testified that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, the letter of that honored brother arrived, and as it indicated health and well-being, a world of joy and delight was made manifest. This evanescent servant, in view of the lofty purpose and elevated nature of the deceased and elevated one, upon him be God's peace, mercy and loving-kindness, and likewise due to this servant's sincere service to them, has loved and continues to love all those associated with that pillar of certitude, and beseeches God to create means whereby all may pass their days in perfect comfort, tranquility, joy and delight. The One God is witness that whatsoever is expressed here has been and continues to be with truth and sincerity.

Concerning what was written about the honored friend, his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be God's peace, this evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that God may bestow blessing upon his

earnings. Let them not be disheartened. This condition has ever appeared in times of Manifestation. According to what is recorded, four hundred souls subsisted on dates for several days during the time of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. This poverty is the owner of wealth, for it is for God and in God's path. Praise be to God, not one of the friends in this land has yet eaten barley bread; through divine bounty, blessing and favor they pass their days in utmost ease and contentment. The recession is throughout Iran. The One God is witness that what merchants and others have written in their letters would sadden every friend and grieve every loved one.

This servant submits that at present divine bounty is manifest and His grace all-encompassing. Though they have brought a group to this land in the name of imprisonment, nevertheless all are free and at liberty, such that they are engaged in work and earning. A hundred thousand thanks are due for this blessing. We hope that the gates of favor will be opened before his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Rida and blessing will descend from the heaven of bounty—a blessing that decline shall not seize and change shall not find its way to. As for the sum that was mentioned concerning him, it was conveyed to his eminence Aqa Mirza Ayyub. At present they have no funds in hand, and in truth what they have said is with sincerity and truthfulness. However, it will be mentioned again, God willing, that they might receive and send it. There has been and will be no negligence. We beseech and hope from God that He may make manifest the means that are the cause of the joy of hearts and the light of eyes. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

That esteemed brother wrote that comfort is for the enemies and hardship for the foes. The followers of Truth have ever been outwardly oppressed and destitute. Consider the Seal of the Prophets—may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake. He slept in a corner of the mosque. Abu Jahl sent men who placed a rope around His blessed neck and brought Him to the assembly. Abu Jahl—who was Abu'l-Hakam—and Abu Sufyan and Abdullah ibn Ubayy and Huyayy ibn Akhtab and Ka'b ibn al-Ashraf and other hypocrites were all wealthier and more prominent than His Holiness and His companions. This is not the first flask that has been broken in Islam. This matter is not new—it existed before, and that honored brother knows the details well. One of His Holiness's companions, who was among the ten given glad tidings, was in need of daily sustenance in the early days, yet later divine blessings descended upon him to such an extent that a thousand horses were in his stable. Be not disheartened. This has been and remains evidence of the truth of the believers, and that brother, praise be to God, has attained that which in truth the pen is powerless to describe—and that is that esteemed brother's connection to Him concerning Whom He says:

> "God hath adorned the earth with His form, His body, and His repose within its bosom."

This passage was written these past two days in response to a letter from one of this servant's friends, as commanded. I hope the fragrance of these words will refresh the state of the friends. The Command is in God's hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. This servant testifies with certainty that not a single atom of deeds performed for the sake of God will remain without fruit and effect. I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation, and I implore that esteemed brother to pray that perchance this servant may be enabled to achieve that which is befitting and worthy in this day. Without His grace all are halted and bewildered, how much more so this evanescent servant. In any case,

he has always sought and continues to seek prayers, and sends greetings to the friends in that land. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH02075: Praise be to God Who has caused all things…

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

Praise be to God Who has caused all things to speak forth His remembrance and glorification, and peace and blessings be upon the best of His Messengers and Prophets, through whose Praised Name the preamble of the book of existence was adorned, and through whose Most Lauded Name the dove of utterance cooed upon the branch of divine knowledge. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. And upon His family and companions through whom the pillars of religion were strengthened and the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, were spread abroad, and through whom the decree of the Book was made manifest and all possessed of knowledge acknowledged the beginning and the return.

Glory be to Thee, O God of Paradise and the Garden, and Educator of all creation! I beseech Thee by the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and the modes of Thy Self-Subsistence to preserve those who have turned to Thee from the evil of self and passion, and aid them in that which diffuseth the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of all names. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

Thereafter, your repeated letters arrived. Praise be to God, from each one the fragrance of love was inhaled. After presenting them, it was revealed:

> "O Muhammad-ʿAli! Be patient in times of hardship and silent before people. Make thy provision trust in God and thy deeds for God, and thy shield certitude in Him. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and been adorned with virtuous qualities. In truth, the attributes befitting the station of man have been and are spiritual characteristics and goodly deeds. Thou art and hast been remembered before the Wronged One. Commit all affairs unto God, blessed and exalted be He, and place thy trust in Him. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before thy face the gates of grace and ease. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of the kingdom of names. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant is occupied with the praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, for He hath aided thee in that which was and is more precious than the most excellent pearl and more luminous than the light of the Most Beloved's eyes. His honor Shaykh, upon him be 95 (Baha'u'llah), attained the privilege of visiting the House and found and attained unto the fragrance of Yathrib and Batha. In truth, divine confirmation was and is from God, exalted be His glory. One thousand three hundred years have passed, and still the attraction of the First Word is manifest and visible in the world, such that every year they turn their faces from all regions with the intention of circumambulation. For God is their excellence, for God is their turning, for God is their orientation. Whosoever attaineth unto this Kawthar is mentioned

as among those near unto God. In all conditions they must hold fast unto wisdom and be mindful thereof. This servant hath ever awaited news of that honored brother's health and still doth, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that spiritual friend in all benevolent deeds. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH00114: All praise befitteth Him Who hath ever been…

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 befitteth Him Who hath ever been, and will forever remain, sanctified from praise, and pure adoration belongeth unto the Lord of Names, to Whom all sincere ones, all them that are nigh, and all who profess His unity have testified that He was and is sanctified from the praise of all else but Him. When the ocean of loving-kindness was stirred into motion and the fragrance of grace was wafted abroad, through His pure bounty and generosity He gave permission for the praise of His sacred Being and granted leave for glorification of His most holy Essence. Therefore did tongues gain strength through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Permission and grow bold to make mention of Him—else how could utter nothingness manifest itself in the realm of existence, and absolute extinction set foot in the court of immortality? His grace upheld, and His bounty granted leave. His is the praise, His the thanks, His the mention, His the glorification. Verily, He is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Long have grown the days of my rebellion, grave have become my transgressions, and multiplied my errors. I know not, O my God, whether it beseemeth my mention and my call, my praise and my glorification to be honored by Thy hearing, or whether they should return to my own limitations and abasement. When, despite my poverty and lowliness, I turn toward the horizon of grace, the wonders of Thy bounty embolden me; yet whenever I consider my state and worth, despair seizeth me from every direction. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Creator of the nations, by the Letter at whose appearance all the worlds of letters prostrated themselves, and by the Word before which all the worlds of utterance bowed down in their entirety, to confirm Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, and Thy friends in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in Thy remembrance amidst Thy creatures.

Then assist, O my God, in all conditions, him whom Thou hast made to arise in Thy service, to journey throughout the lands in Thy name and remembrance, and whom Thou hast named in this station the Trustworthy One as the Trustworthy. O Lord! Strengthen him, then enable him, then manifest through him in Thy cities and lands that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All things have testified to Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And further: the numerous letters of that spiritual beloved bestowed abundant spirit and fragrance upon heart and soul, and after their reading and perusal, having turned toward the most exalted Kingdom and having gained presence and leave in the most holy and most glorious Court, they were presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

In My Name that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

O Amin! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the direction of the Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. Let not that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought sadden thee—they who have denied God's proof and testimony and have turned away from Him through Whose remembrance every perspicuous Book hath been adorned. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One in the Prison. We have found from it the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of My love and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Abu'l-Hasan! The verses of God have encompassed all regions and His evidences are more manifest than the sun at high noon. Yet the unjust servants have risen with the sword of tyranny to shed His blood. Nevertheless, the Ancient Beauty, from the Most Great Prison, hath commanded all to patience and forbearance, inasmuch as God, exalted be His glory, hath, in all Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets, forbidden all in this Revelation from conflict, disputation and strife. Verily, He seeth and commandeth, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Informed.

That which hath occurred in the Land of Ta was not wholly the fault of the government. God knoweth, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. From certain events they have imagined—God forbid—that the people of God are engaged in creating sedition. Glory be to God! Have they not seen the revealed Books and are they unaware of the recorded Scriptures? Every word that hath streamed from the Supreme Pen of the Lord of Names hath, with the most resonant call, counseled the people of creation to love, kindness, patience and forbearance. Every truthful one beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned, and every seeing one testifieth to the grace and justice of God, exalted be His glory.

Beseech ye God that He may make the people of the earth aware of the will of the true Sovereign. In this way, all shall be seen circling round His will. The Command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is the All-Commanding, the Unconstrained. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in every land and say: Be not grieved by what hath befallen the loved ones. By God's life! The actions of the oppressors are the cause of the exaltation of His Cause and its elevation. Ere long all shall witness that which the Supreme Pen hath recorded.

It behooveth the people of Baha to place their trust in all things in God. Verily, He is the Just, the All-Wise. He shall seize the oppressors as He seized those before them. He is, in truth, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. O My chosen ones! Upon you be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye should, with the utmost yearning, longing, attraction and enkindlement, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and be so inflamed with the fire of His love that the oppression of the oppressors, the hostility of the antagonists, and the hatred of the malicious may not hold you back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Soon shall pass away the kingdom, and the king, and the subject, and all that ye behold today, and there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God! The sun of divine favor is shining and the horizon of grace is bright and luminous. Although your honor is not physically present, yet inwardly you stand at the gate and are mentioned in the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. One letter from your honor arrived from Tiflis, bringing

complete joy. God willing, you will in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance and service of God, and I beseech you to pray for this evanescent servant, that he may perchance succeed in rendering the service with which he hath been charged.

Concerning your mention of the friends of that land, all were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and each was honored with wondrous and glorious mention. Today grace is like a copious rain, flowing and streaming down from the heaven of loving-kindness. At all times He mentioneth His loved ones in the most wondrous utterance, and in truth, should a soul perceive the fragrance of such mention, the changes of the world and the oppression of the nations would neither sadden him nor hold him back from being set ablaze.

Concerning what you wrote about the spiritual beloved, His Holiness Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names—news of his release from prison, and of events before and after, and of his arrival in the land of Ta, reached this evanescent servant. He [Baha'u'llah] said:

> "We heard the news of him and witnessed his enthusiasm, and We revealed for him during his imprisonment and upon his release that which brings joy to the eyes."

Some time ago this servant sent him a letter containing the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. God willing, may he attain the presence of the Divine Tablet and be gladdened by its fragrance.

And concerning what you wrote about your intention to travel to other lands—I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that through the arrival and presence of that beloved one, He may adorn all those regions with the ornament of spring, and embellish the barren lands with the verdure of inner meanings. And may your very being have a profound effect upon souls, in such wise that the slumbering may awaken, the seated may arise, and the heedless may turn toward the ocean of knowledge. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As to what was written regarding whether funds are needed to be obtained and transferred to that honored one, this matter was submitted. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur:

> "Hardship and ease, poverty and wealth have all been and continue to be within the grasp of God's power, exalted be His glory. In all conditions that honored one should be confident. In His hand are the keys of wealth and within His grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

What that beloved one transferred from the house funds was received and obtained. And if anything further is needed hereafter, it will be obtained from known persons of this land through religion, and its repayment rests with God, exalted be His glory. That beloved one's service, efforts, attention and steadfastness in God's path are evident and clear, and are mentioned before the Intended One. On one occasion these exalted words were heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Creation—He said:

> "O servant in attendance! Jinab-i-Amin is in all conditions engaged in service to the Cause, and in truth has been and continues to be a well-wisher of the people of truth. During the days of presence, he would speak well of the friends of that land and the lands of Ta, Kha, Ya, Kaf and

> other regions, and would beseech and supplicate God's wondrous favors for each one, and would ask from God, exalted be His glory, bounty and blessing for all. Blessed is he and joy be unto him!"

This evanescent one's purpose is that all deeds, works and words are clear and evident before God. Praise be to God, that spiritual beloved has attained to a station to which the Tongue of God has testified and which the Supreme Pen has mentioned. One ocean of "well done" and one city of "well pleased" are needed, for this is a station which the near ones sought and hoped for. The Bab—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—says: "Strive that ye may attain unto the word of His good-pleasure." The fruits of deeds and words become manifest and evident in the earth like the sun. If you wish to know about the conditions of the Land of Purpose [the Holy Land], a number of Afnan and others have arrived and stayed for a time in the shade with utmost joy and fragrance.

A hundred thousand blessings upon those souls whom the blessed divine Lote-Tree has claimed as Its own. His is the praise in all conditions. We beseech Him to inscribe for them from His Supreme Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to grant them what He has written for His chosen ones and His loved ones in the Crimson Tablet which was sent down from the heaven of His will. At present they are in Beirut and it is likely that some will attain His presence once again.

As to what you wrote regarding his honor Haji Ahmad and those related to him—upon them be the glory of God and His favors—it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was sent down for them from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. He says, blessed and exalted be He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Trustee! Mention was made of you before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance submitted what you had sent to him. We heard and have answered you with these verses that you might give thanks to your Lord, the Ancient Sender of Revelations. His honor A. and H. whom you mentioned—praise be to God—drank at the beginning from the Euphrates of recognition and received their portion from the cup of certitude. There was sent down from the heaven of grace specifically for him that which is lasting and enduring. Likewise his sons are each mentioned and have attained God's favors. By the life of God, abundant good has been mentioned and recorded for them in God's Book.

Regarding your renewed mention of the beloved of the heart, his honor Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, this is what was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted and mighty be He:

> "Blessed is he who has turned to My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, spoken My praise, and held fast to My cord. He is indeed of the people of the pavilion of My glory, the companions of My Kingdom, and among those who have borne My throne and drunk the choice wine of My favor from the hands of My bounty."

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! His honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and My favor, has in truth assisted the Cause of God and drawn receptive hearts to the realm of oneness. Convey to all the

friends of God, wherever they may dwell, the greetings of the Wronged One, and say: You are the lamps of knowledge and have been lit by the hand of bounty. The lamp of divine love needs a crystal shade that it may be protected from the winds. The false ones pursue and the treacherous ones lie in wait; protect yourselves through the name of Truth. Today, the hosts of God have been and are mention, utterance, goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. By these hosts must the cities of hearts be conquered. The shedding of blood is forbidden. That which befits man's station has been and is beloved, not contention and strife. Say:

> "Lord, pour forth upon us patience, make firm our steps, aid us, for Thou art the best of helpers."

Whatever has occurred in the Land of Ta (Tehran) has caused and causes no harm. These events have been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Word. Through the violent, crushing winds, the sovereignty of the sea becomes manifest and evident, and its waves become known and visible. We counsel all to patience and steadfastness, and guide them to that which is befitting. God, exalted be His glory, is present and watchful, and whatever He willeth, He manifesteth and causeth to flow. Say: Consider the Chief (Sultan) and those around him who sent Me to the Most Great Prison, then observe what befell the Wolf and the Speckled Snake. Say: Verily, the True One is not far from you. The Truth caused all to return to their abodes in a brief time. He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. Soon shall the foul winds vanish and become as naught. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen has been and shall remain. Rejoice in what hath been ordained for you by God, the Just, the Generous.

In days when the edifice of existence was shaken and the foundation of the world was made to tremble through the onslaught of the oppressors, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause—an arising that no sitting could overtake and which was not prevented by the clamor of the ungodly and hypocrites. He guided the people of creation to the supreme horizon with the most great call. Now that the rays of the sun of revelation have somewhat appeared, from every corner a croaking is heard, a viper becomes manifest, and barking is raised. With the utmost craftiness and deceit, they strive to lead astray the holy souls who have accepted the faith, and in the garment of friendship and unity, they cause the helpless servants to deviate from the straight path of God.

In their sweet words lies hidden a deadly poison, and in their praise is concealed the greatest censure. Say: O friends! Associate not with the people of hypocrisy, and be not content with the deceit and craftiness of the ungodly. This is the Day of God; mention of aught else is not permitted. Some have desired to renew the vain imaginings of the past and are now preparing the foundation thereof. Beseech ye God to keep all steadfast and not to deprive them from the ocean of His knowledge.

Section 2: "Know ye that in these days numerous letters…"

Know ye that in these days numerous letters have arrived from various places—from the Land of K and R and Y, and likewise from the beloved ones, his honor S and his honor H, upon them both be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. There is no fresh news save that a croaking hath been raised in the Land of K.R—God, the Exalted, the Great, hath spoken truth. For after the revelation of the Most Holy Book from the

heaven of grace, several verses were observed addressed to the Land of K and R. His word—exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof—is this:

> "O Land of K and R! We, verily, see thee in a state that God doth not love, and We perceive from thee that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We find that which passeth from thee in the innermost secret. With Us is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. Grieve not because of this, for God will raise up in thee men of mighty strength who will make mention of Me with such constancy that neither the pronouncements of the divines nor the whisperings of the evil ones will deter them. These will behold God with their own eyes and will aid His Cause with their own selves. These, verily, are of them that are firmly established."

After observing these manifest verses, this servant waited for some time to see what would transpire. One day His honor Amin—who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth—was present before the face of Him Who standeth, when this exalted word issued from the mouth of the Will of the Lord of Names. His exalted Word is this: "O Amin! A foul odor emanateth from the Land of K and R." After this blessed word, this evanescent servant watched and waited to see what would occur, until news arrived about Mirza Ahmad Kirmani. When this matter was mentioned in the presence of the Throne, He smiled and said: "Soon thou shalt see and hear."

After hearing this blessed word, this servant remained silent. More than this it is not permissible to mention, but God protect us and you from the evil of these souls. A person hath written a letter with a thousand tricks and deceits, praising some while intending to exalt falsehood, and condemning others while aiming to prevent the seeker. Glory be to God! In what school have these souls been trained? But praise be to God, by divine grace whatever of mysteries, tricks and deceits he harbors in his heart is evident and manifest from his words. He hath clothed pure misguidance in the garment of truth and placed the crown of knowledge upon the head of absolute falsehood.

With utmost humility and supplication I beseech God—exalted be His glory—to guide him and establish him in truthfulness. How long will tyranny endure? How long will oppression continue? O helpless one! Where wert thou? Take a step in the path of the fair-minded and speak the truth. Today nothing is mentioned concerning the Bayan, neither above it nor below it, except through acceptance of Him Who is established upon the throne of His Cause. I mention one pearl from the ocean of the Merciful's utterance, that perchance they may be content with it and strive no further to violate the Divine Cause. The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—saith, exalted and mighty be His Word:

> "I have written the essence regarding His mention: He shall not be known by My allusions, nor by what hath been mentioned in the Bayan."

O helpless one! Whatever thou dost mention from the Bayan is proof of heedlessness and transgression of bounds. If thou sayest "How do we know this is He?", set aside selfish desires and ponder the verses, allusions, proofs and evidences that have appeared and become manifest. That which hath later appeared had formerly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and all bear witness to this. Moreover, read

what thou hast and We shall read what We have, and let us speak with pure truthfulness and fairness. Where wert thou in those days when most were concealed in corners of seclusion from the assault of the times?

This servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant them a drop from the ocean of justice and fairness. In truth, the entire Bayan is but a mention of this Most Great Announcement, even as the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—Himself declareth:

> "The entire Bayan is but a leaf from among the leaves of the gardens of His knowledge."

If it be accepted as such—nevertheless, souls who, by the life of God, had no knowledge whatsoever of the origin of the Cause, have now risen in opposition and objection, galloping their steeds in the arena of ignorance and stubbornness. Say: Woe unto you! Soon shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss. In the days of departure from Iraq, all were informed of the cawing of the ravens and the birds of night. Assuredly, whatsoever flowed from the Pen shall come to pass. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to raise up such servants as shall arise with utmost steadfastness in His Cause and draw the people, through the life-giving waters of utterance, to the horizon of knowledge, in such wise that they shall regard all else besides God as utter nothingness and absolute void. Glory be to God! The heedlessness and ignorance of the servants hath reached such a pass that man is ashamed and abashed to mention it.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose, to assist Thy servants and creatures to justice and fairness. Then grant them, O my God, from the Kawthar of utterance that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all religions! O my God and God of earth and heaven!

Thou seest how the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee have melted because of what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures who have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, and from whom have appeared such schemes and deceptions as have astonished Satan himself. They have occupied themselves, O my God, with that which Thou hast forbidden them in Thy Scriptures, Thy Tablets and Thy Books. They steal Thy verses and attribute them to other than Thee. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy creation that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to recognize what Thou hast willed in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

Although such deeds have appeared from the idolaters and deniers as are the cause and reason for despair and deprivation, it is very difficult for them to succeed in returning or in showing fairness and justice, unless the hand of grace takes hold and delivers them. He is the Mighty and Powerful. In Jamadi'l-Avval, their honors "AF"—upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory—returned from pilgrimage to the House, attained the presence, and for more than a month dwelt in the shadow and were blessed with the bounty of the meeting and the Kawthar of attainment. Blessed be it unto them and may they enjoy it. The

letter which that beloved one wrote to the spiritual friend, His Honor Husayn Aqa—upon him be the Glory of God—they sent to this servant.

It was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold, and regarding the matter of the handmaiden of God and her intention to perform pilgrimage, it was accepted before the Throne. We beseech God to cause this grace to flow for those who are near, the seekers and the hopeful ones, that they may not be deprived of the outpourings of the divine days. From His Honor A.F., His Honor A and H—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory—several letters reached this evanescent one. The response to some was submitted and sent, and others will be sent in these days. And from every place petitions are arriving—may God grant success that this servant be assisted to respond. Verily He is powerful over all things. No other new matter has occurred to be submitted.

These days are the days of tyranny—dark clouds have prevented the lights of the sun of justice. However, the Will of God has prevailed and continues to prevail. The intentions of all the world cannot prevent His Will. His Purpose is penetrating, His Will is sovereign, His Knowledge encompasses all, and His Power prevails. Where is Nimrod and what he intended? Where is Pharaoh and what he did? Where is Shaddad and his dominion? Where is the Mighty One and his oppression? Where is the Wolf and his rule? Where is the Serpent and his rebellion? Where is the Truth and the Sword? And where are those who committed what caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament? All with utmost haste returned to their abodes.

God our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth has spoken truth. Soon the remaining tyrannical souls will likewise turn to their dwellings. According to the Command, all friends must hold fast to patience and perseverance and keep their gaze fixed upon the horizons of divine ordinances. God, exalted be His glory, alone will grant victory and suffice against the evil of the oppressors. The victory of the friends has been and is spiritual qualities and pure, holy deeds. Repeatedly from the Tongue of Grandeur this word was heard, His word, exalted and mighty be He:

O servant who stands present! The Almighty Truth has ever had and continues to have powerful hosts, among them the hosts of utterance, the hosts of goodly deeds, and the hosts of praiseworthy character. Likewise, trustworthiness, truthfulness, and religious devotion are all among the hosts of God, and no host can withstand these hosts. We beseech God to aid His loved ones in that which leads to the exaltation of the Word and the station of man.

If the friends are aided to act according to what has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly its effects will become manifest and evident in the world. Today, goodly deeds must… In most Tablets, utterances have been revealed which, were they to be cast upon rock, would cause it to flow. Glory be to God! The hearts of the servants are observed to be like solid rock—the Word of Truth does not penetrate them. This servant beseeches his Lord to protect His chosen ones from the evil of these people and from their schemes and deceptions. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

Two individuals from M and Y attained the presence, and likewise a person from S. May God assist them all to remain steadfast. That beloved one has truly been the cause of the manifestation of God's favor to each of the friends, even as during their presence mention was made of each of the loved ones from

various cities and regions, and for each one specifically did the sun of favor shine from the horizon of grace. Your honor should remind the people of those regions so that they may turn with permission and not render such a mighty deed without effect or fruit.

To the divine loved ones in those lands I say that the Day is most great and the Cause is most great, while the treacherous ones and thieves lie in wait. The clamor has been raised, and this is among the divine promises that were revealed and recorded at the time of departure from Baghdad and other lands. God our Lord and the Lord of all worlds has spoken true. They are engaged in all manner of schemes and stratagems. Among other things, they have stolen divine verses—some they have attributed to the Bab (may our souls be sacrificed for His sake) and sent to various regions, while others they have claimed as their own. They have collected wondrous books and exalted verses. One soul has appeared with such deception that Satan himself is bewildered by it. Say: Die in your wrath! This is the Day of God, if you be of those who know. None is mentioned therein save Him, despite your will, O company of unbelievers! He has appeared with the truth, and the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have testified to Him.

Glory be to God! If this Revelation is denied, to whom can one cling and adhere? Be fair, O peoples of the earth, and be not among the lost. If that beloved one should turn towards that land, they should be vigilant, for the hypocrite has donned the garment of the faithful and casts forth hatred in the name of love. In brief, they have been and continue to be the dawning-places of conjecture and the manifestations of idle fancies. I beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of those false, heedless, deceitful, and rebellious souls. At this moment when this evanescent servant was engaged in writing this letter, he was summoned to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, whereupon He, exalted be His glory, spoke:

O servant in attendance! We wish to mention R. and J. who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and clung to the hem of his Lord's grace, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and My grace, and be among the thankful ones. We bid him to show forth the Greater Steadfastness, that through him may be manifested that which will cause the limbs of those who have denied God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, to quake. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those with him who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God.

This servant conveys greetings to them and submits that people are weak and heedless, and the practitioners of guile and deceit are many. May He protect the righteous from the evil of the wicked in the name of God, exalted be His glory. Those who from the beginning of the Cause had and have no understanding whatsoever consider themselves among the people of knowledge and insight. Briefly, it is submitted that they have intended to devise vain imaginings like those of the past and deprive helpless souls from the straight path. If someone truly and sincerely reflects for the sake of God, he will testify that the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, as well as the saints and chosen ones, were all due to the schemes of certain individuals of the past. Had I been granted permission, I would have submitted that which would awaken the slumbering and raise up the seated, but the matter is not in my hands, rather in the hands of my Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Strong, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant beseeches God to assist that beloved one in that which will cause him to be remembered throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May that beloved one deliver this leaf to them that they may observe. In these days, a letter arrived from the honored beloved Nabil-i-Qabli-Ba, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, from the land of Ta, and likewise from the spiritual beloved Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, it conveyed the joy, delight, attraction and gladness of the friends, and it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. The rays of the sun of grace shone forth and became manifest in relation to each one. This servant's submission is that greetings and salutations to all friends, masters and beloved ones from this servant are dependent upon and contingent on the grace of that honored master. The Glory that is manifest and evident from the horizon of our Lord's grace be upon you and upon God's friends in His lands and His chosen ones in His realms, and upon every steadfast and upright one. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant 15 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1301

BH00825: All praise, sanctified from the descriptions of the peoples…

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

All praise, sanctified from the descriptions of the peoples, befits and is worthy of the Ancient Lord, Who through His pure bounty and generosity bestowed existence upon nothingness and confirmed being with humility, submissiveness, and prostration. He is the Omnipotent One Whom multitudes and hosts cannot turn back from His will. With one word He raised high the banner of divine unity, and caused the lights of the Sun of Truth to shine upon all peoples.

The bearer of that Most Great Standard was the Primal Mirror, the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. Through Him He made manifest the pearls of the ocean of knowledge and displayed them before the eyes of true assayers. Exalted, exalted be His station, and exalted, exalted be His power and sovereignty! Through Him He revealed that which was concealed and brought to the realm of visibility that which had been forever hidden and treasured. Through His perfect might He conquered the cities outward and inward and opened the sealed gates.

He is the Mirror of "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." He is the Source of every manifestation and appearance, and the Seal thereof. Worthy is He of mention and praise, and of blessings and peace from God, the Lord of Names, and upon His family and companions, through whom every seeker attained and every denier was lost, through whom every throne and seat and every lofty chair was established. The servant beseecheth his Lord by their humility and submission, their lights and their spending, their martyrdom and their steadfastness and their nearness, that He may raise up what hath been cast down, and take up what hath fallen, and restore what hath been destroyed of His mighty throne. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your imprisonment and your exile! Your gracious letter, like the morning breeze, awakened this one sleeping in the valley of heedlessness. After inhaling its fragrance, it was presented before the Master, Who showed such favor that this servant is incapable of describing it.

Verily, the servant, at all times, beseecheth God on your behalf that He may grant you success and aid you and bestow upon you that whereby your mention may be exalted. For these are days wherein man is capable of attaining lofty stations.

Those souls who desire naught in the world save righteousness, and who at all times have summoned all to unity and concord and justice and fairness—nevertheless, in every year the oppressors of the age have stretched forth the hand of tyranny and have done that which hath caused and doth cause grief to pure and tranquil hearts. Is the persecution of the oppressed ones of the earth a sign of valor and prowess and knowledge and wisdom? Nay, by God! Would that they had endeavored to reclaim their lost territories or to transform their abasement into glory!

At every moment they draw nearer to the nethermost depths, yet they perceive it not. They are mounted upon the steeds of passion and desire, galloping through the wilderness of pride. By the life of God! Soon shall they behold themselves in grievous torment. In any case, this servant, with the utmost supplication, beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant justice to all and to adorn them with the ornament of equity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning what was written about the delay in responding to the honored letters, His Holiness is correct. This matter of correspondence which was written brings joy, happiness, and delight to this company through the favors that are directed from that quarter.

After presenting this matter, they said:

> "By My life, he has spoken truly, for love is the sweet water of mercy for the friends, the ocean of grace for the thirsty, the light of knowledge for the seekers, everlasting life for the sincere ones, the spray of the ocean of reunion for the longing ones, and the melody of the bird of faithfulness—nay rather, the rapturous song of nearness and meeting—for the lovers."

What was written is correct. The Branches and the Servant should not be remiss in sending replies, even though the sorrows that have come and the successive afflictions prevent one from necessary matters. However, in view of giving each one their due right, they must act in ways that bring joy, happiness, and delight to the hearts of the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory. We send greetings upon him and upon those with him, young and old, female and male, and We beseech God the Exalted to confirm them in what befits them. Verily, He has power over all things.

From the other blessed passages, the degrees of kindness and favor are clear and evident. Translation is not necessary, but the Exalted Truth bears witness that though outwardly there may be delay, you are ever remembered in the heart and present before the face. God suffices as witness to this. The people of the pavilion of glory have shown and continue to show favor to that beloved one and the honored ladies. Praise be to God, you are remembered and have attained to His favor. The Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps—has not been present for some time. If your letter reaches Him, He will certainly bestow a gracious reply.

This ephemeral one submits that I convey greetings to each of the beloved ones, and I beseech from the Exalted Truth the good of this world and the next for each one. Likewise, I convey holy greetings beyond

count or measure to the honored ladies, and I beseech God to adorn all with His special favors and to grant success in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

As for what was written concerning the cherished one, his honor Aqa Mirza Ali-Akbar—may God the Exalted assist him—they said that in all circumstances he must be occupied with some task. God willing, divine assistance will reach him. Due to events in the Land of Ta [Tehran], namely the imprisonment of His honor the beloved Haji Siyyid Ali-Akbar—upon him be God's peace—some of the mischief-makers have had thoughts and made certain mentions, and from what is known, they are somewhat intent upon their aims, until God wills what He wills.

Another submission is that when the honored Mirza Ali-Akbar was present, he mentioned certain trees which could be sent from that land, including a special variety of wild rose that exists in that region and would be sent. The details of this matter are that with great difficulty they were sent from two locations in Iran—from Tabriz and Shiraz—but neither arrived. Therefore Mirza Ali-Akbar mentioned that it is found specifically there and would be sent. He also mentioned the Aghalib-Tus tree which they plant and grow for changing the air, as well as Indian oranges and certain other trees and flowers.

Now, whatever is pleasing and beloved in your sight, and possible to send for planting in the small plot, they will surely accept the trouble and send it. May perpetual, illuminating, manifest, and brilliant peace from the heaven of providence be upon your honor and upon them all, male and female, and upon those who speak with pure truth and act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, Lord of all the worlds.

The servant. On 17 Jamadi'th-Thani 1301.

BH01487: Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who…

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

Praise be to the Lord of all desire, Who is worthy and deserving, for His glance of loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be directed towards His loved ones. He it is Whose tongue of grace hath ever proclaimed these words:

> "My mercy hath preceded the world and My bounty hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth."

He it is Whose blessed gaze hath ever been and remaineth fixed upon goodly deeds. This servant testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath proven His Own Self by His Own Self. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Thereafter, thy letter arrived and gave strength to the heart and joy to the soul, for it was adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. After perusing it, We turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and presented it before His presence. He said: "O Abdullah! For successive years We summoned the people, purely for the sake of God, to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, and forbade them from corruption, conflict, the causes of grief and sorrow, discord and dissension. The purpose of all this was the tranquility of the world and its peoples. Thou hast witnessed and continueth to witness how each

day a city among the cities of Islam falleth under the bombardment of cannons, and a faction among its factions faceth the bullets.

That which hath appeared on earth hath caused the dwellers of the celestial realm to lament. Yet until now, none hath awakened or arisen to find a remedy. The heedless one moveth and journeyeth in the wilderness of negligence, led by ignorance. This is a day wherein all must, with utmost humility and supplication, seek forgiveness and pardon from the Self-Sufficing Lord, that perchance the sweet-scented breeze of divine bestowal and forgiveness may waft, and the Law of God and the Religion of the Lord may be protected from the oppression of the oppressors. What can awaken the heedless ones and rouse those who slumber? Beseech ye God that He deprive not His servants and grant them a drop from the ocean of knowledge, that the people of the earth might become aware and show mercy unto themselves.

We make mention at the end of this letter of thy son who attained Our presence in the prison. Remember him on My behalf. We beseech God to strengthen him, to prosper him, and to grant him the good of this world and the next. He must remain steadfast in that which he hath been commanded, and God will send down upon him from the heaven of bounty that which will gladden his heart. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him."

Praise be to God, His grace and favor are evident and manifest. The command to depart was given in view of circumstances. Some mentioned that certain ones intended to move and sought permission, while others spoke of chaos, saying that children showed no obedience whatsoever to their fathers and showed them no respect. Likewise, they mentioned matters far removed from justice, fairness, love and unity. Since no fruit was apparent from gathering in that land, and indeed there was fear of harm due to prejudices and ignorant fanaticism, therefore the command was given as they heard. If they act in accordance with that which God loveth and that which exalteth the station of man, there hath been and is no objection to remaining.

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to strengthen the youth. How lovely it would be for the youth to be adorned with the ornament of proper conduct, character, love and unity, and to abide in peace beneath the shade of the divine Tree. However, this servant was most pleased with thy son. He was truly found to be capable and worthy. God willing, may he strive diligently to acquire perfections and likewise to learn a craft. Convey my greetings to him. I ever pray for his strengthening and success.

I send greetings to the friends of that land, one and all, and I beseech God to adorn them all with the ornament of steadfastness, love and fellowship. The prayer that was offered on behalf of this evanescent servant will, God willing, be answered. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to Him, for He is the Lord of all the worlds.

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BH00228: Praise be to God Who has caused the Pen…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who has caused…"

He is God—exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His might!

Praise be to God Who has caused the Pen to be subdued and has manifested through it such utterances as none can know save him whom God has assisted through His command. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and His Messengers and His chosen ones, and upon Him Whom He has adorned with the ornament of His names and attributes and made the Seal of His Prophets, and upon His family and companions who held fast to His Covenant and His Testament.

And then—may my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention—your numerous letters illumined the eyes and confirmed the power of utterance. Praise be to God for what He has bestowed upon us from the table of love and affection. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the Guide unto the right path. However, after reading and reviewing them, boundless sorrow was produced, for they indicated your sorrow and likewise that of other friends.

As regards moving from that land, one day before mentioning certain reports, They said that the friends in that land must conduct themselves with perfect unity, harmony and wisdom, otherwise sedition would arise among them, and this is not pleasing before God. Continually this word was heard that They say the horizons shall be illumined with the light of unity. After the arrival of the honored master, his eminence the Nazir, upon him be God's peace, inquiry was made about the condition of the friends in that land. Some were mentioned who, if permission were given, had intended to depart. After this matter was presented before Him, They said if with wisdom, that is if one or two souls would turn towards Iraq or Iran, this would be acceptable before the Wronged One.

Later, unpleasing news arrived, including that sons were in no way obedient to fathers, and it was heard that the son of his eminence Aqa Mirza Abdullah had shown disrespect to him. This matter caused grief to this servant, but after his arrival in this land, this servant imparted certain words to him. In truth he expressed remorse and sought forgiveness and pardon. This servant became very pleased with him, for he accepted with complete willingness and love what was expressed. It was as if his inner tongue spoke these words:

> "I stand ready to make amends for the rest of my life."

God willing, they will not forget the petitions of the servant and will keep them in mind.

Later, news spread of differences arising between the friends in this land. After these matters were presented before Him, He said:

> "O servant in attendance! The people of that land are very prejudiced and have no knowledge of this community. Perhaps they imagine the friends of Truth are also like other foreigners, engaged in unseemly words and cursing and reviling prominent persons. They consider all

> foreigners to be heretics. Given this fact and their lack of knowledge about the condition of the friends, if they become aware of matters that have caused differences between them, they will surely manifest hatred and animosity and become the cause of sedition. In this case, the friends' remaining in that land is not advisable."

Indeed if the honored ones of that land would hold fast to wisdom, unity and harmony, it would cause the exaltation of the Word and all would become aware that these souls were not and are not like the aforementioned foreigners. They walk in the traces of the light of justice and gaze toward the horizon of grace. Your honor was not mentioned at all in this matter and no word was heard from the blessed tongue except the expression of favor and kindness. To this testifies He with Whom is the Mother Book. And in one instance They spoke certain words which this servant wrote down exactly and sent previously. And truly all these matters were and are united in meaning, and They uttered these statements with perfect kindness.

And in this matter no mention whatsoever was made of that blessed Personage, nor was any word heard from the sacred Tongue save the manifestation of favor and loving-kindnessâ€"whereunto He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness. And in a certain gathering He moreover uttered words which, even as they were spoken, this servant had already set down and dispatched in writing. All these passages, in very truth, have been, and are, one in meaning; and with consummate grace He gave utterance unto these sayings.

The son of his eminence the honored master Aqa Mirza Abdullah, upon him be God's peace and favor, himself is aware of the manifestation of kindness, compassion and grace. The statement of the Desired One is clear and evident, for anyone with a sense of smell can perceive its fragrance. From the first day of arrival in the Most Great Prison until this time, this evanescent one has heard from the Pen and tongue of the Desired One—may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him!—that naught hath been heard from that personage but kindness, compassion and generosity. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every wayfarer testifieth and is aware, and beyond all these, all the Tablets stand as witness and testimony to this statement.

Now we beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to set aright the affairs of that land, that the light of unity may shine forth among all. God willing, may all be adorned with goodly deeds and words that conduce to the refinement of heedless souls. Parents must strive diligently for the religion of their children and its strengthening, for any child who departeth from the divine religion will surely not act in accordance with the good-pleasure of his parents and of God, glorified be His majesty. All goodly deeds become manifest and evident through the light of faith, and in the absence of this supreme gift, one will neither shun any evil nor be attracted to any good.

The servant, in his tongue of powerlessness and poverty, beseecheth God to assist His loved ones and make them dawning-places of goodly deeds and daysprings of that which hath been revealed in His Book of goodness and gracious utterance. In brief, this evanescent one's petition is that loving-kindness hath been and continueth to be shown to the friends of that land.

At this moment, which is the time of the arrival of the post, this servant was engaged in writing to the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. The bearer of your letter arrived, which you had sent to him, and he had expressed much sorrow concerning the news mentioned therein. In truth, he is right. After his letter was presented, it was stated:

> "That which We intended concerning Jinab-i-Zayn hath not yet been uttered. Let him be assured of God's grace, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant him the good of this world and the next. Should this Wronged One intend aught concerning him, He will surely convey it to him directly."

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. We ask for them all that which befitteth their station. If at times deeds have appeared from them that were unworthy of them and the Cause, yet many afflictions have also befallen them in God's path, of which none but God is aware. We beseech God to assist them all in that which conduceth to the exaltation and elevation of the Cause and their stations. Convey greetings also to the handmaidens of that land and gladden them with the remembrance of the Wronged One.

Mention was made of all those whom you had named, and all were blessed with wondrous and glorious remembrance. Mention was made of the son of Marfu' Ali Nur, upon him be God's loving-kindness. It was presented before His presence, and He said:

> "We have beseeched God, exalted be He, and We beseech Him, again and again, to forgive His loved ones who were imprisoned in the Land of Ta, to purify them from all that is unworthy of them, to grant them the good of this world and the next, and to ordain for them that which befitteth His generosity and bounty. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We make mention of him and his brother who was named Zayn al-Abidin, and We counsel him to perform pure deeds and to act in accordance with that which God hath revealed in the Book."

As for what you wrote concerning His Holiness the Name of God J.M., upon him be from every Glory its Most Glorious, his own letter arrived. One response was sent, bearing glad-tidings of renewed loving-kindness, bounty and grace. Now another letter from him hath arrived, but there is no opportunity to reply. God willing, there is hope it may be presented later.

Regarding the mention of the distribution of funds that was made, they adorned it with acceptance. God willing, they have attained and will attain both material and spiritual wealth.

And concerning what was written about the relatives of Jinab-i-Safi, upon him be the grace and mercy of God, it was submitted. They said his mention has been before the Wronged One and God willing, special Tablets will be sent to them. Let the guest be joyful. We beseech God to assist them and assist all His loved ones to remain steadfast in His love. Verily He is powerful over all things.

The mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon him be Baha'u'llah, from the people of Nur was made and submitted before His presence. They said: Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of bounty and speaks in remembrance of the Peerless Friend. We beseech God to ordain for him that which will make him attracted, enkindled, steadfast and eloquent in wisdom and utterance. That which

has issued from the tongue of the Divine Purpose concerning him will become manifest and evident. The servant conveys greetings to him.

The mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the peace of God, from the people of Hamadan was made. After submission They said: Travel to this land is not permitted in these days. Let him occupy himself with his trade, be engaged in the mention of God, exalted be His glory, arise in His service and act with goodness. The weakness of the servants and their heedlessness has caused the deprivation of the friends. However, we beseech God to ordain abundant good for them in compensation for this deprivation. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Section 2: "The petition of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abdul-Wahhab attained…"

The petition of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abdul-Wahhab attained the hearing of the Beloved. They said: God willing, may he remain firm and steadfast in what he has submitted. Blessed is his father whom neither the derision of enemies nor the oppression of the wicked prevented. He adorned his temple with the ornament of servitude to God, the True One, and held fast to goodness in all conditions. May this Wahhab too, God willing, be assisted like that Wahhab to perform good deeds and utter befitting words.

And the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Abul-Qasim from the people of Najafabad attained the honor of hearing. They said: O Zayn, it behooveth thee to beseech God to assist His servants to discharge His rights. The world is transient, its life is brief. In this case, whoever is assisted to discharge what is obligatory upon him is assuredly nearer to righteousness. O Zayn, verily We have mentioned him, given him glad tidings and commanded him to that which was revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. It is incumbent upon all to act according to what hath been revealed in the Book of God, exalted be His glory. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to him and likewise to the friends of that land, namely the land of Nun and Jim. God willing, may all attain to that which is beloved in the presence of God.

The mention of the honored beloved, Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was made and submitted. They said: Convey Our greetings to him and We beseech God to assist him in that which is good for him. Praise be to God, he attained the presence and was successful. It behooveth him to thank God at all times.

His honor Aqa Muhammad-Javad and Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq of Nur—mention of them has attained the honor of being heard, and expressions of special favor for both have shone forth from the horizon of loving-kindness. Praise be to God, they have attained that which has no limit to its excellence. They have been assisted in their turning, acceptance, recognition and steadfastness. This evanescent servant beseeches God—exalted be His glory—to assist them and grant them success. Mention of His Holiness the Most Truthful Name of God—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—flowed from the blessed tongue. Happy is he! And peace be upon you and the mercy of God.

What needed to be submitted is this: Mirza Husayn Beg the liar, who claimed love and acceptance while squandering the property of several of the friends—that deceitful usurper wrote various things to the Holy Threshold, while the sincere friends unwittingly consider every treacherous liar to be trustworthy and count them among the people of faith. In any case, that liar met his due. Now the friends should be

vigilant and not consider every liar to be truthful. In place of that unmerciful one, another person has arrived who is among those who for years served in the embassy at the Threshold. Although outwardly this evanescent one is unaware of his condition, in any case he has been and is investigating to find something with which to attack the oppressed ones.

The friends of God must not be heedless nor be content with mere declarations of faith. They should completely conceal all religious matters in these parts, as its harm would return to the Tree. Mention and utterance are not permitted in these regions. Repeatedly this word was heard from the blessed tongue. They should not again be heedless nor count outsiders among the insiders. It is strange that even His Holiness the Name of God, Jamal, thought he was among the faithful. In truth, knowledge is not with anyone—it is all with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O beloved of my heart! If the friends of God had acted upon the loving counsels of the Desired One, perfect order would have become manifest in all affairs, the carpet of joy and delight would have been spread, and all would have fixed their gaze upon the word "Blessed is he who knows his station and rank" and would have vied with one another in humility and submissiveness. Man is like steel whose essence is hidden—through mention, utterance, counsel and education its essence becomes manifest and evident, but if left to itself, the rust of lustful desires and passions will destroy it. In all stations, utterances have appeared which are the cause of preservation, salvation and success. We beseech God—exalted be His glory—to assist His loved ones in that which He has commanded. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The other letter from His Holiness dated the 17th of Jamadi'l-Avval brought joy to the heart and bestowed boundless delight. Regarding what they wrote expressing amazement—according to the Command, His Holiness should await specific orders in all matters, meaning commands that specifically issue from the Pen. Otherwise there is much talk in the world, most of which neither nourishes nor satisfies.

And regarding what they wrote about the book of his honor Aqa Shah-Virdi—upon him be the Glory of God—it was submitted. He said:

> "Well done, O Zayn! By My life, thy sorrow hath grieved Me. We beseech God to change it into great joy."

End.

Concerning Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was recorded that some of his tablets were sent from the direction of the Land of Ta. God willing, may he be joyful, for at the time of departure, out of wisdom his trust was not given to him, and thus he turned toward those parts with complete displeasure. I beseech and implore God to bestow His grace and favor him with that which is befitting, and transform his sorrow into joy.

As for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ibrahim, it is advisable for him to engage in some occupation in whatever land he may reside. In these days, coming to this land is in no way permitted. I beseech God, exalted be His glory,

to adorn him with His good-pleasure. The command is in His hands, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Regarding the marriage of the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, what was written is excellent in what has been done. God willing, it is blessed. As commanded, extend congratulations and convey greetings from this servant.

As for what was mentioned concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and favors, what your honor mentioned was submitted. He said:

> "O Hasan, upon thee be My peace. In all cases, stillness takes precedence over movement, though at times circumstances may indicate otherwise, meaning circumstances may cause movement to be preferred. The explicit command to depart has not been outwardly pronounced. For any soul to remain with joy and fragrance is acceptable, or to depart with joy and fragrance is likewise acceptable. Praise be to God, you have been and are blessed with God's grace. Convey greetings to all your relatives from the Wronged One. God willing, may you be confirmed in remembrance and praise, and in deeds and words that cause the elevation of your station."

End quote. The details of matters concerning staying or departing were mentioned. In truth, the friends in that land should consult in all matters and act upon whatever your honor accepts. I beseech God to adorn the people of that land with such an adorning that none will have cause for dispute. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, from the people of K, and likewise the mention of Jinab-i-Mirza Badi', upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was submitted. He said:

> "O Zayn, We have heard the mention of Badi' and have witnessed his acceptance. We send him greetings from this station and remember him with beautiful remembrance, and We beseech the Most High to grant him success and ordain for him the best of what hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book. And We remember Ali-Akbar who attained and visited the House and held fast to the strong cord of God. However, coming to this land is not permitted."

End quote.

Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli of Khurramabad. Praise be to God, he has been favored with the mention of the Beloved, but meeting is not permitted, for most souls are observed to be covered with the dust of rancor and hatred. Beseech God to assist all and grant them a cup from the Kawthar of sanctification. The veils of self have prevented eyes from beholding the light of truth. They cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies. They have attributed to a station, which was naught but the mention of God, that which causes one to feel ashamed to mention. In any case, some time ago, tablets were specifically designated in reply to the people of B.r and its surroundings, and likewise specifically for the friends of that region, but until now they have not been sent, and afterward the command is in His hands.

As to what you wrote concerning certain matters which, as this servant regards them as contrary to the laws of the divine law, some have complained about their abandonment—they stated:

> "O Zein! God, exalted be His glory, has in His glorious Book commanded the people to observe what is right and forbidden what is wrong, and has revealed such commandments and ordinances as will enable humanity to attain the most exalted summit and the highest horizon. Therefore, you must look to the Book of God and act according to it. The acceptance or rejection of the people of the earth is as nothing and is not and has never been worthy of attention. Blessed are you, and happy are you! The Wronged One beareth witness to thy devotion and thy deeds in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. In obeying the commandments revealed in the Book of God, even if the whole world were to oppose you, no harm would come to you. Rejoice in what the Wronged One hath uttered, and be of those who give thanks."

Finally, this ephemeral one conveys greetings and praise to the friends and loved ones in that land. I hope that all may be adorned with that which beseemeth them. Verily, the servant concludeth his words with the remembrance of God, saying: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

The servant 20 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1301

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BH02570: O Muhammad-Quli! By the life of God, thou shouldst…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Quli! By the life of God, thou shouldst glory in the world. Thou hast heard what no one before hath heard, and witnessed what no one hath witnessed. All that appeareth from the deniers and the heedless in this Cause is the greatest proof of the truth of the Party of God. A hundred thousand blessings upon the one who freely gave up name and glory in the path of the Friend. The world cannot equal one pure deed. Soon shall the eye of understanding behold that which the tongue relateth.

We convey greetings and solace to all the relatives of Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Give them glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded them and My loving-kindness which hath encompassed them. Verily We have forgiven them and pardoned them and expiated from them that which beseemeth them not. Blessed is he who today holdeth fast unto repentance and attaineth unto the ocean of forgiveness from the All-Merciful. He is assuredly among the triumphant in the perspicuous Book.

Say: Know ye the worth and station of Ali. If a person becomes distressed for one moment from grief and fear, what will he do about perpetual fear and torment and wrath? Praise be to God that the effulgences of the Sun of grace have encompassed some and will encompass others. Soon shall they return unto God and arise to make good what hath escaped them. For every soul was somewhat heedless, or the might of oppression kept him from the Luminary of justice, yet in his days and nights he was occupied with the

remembrance of the peerless Friend and was adorned with His love. And today, as it is the day of supreme joy and the ocean of loving-kindness surgeth before all faces and is adorned with the ornament of grace, seek thou from God that He may enable all to attain that which is the cause of salvation and prosperity.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Many souls now yearn and hope to circle round His prison in His path and embrace its chains. By the life of God, these chains are preferable to a hundred thousand ornaments, for those are attributed to the Truth while these are from the sources of oppression. God protect us and you from the evil of these heedless ones. We have specially granted thee permission—accept thou it and be of the thankful. And We make mention of Muhammad and give him glad tidings of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. He should hold fast to the cord of justice and make mention of God with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH04570: O My handmaiden Khadijih, upon whom be the Glory…

He is the Caller between earth and heaven!

O My handmaiden Khadijih, upon whom be the Glory of God! Time and again hast thou been blessed with the remembrance of thy Lord. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that whosoever today achieveth with complete certitude and assurance any deed in the path of God, he hath attained unto all good.

Today the deniers and unbelievers are occupied with a hundred thousand tricks and stratagems to ensnare holy souls. We beseech God to protect His servants and handmaidens from association and fellowship with the ungodly, both men and women.

Today the Holy Spirit is present before all faces, and the Most Great Spirit is manifest and speaking above the nations, while the Maidens of Paradise on high, with wondrous and sweet melodies, give glad-tidings to the handmaidens of the earth of the supreme horizon, the most exalted Summit, and the utmost Goal.

Whosoever hearkeneth becometh detached and free from all save God, to such degree that apparent riches, visible bounties, and manifold favors hold no sway over him. Severed from all else, he turneth unto God, glorified be His majesty, clinging to the cord of His Cause and holding fast to the hem of His grace.

We beseech God to adorn thee with such an ornament that thou mayest shine forth amidst the earth like unto a pearl, distinct from all else. Now that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the Tablet, strive that thou mayest attain unto all that hath been mentioned. Thy Lord is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity rest upon every handmaiden who hath attained and remained steadfast in the Cause of her Lord, detached from all else besides Him.

BH05196: O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath gained My audience…

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath gained My audience and its words have been beheld by My glance, and the page hath been honored by the hand of Him in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! Today the waves of the ocean of bounty are manifest and the lights of the Sun of grace are evident and radiant. Yet the people of the earth have, with their own hands, deprived themselves of this most great bounty. They have committed that which, God forbid, giveth rise to the fear that the outpourings of the All-Bountiful may cease, for the tyranny of the oppressors hath reached such a degree that none save God, exalted be His glory, can reckon it. Praise be to God, thou hast turned unto Him and attained His love. Know thou this most exalted station, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. In all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto its hem. Verily God hath forgiven those men and women who have turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient.

We make mention of him who hath ascended unto God and was named Radi in My Great Book. Upon him, and upon thee, and upon his sister whose name was presented before the Wronged One in this exalted station, be the Glory of God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and aid her, and to ordain for you both what ye desire. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH05471: In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

The Supreme Pen conveys greetings to the people of Baha and declares: All that hath befallen you in the path of love for the Lord of Names hath been mentioned in His presence and recorded in the Crimson Book. How many nights did sleep desert the eyes of the friends, and how many days were the sanctified hearts of the believers disturbed by the oppression of the tyrants!

Yet the Wronged One giveth you glad tidings and declareth that everlasting comfort, perpetual sustenance and eternal glory have been and shall ever be yours. Praise ye God, exalted be His glory, that His gaze hath been fixed upon the goodly deeds of His friends, and if during the days of tribulation anything unworthy of His Cause appeared, He hath, through His mercy and bounty, transformed it. Today the ocean of forgiveness is surging and the sun of bounty is shining from the horizon of grace. No tidings of the world can equal these glad tidings.

Hold fast unto the Most Firm Handle and cleave unto that whereby the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, may be exalted. We make mention of thy mother who hath turned unto God and attained unto His days, the Lord of the worlds. The servant who is present hath presented thy letter before the Face. That which the near ones perceive the fragrance of God’s bounty, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath been sent down for thee and for her.

BH05968: In My Name, the Wronged One of the world

In My Name, the Wronged One of the world

O Husayn! He Who is imprisoned makes mention of thee with that which shall cause the remembrance of every soul who has turned unto Him and has quaffed the cup of everlasting life in the name of Baha to

endure. Once did he drink it in His name and again in remembrance of the All-Wise. The servant who was present appeared before Us with thy letter and laid before Us what thou hadst written. We have answered thee with this clear epistle. We inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love and have turned toward thee from this luminous spot. Say:

O my God, my Beloved, and my Purpose! Thou seest me acknowledging Thy unity and confessing Thy grandeur and sovereignty. I testify that steadfastness cannot be established except through Thy might and power, and the heart cannot find tranquility save through Thy loving-kindness and grace. O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, turning unto Thy countenance, and clinging to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee to forgive me and have mercy upon me through Thy mercy which has preceded all created things and encompassed all contingent beings. O Lord! I implore Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy grandeur, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the clamor of Thy creatures and the might of those who have denied Thy signs may not deter me. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy creation cannot frustrate, nor can the manifestations of Thy servants render powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06362: O Rubin! The Manifest Truth declares: Today the springtime…

He is the One Who rules over all names!

O Rubin! The Manifest Truth declares: Today the springtime of the All-Merciful has appeared, and the new saplings that were planted by the divine hand of training in the paradise of oneness have become manifest and visible with their ripe fruits and delicate leaves. However, the oppressors of the age—meaning the ignorant divines—have striven and continue to strive to cut them down. Say: O Pharaohs of the earth! If Pharaoh was able to extinguish the divine light, then you too shall be able to do so. But alas! alas! His will dominates the wills of all the peoples of the world, and His power has been and shall ever be penetrating, and His knowledge all-encompassing. We send greetings to the friends in that land, to the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, both male and female, young and old. We beseech God to aid them all in that which is the cause of eternal life. He is powerful and mighty over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06124: The True One, exalted be His glory, remembers His…

In the name of the Kind Friend

The True One, exalted be His glory, remembers His friends from among His male and female servants in the Most Great Prison—a remembrance that forgetfulness shall not overtake and the changes of the world shall not alter.

This remembrance in one station sits and warbles as a nightingale of inner meanings upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, and in another station is a flowing stream in a spiritual garden, and in yet another

station is a surging ocean from which they who possess pure and attentive ears hear “there is no god but Him.” Blessed is the soul that has today attained to the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory.

Today the ocean of bounty is manifest and the river of providence is flowing. We beseech God not to deprive any from His sea of mercy, especially those servants and handmaidens who possess a unified countenance. God willing, may you find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be occupied and intimate with His remembrance.

We convey greetings to all the handmaidens and counsel them to the Most Great Steadfastness. Blessed is the leaf that has clung to the Tree and the handmaiden who has attained unto steadfastness in the Cause of her Lord, the Mighty, the Blessed, the Holy, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

BH06390: O My leaf and My handmaiden! We heard thy…

He is the Counsellor, the Compassionate, the Most Generous

O My leaf and My handmaiden! We heard thy call. The servant in attendance submitted thy letter [before the face of the Wronged One]. We give thee the sweetest reply in the Persian tongue—hearken thou and render thanks to the Object of all creation. By the life of God, nothing can equal His Word! All that is witnessed is that those related to Dhabih have been and are beneath the glance of loving-kindness.

Strive thou to act in accordance with what befitteth the divine days. This Day hath no equal, for the Hidden Treasure hath been made manifest and is known by the Most Great Name. Thou must act with utmost steadfastness and in the manner that beseemeth thee. The True One, addressing My leaf, declareth: This is a great relationship. We beseech God to aid thee to fulfill its conditions. He is the Counselor, He is the Kind, He is the All-Knowing, and He is the All-Seeing. We convey Our greetings to Ali, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. Verily he hath a station with thy Lord—know thou this and be among the thankful ones in My Perspicuous Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy brothers and thy sister, from One Who is Kind and Generous.

BH07280: In the Name of Him Who is the Goal…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds! Your letter which was sent in the name of this Servant reached the Wronged One and was entirely heard. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art the recipient of divine favor.

Some time ago a most exalted and holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace, but there was delay in its transmission. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto it and arise to serve in such wise, through the fragrance of the utterances of the All-Merciful, that the people of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee.

We have revealed a Tablet for Khudadad and sent it graciously that he may be among the thankful ones. Dear friend, ye are all remembered. Be not grieved by certain matters. I swear by the Sun in the heaven of divine power that erelong the friends shall behold their stations in the most exalted of places. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful.

The friends of God, exalted be His glory, both men and women, young and old, have been mentioned in His remembrance. By the life of God! The treasures of the world cannot be compared with His remembrance, as witnessed by every just and perceiving one.

BH07343: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou hast been…

He is the Witnesser from the Most Exalted Horizon

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast not been forgotten. Today the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed toward the steadfast handmaidens of God, and will continue to be so. Blessed a hundred thousand times is the soul whom the heedlessness of the heedless and the oppression of the oppressors hath not kept back from the breezes of the Day of Faith.

The love of God, exalted and glorified be He, is like unto a pearl, and its abode is the shell of the heart. That We have likened it to a pearl is for the understanding of the servants; otherwise a hundred thousand pearls of the seas of inner meanings circle round the pearl of His love. Blessed is the heart that hath become the shell of this pearl. Such a one is remembered before God in all worlds and is inscribed in the Book.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. We have remembered him who sought, upon him be My glory and My mercy, with a mention that neither all the treasures nor all the riches of the earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. The glory be upon him from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06931: He it is Who dawneth above the horizon…

He it is Who dawneth above the horizon of grace

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: He maketh mention of you from the quarter of His mighty prison.

We have, in very truth, made mention of thee aforetime, and have sent down for thee that which shall remain imperishable through the abiding of the Name of thy Lord, the All-Subduing, He Who ruleth over whatsoever is in the heavens and on the earth.

Verily, We counsel thee to that whereby thy station shall be exalted, and to this Cause before whose revelation the very limbs of every far-removed oppressor have trembled.

We likewise exhort the loved ones of God to patience and to steadfast endurance under all that hath befallen them in His straight Path.

Say: It behoveth you to entrust unto Me your creation, your sustenance, and your drawing nigh unto Him; for He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Say: Let not the affairs and doings of men grieve you. Behold, then call to mind what befell the Messenger of God aforetime, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him the One Who held converse with God.

BH07913: O My handmaiden, O thou who utterest My praise!…

In the Name of Him Who is the Witness, the All-Knowing!

O My handmaiden, O thou who utterest My praise! We have remembered thee time and again, and have sent down for thee that from which the near ones have inhaled the fragrance of the loving kindness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou not grieved at anything, but place thy trust in all matters in the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. He manifests whatsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the One Who chooseth as He pleaseth. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Face-light the horizons were illumined and by Whose Name the mysteries were revealed on the Day of Meeting! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the fruits of the Tree of Thy oneness to ordain for me, through the wonders of Thy bounty, that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself, and Thou knowest what is best for me. Through Thy generosity, decree for me that which befitteth Thy majesty and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Sufficing, the Answerer.

BH07931: O daughter of My servant Asdaq and wife…

In the Name of the One God!

O daughter of My servant Asdaq and wife of My servant Karim! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which is befitting in this Day.

Know thou the value of this Day and recognize its station. The tyranny of the oppressors and the hosts of the heedless move for a day or two like bubbles upon the surface of water, and then return to a state which, were anyone to behold it, they would seek refuge with God from its heat and from whatsoever hath been created therein.

This is the Day of the Balance and the time of the Straight Path and the moment of steadfastness. This is the Day wherein whatsoever lieth within man becometh manifest and evident.

We beseech God to preserve that house, and since it hath been raised up in His Name, may the sweet savors of His love never cease to waft therefrom. Blessed art thou and blessed are they whom the oppression of such as have denied the right of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath not deterred.

BH07914: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O…

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O handmaiden of God! Praise be to the Object of all creation Who, in this Most Great Day, has enabled you and blessed you with service to His loved ones. Whatsoever has appeared from you for the sake of God and in His path is manifest and visible before His countenance. Praise be to God that you have drunk from the cup of reunion and, through the bounty of the immortal King, have attained unto the shore of the ocean of attainment. You have witnessed that which the eyes of the world were anticipating, and heard that which the ears of those near unto God

were yearning to hear. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land—those who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness and are possessed of a single heart. Blessed are those handmaidens whom the clamor of the idolaters did not prevent from the Divine Lote-Tree, and whom the oppression of the tyrannical did not keep back from the love of God. Upon you and upon them be glory, and upon every handmaiden who has held fast to My Strong Cord.

BH07990: In the Name of the One Incomparable God! O…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God! O Yari! The One Incomparable Friend declares: The whole world hath been created for the recognition of the Ancient Lord in this Most Great Announcement, and hath been brought from nothingness into being. Yet when the morn of the divine Day dawned from the horizon of Will, all were found to be debarred and deprived, save whom God pleased. Well is it with thee for having drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name, and for having turned toward the Supreme Horizon on a Day wherein the limbs of all names trembled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee to observe wisdom, for the people are weak. The Lord, exalted be His glory, hath shown forbearance out of pure grace. Therefore must all be mindful of wisdom and treat mankind with kindliness and compassion. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have attained unto the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08513: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the world!

O handmaiden of God! Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath heard thy cry and hath answered thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of all worlds.

The servant who attaineth Our presence hath presented that which thou didst send unto him. We have heard it and answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Render thou thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to recognize Him Whom most of the world hath failed to recognize, save those whom the hand of Divine power hath delivered. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Rejoice thou, then be glad, then make mention of thy Lord Who hath mentioned thee with His mighty and praiseworthy remembrance. We make mention of thy cousin and give her the glad-tidings of God’s grace, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. We counsel her and My handmaidens with that which beseemeth them in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH08047: He hath dominion over the Kingdom of Names!

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The Wronged One makes mention of His handmaids who have heard the Call, turned to the Supreme Horizon, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur has testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Recognize thou the value of these days and give thanks to thy Lord, the Almighty, over what was and what shall be.

Various petitions have been received from the servants of God and His handmaids; We have answered them all with that which has diffused the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is the handmaid who has arisen to serve My loved ones, and the servant whom the hosts have not frightened. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having sent down for thee this blessed Book which calls out amidst the world and summons the peoples to God, the Lord of existence. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon the daughter named after Me who has attained My presence in this Forbidden Prison.

BH08547: O Khudadad! Today is the Day of Justice, yet…

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing!

O Khudadad! Today is the Day of Justice, yet the demons of tyranny have oppressed the angels of justice.

The world is the abode of demons, and its course is crooked through their influence O wayfarer! Be thou in fear of the demons of this demon-haunted world

However, this oppression shall not endure. Ere long the light of the Sun of Justice shall illumine the darkened world. The hand of God is above their hands, and the will of God is above their wills. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God at a time when most of the people have turned away from Him, and hast responded to thy Lord when most of the people were numbered among the silent ones. Rejoice thou in My testimony unto thee, in My turning unto thee, and in My mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Strong.

BH08492: O sister of Ali! I swear by the effulgent…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O sister of Ali! I swear by the effulgent rays of the Sun of inner meanings before the Divine Throne, thou art remembered among the people of Paradise and in the Crimson Book this most exalted station hath been bestowed upon thee by the Most Exalted Pen. Know thou the bounty of thy Lord and be thou grateful to Him by night and day. O sister of Akbar! Blessed is thy brother. God beareth witness that from the beginning of the Cause he turned towards it, in days when all were seen to be deniers, hypocrites and apostates, save whom God willed. Thy deeds are accepted before the Divine Countenance and adorned with the imperishable ornament. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise are occupied with thy mention. We counsel thee to love thy brother and preserve thy station through the Name of God, the Most Glorious. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those women from whom the Supreme Concourse perceived the fragrance of steadfastness in this Most Great Announcement.

BH08810: The Great Day has appeared and the Great Cause…

In the name of the One Incomparable Speaker!

The Great Day has appeared and the Great Cause is resplendent. This is that same Day to which the divine Books have testified as to its greatness and grandeur. Today the heaven of utterance is adorned with the Sun of inner meanings, and the Great City has descended from the heaven of will, and the rivers of divine knowledge flow and surge forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the one who turned towards it, whom the opposition of the wrongdoers did not deprive from the light of justice. Your letter was received and attained unto hearing. Praise be to God that you have recognized that of which the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names. Thus have We adorned the heaven of your acceptance with the lights of the Sun of thy Lord's grace, the Kind, the Generous.

BH08814: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of the world

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear tokens and hath spoken before the faces of the world through this Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were shaken except for those whom the hand of power did seize and whom He veritably preserved—and He is the Preserver, the Succourer. The call hath been raised between earth and heaven, yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned and responded, and woe unto them that have turned away. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know, for having made me to know and strengthened me to acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath spoken whilst the people were veiled by a thick veil. The splendor shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Countenance with such steadfastness as the hosts of the wrongdoers could not prevent.

BH09111: He overshadoweth all names!

He overshadoweth all names!

O thou who hast turned towards God! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Eternity from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The servant who is present hath entered before the Throne and presented thy letter before His face. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath turned towards God and heard the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen on a day wherein every remote scholar turned away. Blessed is the unlettered one who hath attained and succeeded, and woe unto every scholar who hath pronounced judgment against the Dawning-Place of Revelation with manifest tyranny. When thou hast attained unto My traces, rejoice and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the God of the worlds and the Goal of them that have known Thee!"

BH09173: O leaf and handmaiden of Baha! God is aware…

In His Name, the Most High, the Most Great

O leaf and handmaiden of Baha! God is aware and bears witness that the honored Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and you and your relatives have always been and will continue to be under the glance of divine favor. Whatever has befallen you in the path of God's Cause, and likewise the deeds that have been manifested by you for the sake of God—all have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been recorded. Be thankful to your Lord for this great bounty. No good deed has been or ever will be lost—all are preserved and safeguarded in the treasury of divine knowledge, and their reward shall assuredly come. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those women who have believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed One.

BH09332: Praise beseemeth the Beloved Who hath, with the finger…

In the name of the peerless Lord, the One.

Praise beseemeth the Beloved Who hath, with the finger of His loving-kindness, opened wide the gates of true knowledge before the peoples of the world through the appearance of the Most Great Luminary. Blessed is he who hath recognized the divine days and attained unto boundless outpourings of grace. Today We summon all to love, unity, fellowship and concord, that perchance through the light of assured souls the horizons may be cleansed and sanctified from the darkness of tyranny, and all may acknowledge the oneness and singleness of God, exalted be His glory, and attain unto the ultimate purpose of creation. Well is it with thee for having turned unto God and believed in Him, the One, the Alone, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09664: In My Name which hath shone forth…

In My Name which hath shone forth from the horizon of grace

O ʻAbdu'l-Karim! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee. Thy letter was presented and the servant in attendance read it in its entirety. The fragrance of thy love was inhaled. Blessed art thou and blessed are those souls whom the tyranny of the servants hath not kept back from the Lord of creation. Thou didst make mention of the Name of God and of the Nightingale, upon both of them be the Glory of God. How excellent is the state of one who is occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones of God. We beseech God to adorn thy prayer with the ornament of acceptance and response. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon both of them and upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause when the opposers arose in grievous tyranny.

BH10220: This Wronged One hath, in the nights and days…

…This Wronged One hath, in the nights and days, summoned the servants and handmaidens of God, exalted be His glory, unto that which draweth them nigh unto God. Some have attained to hearing but are deprived of action, while others are forbidden from both. Yet another group hath held fast unto both the first and the second. Blessed are those handmaidens who have held fast unto righteousness and are

turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the Day of requital and recompense, and the Just, the All-Wise is seated upon the throne of His command. We beseech God that He deprive not His servants and handmaidens of this Most Great Announcement and this Supreme Mercy….

BH10680: O Iskandar! Your letter has been presented before…

He is the Strong, the Mighty

O Iskandar! Your letter has been presented before the Most Great Scene and this servant, present before the face of your Lord, the Possessor of Destiny, has read it and revealed for you this wondrous Tablet. Be steadfast in serving your Lord, speaking His praise, turning to Him, and soaring in His sublime atmosphere. He ordains for whomever He wishes the reward of attaining His presence. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who has attained the most great steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. And woe to every heedless doubter.

BH01584: Glorified be He Who sendeth down the rain…

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

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the rain as He willeth and causeth it to descend as He pleaseth. Glorified be He Who bestoweth His favors as He chooseth and showereth them as a token of His grace upon His triumphant servants. Praise be to God Who bestoweth wealth and causeth it to descend by His command, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Glorified be He Who hath adorned poverty with the ornament of pride through His words: “Poverty is My glory.” Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak aforetime, as every discerning soul doth testify.

The letter of that spiritual friend was received, and from its fragrance wafted the sweet savors of love for God and sincerity. The life of existence hath ever been and shall remain through the mention of the Desired One. Whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good. After reading and observing the letter, it was brought before the Most Holy Court, and all of it was presented before His Presence. He said: “O Ahmad, upon thee be My loving-kindness.” The servant in attendance read thy letter before the Face of the Wronged One.

The purpose of creation hath been and shall ever be the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. This is the most exalted summit, the supreme horizon, the primal valley, and the ultimate goal. The eyes of them that are nigh unto Him are fixed upon it, and the hearts of the sincere are turned towards it. This is the station whose mention is as the water of life to every seeker, and is the straight path for every wayfarer. By the life of God! If the heart be connected to the mentioned ocean of utterance, it shall find itself free and unfettered. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the cup of recognition and attained unto the supreme bounty.

That which is incumbent today, after recognition, is service to the Cause through wisdom and utterance, and through deeds and character, for goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are the hosts of God, and are mightier than the hosts and armies of earth. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Other stations have no worth or standing.

Whatsoever is witnessed in the world of wealth, riches, treasures and the like belong to God. There is no shame in their absence, nor pride in their presence. By the Sun of the horizon of Truth! Today pride lieth in pure deeds and spiritual qualities.

Make thy provision the Word that hath issued from My mouth at the time of thy turning toward the land of Baha, thy shield the fear of God, and thy weapon humility and lowliness before the face of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to grant thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to send down upon thee that which beseemeth His grace and bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things.

This evanescent servant hath ever beseeched God, exalted be His glory, that He may strengthen thy father, thyself, and all the other brothers and relatives—upon them be the Glory of God—to mention Him, to praise Him, and to serve His Cause, and that He may ordain for them that which shall shine as a light in every world of His divine worlds. God willing, may they be as lamps of character in the world. In truth, thy father—upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness—is adorned with qualities which the Prophets and chosen ones have mentioned from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed be he and those who walk in his footsteps, holding fast to his path.

Concerning what was mentioned about the matter of trade, it was presented, and He said:

> "Act according to what the honored Afnan, Siyyid M.—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—deemeth advisable. His wealth is God's wealth. This is a firm, verified, and established command, to which honored servants bear witness."

God, exalted be His glory, hath commanded engagement in craft, earning, and trade. Yours is the action, and His is the blessing and loving-kindness.

This evanescent servant beseecheth that He may adorn the trades with great profit. He is the Powerful, the Able. His is the greatness, the power, the might, and the majesty. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH02819: O beloved of my heart! The letter from His…

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power.

O beloved of my heart! The letter from His honor the revered Muballigh, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy and favor, which was sent to that beloved one—truly each passage of it was a verse of remembrance and a source of joy. Praise be to God that it adorned the world of separation with the ornament of reunion. Separation is a burning fire; if it leads to reunion it becomes a fire heralding light, just as the Tree of Sinai first appeared in the form of fire and later manifested with a light above all lights. There hath appeared from His presence that from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of eternity, by the testimony of the Supreme Pen, and none hath the right to speak a word when His testimony appeareth in the kingdom of creation.

In any case, all of it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He knoweth what His tongue hath uttered and what hath appeared from the waves of the ocean of His bounty. This evanescent servant beseecheth and hopeth from God, exalted be His station, that He will repeatedly ordain presence and meeting, so that we may circumambulate with His honor morning and evening. With both outer and inner tongue I offer countless glorifications to His honor and convey numberless greetings.

The letter from the beloved and honored Haji Mirza Mahmud, upon him be all His Most Glorious Beauty, cast upon the mirror of the heart the effulgence of the stations of love and affection. A hundred thousand thanks and praises be unto God, glorified be His majesty, that He adorned him with the ornament of favor and guided him to the ocean of reunion. Whatever he had written was presented in the presence and achieved the honor of being heard. His mention hath been and is in the Most Holy Court. The servant beseecheth his Lord to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

Furthermore, this servant ever presenteth in its proper place the mention of the honored Afnan of the Divine Tree, upon them be all His Most Glorious Beauty. It is most clear and evident that the mention of this servant was not and is not worthy, but mention in the presence of the King of Mention is accepted and beloved. However deemed advisable, please convey this evanescent one's glorifications and greetings. Peace be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God.

BH03215: Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court…

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Intended One Who hath attracted the world through His supreme Word and guided it to the highest horizon. He sent forth Messengers to convey unto His servants that which would profit them, and revealed Books that they might hold fast unto His cord and be adorned with the ornament of awareness. His is the praise and the bounty, His the grace and the mercy, His the majesty and the power and the glory.

And now it is submitted that numerous letters from that honored beloved one arrived. Replies to some of them were written and sent. I beseech the glorious Truth to confirm that beloved one in that which is befitting. God willing, may they be ever mindful of the mention of God, exalted be His glory, standing firm in His service, turning toward His horizon and directing themselves to His countenance. Today all the friends and loved ones are commanded to observe wisdom. That beloved one must not forget this matter and must act accordingly.

Write to his honor the Musafir, upon him be My glory: We counseled you to observe wisdom. You must hold fast unto it. Deviation therefrom is not permitted, for its decree hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. The people are heedless and oppressive, and have been and continue to be intent upon mischief. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As for the matter thou didst petition before the Most Holy Court, which was favored with acceptance—act in accordance with what was commanded

regarding it. This matter was mentioned before as well. He desireth for thee the good of this world and the next.

This evanescent servant beseecheth confirmation for that beloved one. He asketh his Lord to grant you success and aid in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I convey greetings and praise to the friends in that land, and I beseech God to make them all stand firm in His love and succeed in His remembrance. Verily He hath power over all things.

BH04613: Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved One…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatest and Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved One and revealed unto Him the Criterion (Furqan) and established Him in His own station among all created things. Blessed is he who is illumined by His lights and heareth His call and acteth according to what He hath commanded through His wondrous Cause. He is indeed among the people of the Greatest Vista in the Book of God, the Lord of Power. And blessings and peace be upon Him and upon His family and companions, whom God made the mirrors of His Manifestation and the dawning-places of His remembrance and the repositories of His knowledge and the treasuries of His wisdom. And furthermore, may my spirit and heart be a sacrifice for your service and your self-effacement and your steadfastness.

Some time ago your missive arrived and bestowed its portion upon the eye, heart, ear and breast, each according to its capacity. God bless your honor! The reply was also submitted and dispatched in those same days as commanded. God willing it has arrived by now. Now too, as commanded, this evanescent servant has written and sent a letter to his honor Nabil the traveler, upon him be the glory and favors of God, which conveys the utterances of the Beloved. If your honor would dispatch it directly so that it reaches him in the land of H.M., it would be most appreciated. And furthermore, I extend greetings and salutations to the friends and masters who dwell in that land, and I beseech confirmation for all. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH00192: The essence of praise and utterance, and the quintessence…

Section 1: “The essence of praise and utterance…”

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

The essence of praise and utterance, and the quintessence of thanksgiving and explanation, befit and are worthy of the most holy, most sacred court of the Lord of all creation, Who, in the midst of the blazing fire of hatred, bestoweth the water of everlasting life and guideth all through the light of His supreme horizon. He is the One Who was not prevented by earthly afflictions, nor was He held back from that which beseemeth Him by the tyranny of the people. Throughout the nights and days, the tongue of grandeur speaketh and the waters of utterance flow forth continuously. Blessed are they who have turned with pure hearts, sanctified breasts, and radiant faces toward the countenance of God.

Today earth and heaven are illumined by the effulgences of the light of His face. Our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath indeed foretold this in the Qur'an through His exalted words: "And the earth shall shine with the light of her Lord." On this day, the denizens of the highest paradise and the supreme heaven circle round with chalices and decanters, bestowing upon those who have turned unto Him. A hundred thousand regrets for those souls who remain submerged in the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Glory be to God! The Greatest Scene is illumined and the Lord of Destiny speaketh, yet the servants, intoxicated with the wine of heedlessness, remain veiled. This servant, purely for the sake of God, mentioneth all the peoples of the world, morn and eve, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseeching God—exalted be His glory—that He may aid them all and guide them to the Dawning-Place of His Revelation. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and mighty to do as He pleaseth.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance surgeth throughout creation and the near ones hasten to the Dawning-Place of divine knowledge! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the dwellers of the graves arose and the Call was raised from the Mount, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy grace. O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Day-Springs of Thy knowledge to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them nigh unto Thee.

O Lord! Withhold them not from Thy sealed wine and the mysteries of Thy self-subsisting Name. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth and Who is never frustrated by anything. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest as Thou willest. I bear witness, O my God, at the revelation of the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy might and power in Thy days, to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the creation of Thy servants and before Thy heaven and earth—that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of Thy utterance, heard Thy call, and arisen to serve Thy Cause in days wherein every steadfast one was shaken, every patient one was terrified, every assured one was frightened, every firm one was made to tremble, and every people lamented. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of hatred and Thy chosen ones under the swords of the enemies. I beseech Thee, O Protector of the world and Deliverer of the nations, to free them from the oppressors among Thy creatures and the tyrannical ones among the people of Thy realm. Then ordain for them, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

And after this: the warblings of the Bird of Love, which, from the direction of that Well-Beloved, set its face toward the Most Exalted Goal, have so seized and borne away this lowly servant, that I swear by Him Who is the Desire of all worlds: the breezes of love can quicken the dead that lie in the wilderness of heedlessness, and can make the withered, parched saplings fresh and green again. Blessed is the soul that recognized the Days of God and attained unto the fragrances of His garment. Though such a one be seen standing among the meanest—nay, even in the rank of the sandal-bearers—yet, in truth, he standeth in

the forefront of the world's assembly. However far this chain be drawn out, it shall never reach its end by the Pen of Love. Ever shall the succor of the unseen and the hidden favor of God be sent down.

To proceed: after perusing the letter and becoming apprised of the tokens of love and affection and yearning and attraction of that honored beloved, I turned toward the Most Lofty Summit, and it was laid before the Throne. This is what the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. He—glorified and exalted be He—saith:

He is the Witness, the Hearer.

O thou who gazest toward My direction and hast turned to Mine horizon! Hearken unto My call from around My throne: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I have manifested Myself for the reformation of the world and have summoned all unto the Most Sublime Horizon, yet the people call Me to the fire. What aileth these people that they comprehend not a single utterance from God, the Lord of all worlds? We had previously sent down unto thee that from which flowed the river of utterance throughout all contingent being. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who created thee, fashioned thee, and acquainted thee with that which was hidden from every great scholar. We make mention of thee at this hour when the Wronged One is seated upon the throne of prison through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear My call and the eye that hath been ennobled by beholding the lights of My countenance, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The servant who is present hath laid thy letter before the Face on a dark night, and that which thou didst write hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, the Hearing, the Responding:

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We turn unto thee from this exalted and glorious station. Give thou glad-tidings unto My loved ones on My behalf with wisdom and utterance, then impart unto every steadfast one that which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace, as a token of Our favor, and I am the Ancient Bestower. We have pardoned those whom anxiety seized when the raven croaked and earthquakes overtook the loved ones of God, the Lord of the Sublime Throne. O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you. Read ye what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "Our Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, and make firm our steps, and help us against the unbelieving people."

Say: Beware lest the affairs of men grieve you. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which befell the Prophets and Messengers. By My life! The riches of the world and the treasures of kings and rulers cannot be compared with your grief in My path. Put your trust in all matters in God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: Be ye assured of the grace of God and His mercy. He is with you and will seize those who have wronged you even as He seized aforetime. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight. Where is the serpent, and where is the wolf, and where is the king of Rome who imprisoned the Wronged One without proof or sin? To this beareth witness He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the whole earth and in Whose

right hand is the kingdom of revelation and creation. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

We make mention of Dhabih, who attained the recognition of God in the earliest days and quaffed the choice wine of inner meaning from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. He stood firm in the remembrance and praise of God and in aiding His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have made mention of him in numerous Tablets and have revealed for him that which God hath made a testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. In the Supreme Horizon he heareth that which the Speaker of Sinai uttereth from His mighty and impregnable station. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon thy mother and thy two brothers and thy two sisters, and upon him who hath been named ʿAli in the perspicuous Book. We were with him when he was speaking My gracious praise, and We revealed for him that from which those near unto God perceive the fragrance of eternity. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath attained unto this mighty and impregnable station.

Praise be to God, all have been immersed in the waves of the ocean of meanings and illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. From the verses revealed, the divine favors are evident and manifest. This servant at all times seeketh confirmation and assistance for that spiritual friend and others. Praise be to God, the kindred of His Holiness Dhabih, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, have been and are beneath the gaze of His loving-kindness. God shall soon reveal that which is hidden from all eyes. God willing, may all act in a manner befitting the Days of God.

Concerning the mention made of the honored Khadijih Bigam, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur—exalted and glorified be His utterance: O Khadijih! God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of true kinship. This station is most great and cannot be attained except through detachment from all who have denied and turned away from God, the Exalted, the Great. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and for successive years that which evidenced the grace of God, exalted be His Glory, was revealed in thy name. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for this great favor.

O youth! Give her these glad tidings from Me. We beseech God to assist her to remain steadfast in this firm and impregnable Cause. In numerous Tablets hath she been mentioned and wondrous and sublime Tablets have been revealed in her honor. God willing, may she be mindful as befitteth and speak in praise and glorification of God. It behooveth everyone to fix his gaze upon the Supreme Horizon alone. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and blessed is the maidservant who hath attained thereunto.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and beseecheth God, exalted be His Glory, on her behalf for that which beseemeth His days. This servant hath repeatedly sent her letters. It is hoped that she will occasionally refer to them, as this causeth the increase of love. In these days one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to her. God willing, may she drink from the waters of His mercy and receive her portion from the choice wine of His inner meanings.

Likewise mention was made of the honored Khanum Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God. It was presented in the Holy Presence. Thus spoke the Kingdom of Utterance: O My handmaiden! Thy mention

was made in the Most Great Prison before the Wronged One. Therefore the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Day-spring of heavenly inspiration hath, from this remote spot, turned toward thee and summoneth thee to the Supreme Horizon, saying: Take, in the name of the Lord of the worlds, the wine of steadfastness, and drink it in remembrance of Him and in His love. By the life of God! Whosoever attained unto this, the clamor of the world did not withhold him from the Lord of eternity. Today the kinship of all hath been and is with God, exalted be His Glory. Hold fast to the cord of kinship with thy Lord, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee in this final abode.

Concerning the mention you made of Aqa Siyyid Ni'matu'llah and Aqa Siyyid Fathu'llah—upon them be the Glory of God—your second petition was in the possession of this lowly servant, and it was laid before Him from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever is hidden. And there was revealed and dispatched for them a most holy and inviolable Tablet from the heaven of the Divine Will, dedicated unto them. As for the first one, whose name was mentioned in your letter, at one time it was submitted in the presence of the Imam of the Countenance, the Lord of creation; and these resplendent verses, specially addressed unto him, were revealed from the Kingdom of grace. He—glorified be His glory and great be His proof—saith:

Section 2: "O Ni'matu'llah! Whosoever hath attained unto this Cause…"

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Ni'matu'llah! Whosoever hath attained unto this Cause hath attained unto the grace of God and the heavenly table sent down from the heaven of His Most Generous Name. Say: By God! The Most Great Announcement hath come, through which hath appeared the Straight Path of God. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned unto the Most Exalted Word that hath proceeded from the mouth of the Will of his Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the conditions of creation frighten thee. Hold thou fast unto the hem of Truth, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, while seated upon a mighty throne.

It is abundantly clear that the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed all, and His mercy hath preceded all else. However, O my spiritual friend, you and this servant and all other friends must, with the utmost humility and supplication, beseech the Exalted Truth that He deprive not His friends and servants of the outpourings of His days. Most people are heedless; they know not what hath come to pass, what hath been made manifest, and what realm this is. Would that the servant were granted permission to proclaim throughout the world that which would attract the hearts of all beings.

And as to your mention of Aqa Mirza Husayn—upon him be the Glory of God—his petition was laid before the Throne, and there was revealed for him a most holy and inviolable Tablet, dedicated unto him. Happy is he, and may it be sweet and wholesome unto him.

And as to what ye wrote concerning Hadrat Dhabih, who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion, and likewise the mention of the hope expressed that he might attain unto martyrdom—this

matter was submitted in the presence of the All-Sufficing, the Most High. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. He—blessed and exalted be He—saith:

O youth! Verily thy father attained unto acceptance in the early days and quaffed My sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. He is of those who accepted and believed and arose to serve the Cause until he was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. His name hath been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen among the martyrs in the Crimson Tablet, and We named him the Sacrifice in My perspicuous Book. Upon him be My glory and the glory of them who are in the heavens and earth.

The grace of the Goal of the world hath encompassed him. He was ever blessed with the mention of the Intended One and stood firm in service to the Cause. Blessed be his holiness and those who were with him and those who loved him for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Regarding the mention of the honored lady and the leaf, the mother of Jinab-i-A.T. and his sister—upon them be the Glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness—a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed and sent specifically for each one, from which the fragrance of God's loving-kindness truly wafts. In this tribulation in the land of Ta, some of the leaves proved stronger than certain men, and this is a statement which this servant heard with his own ears from the Blessed Tongue: "Blessed are they and joy be unto them." This servant conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and begs from God to ordain for each that which befits His loving-kindness and bounty.

Mention was made of the spiritual friend J. ʿAli Pash H.A.—upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This servant has repeatedly heard mention of him from the Ancient Tongue. When his letter was presented before the Throne, upon reaching his name, these supreme words shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's utterance—exalted be His utterance, glorified be His bounty, and magnified be His favor:

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

O Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! That which befell thee of sorrows in the land of Ta during the tribulation hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. Verily, He was with thee and doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The heedless ones have arisen to extinguish the divine light, and the band of the misguided have exerted their utmost effort to quench the fire of the love of the Lord of the worlds. What profit did Pharaoh gain, what fruit did he reap from his deeds, and what effect did his tyranny yield? With all his might he arose to shed the blood of children, yet in the end the divine hand of providence reared and manifested Moses in his own house. The divine will prevaileth over all things.

Reflect upon the tenderness of God, exalted be His glory, and the oppression of His enemies. For thirty-two years or more We forbade the people of God from contention, dispute and corruption. The clouds of decree rained the showers of tribulation upon them, yet they remained patient. They heard vile words, yet responded not. They witnessed the height of abasement, yet made no protest. They were slain, yet slew not. Nevertheless, the unjust people desisted not. Ye have seen the people of God—their patience,

their tranquility, their forbearance, their compassion, their love and their dignity have been witnessed and are known to most, yet they have been branded as mischief-makers and people have arisen to harm them. Such is the state of mankind.

The Truth hath not and will never overlook the oppression of the oppressors, especially in this Revelation wherein each of the tyrants hath been requited. Consider the Sultan of Rum aforetime and those who circled round him. God seized them with the grasp of the Mighty, the Powerful, for without cause he sent the people of God to the Most Great Prison. Likewise consider Raqsha and the Wolf. Observe the Liar of the land of Ta who was known as the Truthful. Yet the heedless people have not awakened and remain utterly deprived of the ocean of knowledge and wisdom.

Your honor must in all conditions fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and arise to serve the Cause. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, whosoever among you hath arisen in the divine path is preserved and treasured in the presence of God. These earthen fragments who pride themselves on their armies, ranks and oppression dissolve at the encounter of a little water. One fever extinguisheth the flame of pride, and the fire of greed and passion is quenched. Glory be to God! Yet they have not and will not become aware. Without cause they have intended harm to steadfast and assured souls. They have seized and imprisoned the friends of God with manifest tyranny, without crime or transgression.

By the life of God! They have regarded prison as paradise and counted oppression among the signs of justice, for these tribulations have befallen them in the path of the Beloved. Blessed is he who loveth them, remembereth them, serveth them and draweth nigh unto them. He is assuredly among the people of the most exalted Paradise in the Book of Names. To this testifieth the Wronged One of the horizons, Who speaketh in the prison that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom the suggestions of the people have not caused to slip from My straight path.

Today every soul who hath turned unto Him hath attained that which none before him hath attained, and hath comprehended that which the people had not comprehended before these days. The servant beseecheth his Lord that the door of His grace may remain open before the faces of those who have turned unto Him, who have professed His unity, who have drawn nigh unto Him, and who are sincere. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over all things, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And mention was made of Haji ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. After being submitted before His presence, the Ocean of Knowledge surged forth with these manifest and resplendent waves. His utterance, exalted be His majesty and abundant be His grace:

He is the All-Knowing Witness

O Ali! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God and attained the choice wine of His love when every heedless and remote one turned away. Thou art he who answered thy Lord when thou didst hear His call, and acted in accordance with His commandment when thou didst recognize Him, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur had testified before the creation of the world: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Mount hath been adorned with the

lights of the Revelation, and the Sacred Valley proclaimeth, and the Hijaz giveth glad tidings unto the servants of what hath shone forth from the horizon of God, the Lord of the worlds. Joy hath seized the whole world while the peoples are in manifest loss, save those who have cast away that which withheld them from God and have held fast unto My strong cord. O Ali! Thou didst attain My Tablet aforetime, and We revealed therein that which draweth thee nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and attracteth thee to My luminous countenance. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized My days, and the soul that hath attained unto this mighty and wondrous Cause.

Say: O my God! I testify that I was asleep and the hand of Thy grace awakened me, I was heedless and Thou didst acquaint me with the wonders of Thy favor, I was hesitant and Thy most sweet call hastened me when it was raised between earth and heaven, and I was dead and the breezes of the dawn of Thy grace quickened me. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided Thy servants unto Thy straight path and sent down upon them that which made them mighty in Thy days, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy right hand is the dominion of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that the honored one attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Some time ago, a letter from His Honor, the Beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza H.Y.'A.L., upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, reached this servant wherein detailed mention was made of him. After being submitted before His presence, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of infinite mercy specifically for him and was dispatched. We beseech God, exalted be His majesty, and hope that He will assist him in that whose trace shall never be effaced from the world. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

As to what thou didst write regarding permission for his journey, it was submitted. He commanded: This year, it is best to wait, and later if wisdom requireth, permission shall be granted. In all cases they must be mindful of wisdom. All are commanded to this. In the days of sedition, whatsoever was spoken for God and in His path was adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and even if some negligence or heedlessness was manifested by a few souls, they were adorned with the ornament of God's pardon, exalted be His remembrance. He saith, exalted be His mention: Take ye wisdom as a command from Our presence and a decree from Our court, and I am the Commander, and I am the All-Wise.

This evanescent one is grateful to God and rendereth praise, and remembereth Him at all times, for through pure bounty He hath manifested souls who are adorned with the ornament of His love and are engaged in His remembrance. That which is worthy of mention is, in truth, this station. The Command is in His grasp and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great. The Glory shining from the heaven of the loving-kindness of our Lord be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 29th day of the month of Rajab, 1301

BH08502: O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Sovereign…

…O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who enabled thee to recognize and acknowledge Him on a day when all were deprived and prevented. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having enabled me to recognize Him Whom the divines, the mystics, the men of learning and the jurisprudents have failed to recognize. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, to aid me to stand firm and to do that which is pleasing unto Thee. Wisdom must ever be observed before one's eyes, that forgetfulness may not overtake. This is God's counsel to His servants and handmaidens. Place thy trust in God. Verily, the matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth with whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

BH06473: O Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, make firm…

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

O Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, make firm our steps, and grant us victory over the heedless people who have turned away from Thee and opposed Thee and disputed Thy signs and warred against Thy Self and arose to lead Thy creation astray through a plot at which the dwellers of Thy celestial realm and kingdom have lamented. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and by Thy Most Beautiful Names to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of those who sought to extinguish Thy light through their doubts and insinuations and to quench the fire of Thy Divine Lote-Tree through their vain imaginings and whisperings. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to guard Thy loved ones from their evil and their plots. Thou art He through Whose power all created things have testified and through Whose grandeur all contingent beings have borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Helper, the Succourer, the All-Bountiful.

The letter of Haji Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, containing nineteen (19) tumans, was received by this servant in the Prison through His Holiness the Afnan, the honored Mr. A.H., upon him be all the most glorious Glory, in the month of Sha'ban the Great in the year 1301.

BH06802: O my God and the God of the world…

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

O my God and the God of the world, my Lord and the Lord of all nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which trembling seized the tribes, the thunder lamented and the clouds wept, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, and who have arisen to lead Thy creation astray after Thou hadst made the path clear to them and sent down proof unto them. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning away from Thy signs and objecting to Thy clear evidences, to such extent that they have opened the door of deception and doubt before the faces of Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the suns of the heaven of Thy favors and the dawning-places of the lights of Thy countenance, to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the enemies nor the signs of the wicked may cause them to slip. Verily,

Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Sent by Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, an amount of nineteen (19) tumans through His Honor the Distinguished Afnan, Jinab-i-Alif and Ha, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, reached the servant in the prison in the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam in the year 1301.

BH00650: Praise be sanctified from the First Translator, namely…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be sanctified from the First Translator, namely the tongue, and from the Second Translator, which is the Pen, befitting the Ancient Lord and the Beloved of nations, Who illumined the world with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. If some eyes are incapable of perception, the cause is the ophthalmia of idle fancies and vain imaginings; otherwise, no deficiency can be attributed to the manifest, effulgent rays of the Sun. The possessors of hearing and sight bear witness that He is the Omnipotent One Who, with the arm of power, has shattered the idols of fancy and adorned the Hijaz with the light of truth. Through His blessed will, He has made the parched and barren plain the envy of the rivers of Paradise, and through the breezes of His grace and the rains of His mercy, He has adorned the sterile lands with a new raiment. He is that Sovereign Who caused Mount Sinai to crumble through a single revelation of His manifestation and bestowed fresh life upon the world through the Muhammadan Light. How many idols there were whose mention has returned to nothingness! He is the Dawning-Place of the most excellent names and the Day-Spring of the most exalted attributes, and He is the Source of Command in the world of creation.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose remembrance the rivers of knowledge have flowed from the hearts of Thy servants, and through Whose name the horizons of existence have been illumined with the light of Thy love! I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy knowledge and the stars of the firmaments of Thy grace to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause. Then protect them from the enemies of Thy Self. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the prison of the land of Ta, and Thou hearest their lamentation in their separation from Thee and their cry in their remoteness from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy power and Thy sovereignty to deliver them. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

And furthermore, this evanescent one submits to your eminence that your beloved letter dated the 12th of Jumada'th-Thani was received. For some time this servant found no opportunity to write a reply, as people were constantly arriving, some with permission and some without, and this servant was occupied day and night with fulfilling duties and services, as well as writing replies to petitions. Now, praise be to God, since their service has ended and some leisure has been obtained, I have troubled your fragrant thoughts and with these intrusive words, in all cases hope for forgiveness. God the One is witness that whenever good news arrives by letter, the heart is seized with fresh joy and new delight, for it is adorned with mention of the friends of God and brings glad tidings of your good health.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that this fragrance may ever be diffused and this breeze may continue to blow throughout the duration of the kingdom. The mention of loved ones is the key that

opens the door of sorrow, and the countenance of the friends is the dawning-place of light in the darkness of the world. I implore and beseech the glorious and exalted Truth to make all hearts as one heart and make it the treasury of the love of His chosen ones, and to make all the eyes of the world as one eye and draw that eye to His horizon of manifestation. In such case that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard will be made manifest.

Such entreaty and supplication is befitting to be offered unto the Lord of Names, for His generosity has encompassed the world and His mercy has taken precedence. Exalted is our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven! Exalted is our Goal and the Goal of all created things!

After reading and becoming informed, He proceeded to the Most Great Prison and it was presented before His presence. He said:

We beseech God to fulfill what He has willed in His path and to manifest from it that which will reassure His servants and gladden the hearts of His creation. O thou who hast attained unto the unity of God and His remembrance! This is the Day of mention and praise and service. All must turn their gaze away from the world and its peoples and fix it upon this matter. All things are manifest and revolve around this station, though the deniers and the heedless are asleep and, in their imagination, spin spider's webs which they deem to be mighty fortresses. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss.

The religion of God and His Cause have become of no account. Most people have turned to alien pursuits and seek to acquire the customs of that group. Glory be to God! Where has vision gone and with what thoughts is the heart occupied, that at every moment the veils of heedlessness are seen to grow thicker? They have strayed from God's straight path and clung to the ways of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Reflect upon the consequences of their deeds—most lands have been lost, and one who appeared from the Kingdom of justice and descended from the City of equity they deemed a corrupter and visited upon him that which the friends of God are unable to hear.

Your honor knows well how much effort and endeavor we expended over limited years to remove corruption, conflict, disputation and the like, yet this mighty matter was in no way acceptable to Iran, for the country's leaders are preoccupied and have not pondered, even for a moment, upon the matters at hand, nor do they now. Would that they had turned to the sacred verses and reflected upon what has been revealed. Alas! Alas! The riders of the steed of passion have other thoughts and other fancies. We beseech and implore the True One not to deprive His servants of this supreme adorning. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This lowly one begs for your honor from the True One, exalted be His glory, such elevation and ascendancy as would cause the people of the earth to acknowledge and confess, for today it is the steadfast, firm, resolute and assured souls who have been and are the cause of the exaltation of the Blessed Word. He is the Protector and Encompasser of all things.

Concerning the incidents you mentioned that occurred along the way, and likewise the flooding of the Tigris—if the Tigris of Baghdad should flood, it matters not, but the sea of hatred has overflowed. We beseech the True One to protect His servants and to transform this turbulence into calm and assurance.

Regarding what you wrote about the lands and M., news has arrived but they have written that it passed peacefully. However, as long as wealth remains within one's self, that person will never be considered pure from ungodly doubts and infidel allusions in the eyes of the people of Iran. This brief saying suffices:

> "When gold and silver are complete, faith is established with them, though what they have is contrary to what God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has."

Concerning what you wrote about his honor and Muhammad Surur, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's] glory, and the house where that beloved one resides—regarding this matter, after presentation, they said to write to his honor the physician, upon him be God's peace and care:

> "In any case, you must deal with him with forbearance, for if any word should arise concerning the friendship and love of the past, it might cause some to gossip, since your connection is to this place. And God willing, whatever loss occurs, we beseech the True One to grant compensation in return."

Mention was made of the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, may God's peace be upon him. God willing, may he ever recline upon the couch of joy and dwell in the station of gladness and delight. Some time ago, this servant submitted something to his presence which was dispatched; God willing, it has arrived. Another letter from his presence dated the 21st of Jamadiyu'th-Thani was received. Praise be to God, repeated were the glad tidings of health and well-being, and renewed was the feast of remembrance. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant me the ability to fulfill my obligations of gratitude to His loved ones. But alas, alas! When does heedlessness grant respite, and when do deeds meet their requirements? I implore his presence to pray and seek divine confirmation from the Truth.

Regarding what was again written about the matter of ha and mim, at first it was very difficult, for they had written that the Vakilu't-Tujjar, who is sometimes the governor's deputy, had risen in opposition, the reason being that his honor the Traveler, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], had a claim of two hundred tumans against him which they had requested. Hence these troubles arose, but afterward it passed. I beseech God to transform the essence of enmity and hatred into love and harmony, that all the people of the world may find rest. I send greetings to the friends of that land and beseech God that there may appear from them that which befits their station. The relatives of that Beloved One have been and are in mind. Conveying greetings to all depends upon the grace of that Beloved One. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH01247: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world…

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

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world with the light that hath shone forth, risen, gleamed and flashed from the horizon of Hijaz, and hath caused all in the regions to speak and proclaim that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all created things. Every mention boweth down before the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of His mention, and every understanding shrinketh before the dawning of the light of His knowledge. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His might, and sublime be His station! He it is Who sent

forth the Messengers to exalt His Word, to manifest His commandments, to establish His laws, and revealed unto them the Books for the guidance of His servants and creation, until it culminated in the Book that distinguished between truth and falsehood, which was named the Furqan in the kingdom of utterance, and was made an enduring testimony for all who dwell in the realm of possibility.

And the prayer that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of God's loving-kindness, and the peace that gleameth from the kingdom of grace and bounty, be upon him whom God made a support for those near unto Him, a sovereign for the believers, a shield for the sincere ones, a fortress for those who seek refuge, and a mercy to the worlds. Were it not for him, the decree of Divine Unity would not have been revealed and the standard of detachment would not have been raised. And upon his family and companions who conquered the lands through his name, aided the Cause of God by his command, and strove in the path of God with true striving until most lands were illumined with the light of unity.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand are the reins of all possible things! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst adorn the firmaments of the heavens of Thy glory and illumined the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy creation, to send down from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will tranquilize the hearts of Thy servants and the hearts of those who have turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and favors. Thou seest, O my God, how tribulation and adversity have encompassed Thy dwellings and Thy lands. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, the mysteries of Thy Book, the Manifestations of Thy revelation, the Daysprings of Thy knowledge, the Sun of Thy grace, and the Ocean of Thy knowledge which surgeth before the eyes of the world, O Thou Who art the Lord of eternity, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones, then preserve them, O my God, from the evil of those who have risen to spread corruption and have kindled fire in the lands.

O my God, Thou seest how the idolaters have encompassed those who believe in Thy unity; do Thou preserve them through Thy bounty and the arms of Thy power and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant received your letter and was gladdened by your mention and praise, and by what shone forth from the horizon of your sincerity toward God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and aid you in His remembrance and to preserve you from the evil of every oppressor who hath violated God's Covenant and His Testament.

As to what you wrote regarding Jinab-i-Haji Ali Baba, upon him be God's grace and bounty, praise be to God he has drunk from the cup of grace. Though it be but a small portion, the light that has appeared is itself evidence of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and will surely show the straight path. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, and hope that He will assist him to turn with his whole being to the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Summit. His petition was presented before the Divine Presence and a most mighty and holy Tablet was graciously revealed in reply, written in this servant's hand. I beseech God to confirm him and enable him to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with, for if one attains today to this supreme bounty, one has attained to all bounties—that is, those bounties that have existed

from the beginning that has no beginning and will exist to the end that has no end. And if, God forbid, one remains heedless of this Cause, one will be deprived of all good things.

That the aforementioned personage attained to the mention of the Divine Purpose in his early days is clear evidence of the happiness stored within him, for many souls in distant lands have not yet attained to such special mention. Blessed be he!

As to what was written regarding the upheavals in that land, these are all fruits that have appeared from the trees of the deeds of the heedless ones. The enemies have surrounded the white faith [the Baha'i Faith] from all directions, yet no one perceives what is the cause and reason. May God grant justice that perchance they may arise to redress what has been lost.

Regarding movement, stillness and similar matters, these are contingent upon consultation. Whatever emerges from consultation, let it be acted upon with trust in God. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Presence, it was stated:

> "At present there is no preference for movement. Verily God is with the patient and those who trust in Him."

End quote.

I convey greetings to all the friends and masters, and I beseech confirmation for all. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

The servant, at the beginning of the honored month of Sha'ban 1301

BH00229: Praise sanctified above the mention of the people…

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

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

Praise sanctified above the mention of the people of creation and the Kingdom of Names befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One, Who, in the midst of tribulation and adversity, hath caused the Most Exalted Pen to move, raised the call, directed His will, and caused the tongue of grandeur to speak in the kingdom of utterance. Exalted is His majesty, sublime His sovereignty, resplendent His signs, manifest His evidences, all-encompassing His traces, and brilliant His lights! Blessed is he who hath detached himself from the world, clinging to the Most Great Name, whereby the peoples have lamented, save whom God, the Lord of eternity, hath willed. Woe unto those who have been heedless, turned away and objected, until they arose to waste the Cause and said as Pharaoh said: "I am your Lord, the Most High!"

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy appearance, Thy might and Thy power, to make known unto those who have gone astray and led Thy servants astray, and to ordain for them that which will guide them to the shore of the ocean of Thy utterance, lest they transgress their bounds, stations and conditions. O my Lord! Thou

knowest what is within their souls. If Thou willest, purify them from the defilement of their words and that which their tongues have uttered. O my God and my Master! Thou seest their heedlessness, their turning away and their objections, and hearest what they speak according to their desires.

Their words have prevented them from turning to Thee, and their deeds from directing themselves to the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Aid them to return unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Mighty, the Generous. O Lord! These are days wherein the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged and the fragrance of Thy grace hath wafted. I beseech Thee to write down for Thy Afnan, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your service and for your steadfastness! Two of your letters, the first dated the 29th of Rabi'u'th-Thani and the second the 19th of Jamadi'l-Avval, illumined the world of separation and remoteness with the light of reunion, for a letter is like a mirror reflecting its sender, especially when adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the world—it is the dawning-place of life for humanity. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to bestow and grant the blessing of reunion and meeting, for this is a blessing more complete and more excellent than the blessings of the world and the heavenly food sent down. All divine Books have given glad tidings of this station.

Blessed are they who attain! This station can be achieved both in presence and absence, for grace is all-encompassing and mercy is pre-existent. How many were the servants who attained the presence of the Countenance, yet the Most Exalted Pen neither confirmed nor approved; and how many who outwardly did not attain, yet the Most Exalted Pen testified to their orientation, turning, presence, attentiveness, meeting and reunion. Exalted is His bounty and great are His favors! And some have attained both—this is from a grace that nothing in the world can equal, as hath been witnessed by the Lord of Eternity and the Master of all nations. After reading your letter and learning of its contents, approach was made to the Most Exalted Summit, and after attaining the presence and receiving complete permission, all was presented before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His Word:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My horizon, who art mentioned in My court and inscribed in My Book by the Pen of My will, and who dost soar in the atmosphere of My love! Hearken unto My call and My testimony that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed, sanctified above whatsoever the tongues of all created things have spoken, and exalted beyond all that hath been uttered by contingent beings. He is the One Whom the happenings of days have not hindered, nor hath He been veiled by the allusions of men. He hath come with the hosts of divine revelation and inspiration, and hath manifested that which lay hidden in the treasuries of His knowledge and stored in the repositories of His might.

Thereupon the servants and dwellers of the lands rose up in rejection and protest, to such extent that they denied the Books of God and His Scriptures and whatsoever was revealed aforetime unto His Prophets and Messengers. Say: O people of the earth! Be fair in the name of God—if ye deny this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Would ye deny Him through Whom the standard of Divine Unity hath been raised in the heart of the world and the banner of His remembrance amidst all nations? Fear ye God and be not of the ignorant ones.

Peace be upon thee, together with My glory and My loving-kindness! Most momentous is the Cause, yet how heedless are the servants. From time immemorial hath the Supreme Pen revealed the greatness of this Cause. This is that which had been hidden from eternity, which the Prophets and Messengers alluded to both explicitly and implicitly, ever beseeching and yearning for His presence from the True One. Blessed are they who have recognized this blessed Day and partaken of its outpourings, which are the recognition of the Dayspring of Revelation and the Source of His verses.

Glory be to God! All the diverse peoples are engaged in the remembrance of the Truth and are expectant of His appearance, yet they remain veiled and heedless, save whom God willeth. Convey My greetings to the friends of God. Say: Today the fragrance of the robe of the All-Merciful is diffused, while the foul odor from the hearts of the idolaters is spread abroad. Hold ye fast to the cord of the Most Great Steadfastness and cling to the hem of grace. Should wisdom permit, summon the heedless souls to the Straight Path. Blessed is he who ariseth to serve the Cause and protecteth the weak from the craft and guile of the wicked.

We beseech God to aid His loved ones to such steadfastness that they may regard the world and all that is therein as non-existent, beholding themselves detached and free. Were God, exalted be His glory, to unveil even less than a mustard seed of that which He hath concealed, all would detach themselves from whatsoever they possess and would hold fast unto that which is with God. This is the Day whereon all that lay hidden in hearts shall be made manifest. Remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "O my son! verily if there be the weight of a mustard-seed, and it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth."

This is the station of justice which God, exalted be His glory, hath mentioned. Say: O friends! Strive that ye may attain unto that which exhaleth the fragrance of immortality. Today man can attain unto an everlasting sovereignty, and likewise eternal loss. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glory be to God! This evanescent servant standeth bewildered and astonished, for that distinguished personage and others are well aware that in the days of tribulation, when the darkness of tyranny had encompassed all lands, this servant was occupied day and night in exalting the Word and raising up the Cause of God, to such extent that, by God besides Whom there is none other God, this servant found no time for sleep or sustenance. From nightfall the Tongue of Grandeur would speak, and this servant would be engaged in transcription in His presence. The heavenly food would descend in such measure that on

some nights the dawn would break ere He commanded food to be brought. Likewise, on certain days and nights the Tongue of Grandeur would speak continuously for the guidance of the servants, until some light appeared in various regions and in every land a few souls were quickened by a wondrous new life in the name of God, glorified be He. Thereafter, cawing arose from every direction and braying was heard from every land. Such is the condition of the heedless and ignorant people, moved by every wind and clinging to every rope.

In all circumstances, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that should they be capable of return, He may bestow His favor upon them and not deprive them of the ocean of His bounty in these days. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Ignorance bringeth man to such a pass that he becometh in no wise worthy of divine favors.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who art the Goal of all existence! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Cause to protect me from such disobedience as would cut off my hope and deprive me of the fragrances of Thy verses and Thy clear proofs. O Lord! I beseech Thee to have mercy upon this helpless servant whose right hand is raised toward the heaven of Thy mercy and whose other hand clings to the hem of Thy bounty and forgiveness. Make known to Thy servants who have been heedless of Thy remembrance and praise and the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and who have arisen to lead astray Thy loved ones who have set their faces toward their Ultimate Goal and their Supreme End. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self and by them who circle round Thy throne to assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Most Exalted, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Mention had been made of his honor Afshar, upon him be the Glory of God, and his relatives, upon them be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, each one hath been blessed by divine favors and wondrous, sublime Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to them. God willing, may they drink from the hidden oceans of inner meanings and attain unto the fragrances of the verses. They sent a letter to this servant which was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and whatsoever was revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for them, this servant recorded in reply and sent forth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make them and their kindred steadfast in His Cause and firm in its service. Verily, He hath power over all things. According to His command, they should peruse the Tablets that were sent and this servant's letters which are adorned with wondrous and sublime verses, and deliver them.

Section 2: "As for the mention they made of his…"

As for the mention they made of his honor Haji Ali and his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida and his honor Haji Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God and His favors, they were mentioned in His presence and each one was blessed with the effulgent lights of the Sun of favor. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to make His loved ones dawning-places of the suns of steadfastness and to aid them in that which will exalt His Cause.

And as for the mention of his honor Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and a Tablet of prayer was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the favor of the Best-Beloved of all existence and was sent forth.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise to him and submitteth that this is a Day whose greatness is as evident as the sun. For ages and centuries certain people have nurtured others in doubts and idle fancies, and the wine of heedlessness so overtook them that even after the appearance and exaltation of the Word and the dawning of verses and the manifestation of clear proofs, they did not come to their senses and remained utterly remote and deprived from the Dawning-Place of certitude.

Now his honor who was mentioned must arise to serve the Cause through God's favor and lead the heedless people from the desert of ignorance to the ocean of awareness and from the north of error to the right hand of guidance. In all cases, effort must be made lest the idols of vain imaginings appear again. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid his honor to remember and praise Him and serve His Cause, and to ordain for him through His Most Exalted Pen the best of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Regarding your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Ali from [location] and his intention to pay the Huquq several months ago, this servant also wrote about this matter and it was presented at the Most Holy Court. No response emerged from the Source of the Cause until these days when this supreme word shone forth from the Lord of Names—He says, exalted be His glory:

> "O servant in attendance, write to the Afnan, glory be upon him, if the mentioned person has truly intended to pay the divine Huquq, let it be delivered to the mentioned souls. And likewise they had sought permission to turn towards the Most Holy Court—the sun of permission has risen. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect the friends from the evil of the opposers, deniers and deceivers."

The distribution details were also sent—if received, your honor should deliver them. This servant sent the reply to their letter—God willing it will arrive. The beloved of hearts, Haji [name], upon him be the Most Glorious Baha, had requested several Tablets for the people of [location] and nearby village and had written repeatedly. In these days wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and were sent to be delivered to Aqa Muhammad-Ali or in whatever other way your honor deems appropriate.

Regarding Ishqabad and the attention of Ustad Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, to that direction which you wrote about—Ustad himself has written and sent the details of affairs, and a response regarding this matter was revealed from the Source of Will and was sent. They approved your honor's action and it was adorned with acceptance. For a place that becomes a center for cities and villages belonging to the Russian state, acquiring lands and building there is very good. However, mentioning this to the governor is not permitted in these days. By command, silence is preferable for some time. Let Ustad be occupied with his work. If means become available and mention is appropriately made, then speaking a word would be harmless.

God, exalted be His glory, is aware and vigilant—whatever He wills, its means will appear more readily than [in the blink of] an eye. All friends must observe wisdom. This command has been repeatedly revealed in divine Tablets, even to the point of prohibiting declaration and acknowledgment. Indeed the Cause is in His hands—He does what He wills and ordains what He desires. None may say "why" or

“wherefore.” A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that gazes solely toward the horizon of God’s Cause and acts according to what is commanded. Such a one is among the people of unity, the companions of detachment, and possesses a tranquil soul. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of those in the kingdom of Command and Creation.

Concerning what was written about the spiritual beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and his attention to securing the release of the friends, upon them be the Glory and Favor of God—after this matter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of the Kingdom of Utterance, these sublime words were spoken, mighty and glorious is His utterance:

> “Blessed is A. and H., upon him be My Glory, for he has been and continues to be concerned with securing the release of the friends of God. It behooveth him to be thus. We have chosen him and selected him for the service of My firm and mighty Cause. However, silence is preferable for a time.”

End quote.

This servant submits that the promise and offering of worldly riches to secure the release of the prisoners is not permitted in these days. On two occasions this evanescent servant heard two statements from the Tongue of Grandeur. One day He said: “O servant in attendance! The people of God must today remember this blessed verse which was previously revealed to the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake.” His exalted Word: “Our Lord! Pour forth upon us patience, make firm our steps, and help us against the unbelieving people.” From this blessed word it is understood that patience is acceptable and beloved before the Throne. Likewise, one day He said: “Verily the oppressor seeks victory over Us through cannons, rifles and armies, while We seek victory over him through the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Mighty.” After these two passages, it was repeatedly revealed in Tablets: “He knoweth what He intended by that which was uttered by His mighty Tongue.”

Regarding what was written about the cawing of the crows, this is what the Supreme Pen foretold when it moved in the arena of utterance in Baghdad. Glory be to God! Souls who are entirely heedless of and uninformed about the Cause have said that which no idolater has ever said. May God protect us and your honor from the evil of these people. For long periods they have been occupied with collecting verses, tablets and wondrous, exalted books, and their intention is known and evident. Therefore it is not permitted henceforth to give divine writings to such souls.

In these days this servant has written several pages on certain matters, and since they contain divine verses and visitation tablets that have been revealed specifically for the martyrs in these days, they are being sent. Your honor should review them and then send them to Mirza ʿA.L., upon him be the Glory of God. There is and was no harm if they are presented in person to the idolaters, but giving them copies is absolutely forbidden, for they are occupied with perverting the divine verses. How small is their worth and station, yet how grandiose their words! Do they not see the sun and observe the waves of the ocean? If they deny this Call, this Cry, this Most Great News, to what cord will they cling and by what proof will they argue? From the pages that were written and sent to your honor, his station is known and his intention evident. Since this evanescent servant has seen those pages, he deemed it necessary to

mention for the sake of God that which the dawning-places of fairness and manifestations of justice will observe, that they may protect the divine sheep from the wolves of the earth.

Furthermore, it is the plea and submission of this evanescent servant that greetings and salutations be conveyed to the honored Afnan of the Sacred Tree, upon them be from all Glory its Most Glorious. This is a kindness from your honor towards this evanescent one. May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the favor of our Lord and your Lord be upon your honor and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 15th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1301

The Tablets for Behrabad and its surroundings have, in response to the request of the honored Haji Mirza H-Y, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and the spiritual beloved, the honored Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, been revealed from the heaven of grace and dispatched, together with this servant's letter written in response to the honored Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. Your honor should peruse these and then send them to Khan Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and write to inform him that several months ago the honored Haji Mirza H-Y and the honored Haji Mirza Husayn specifically requested wondrous and sublime Tablets from the heaven of divine favor for the aforementioned souls. For some time no response was forthcoming from the Source of the Cause until they requested again repeatedly. The Tablets were then revealed and dispatched. Now Khan should observe whether those souls have not altered the cup; if not, he should bestow these upon them. Otherwise, their rightful recipients will become manifest. Knowledge rests with God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

Another matter: When the letter that your honor wrote to this servant was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, a Tablet of prayer specifically for the honored Aqa Mulla Muhammad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will, and two days later, while this servant was engaged in transcribing verses before His presence, yet another wondrous and sublime Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him. He has thus received this bounty twice through His generosity, munificence, and mercy. Your honor should deliver both of these. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Munificent.

BH00809: Pure praise and its essence befit the most inaccessible…

Pure praise and its essence befit the most inaccessible, most holy presence of the Beloved, Who, in the midst of tribulation, from the highest horizon, summons the people of the mortal realm to the straight path and the Great Announcement. This is that Announcement which all heavenly Books have foretold—in one place mentioned as the City that shall descend from heaven, in another referred to as Zion, in yet another as the New Jerusalem, and in other books as the Everlasting God and the Eternal Father. This is the Day of the Lord, the Day of God, the Promised Day, the Day of Resurrection, the Hour, the Sure Day, the Striking Day, the Day of the Trumpet, the Day of the Bugle, the Day of the Cry, and the Day of Sinai—that is, the Day in which He Who conversed on Sinai speaks forth and gives utterance. This is that mighty

Announcement at which the very foundations of all religions have trembled and the limbs of the people of understanding have quaked, save whom God willed.

Blessed are they whom the trials of the Day of Resurrection did not withhold from the Lord of all names, and whom the might and glory of divines and rulers did not debar from the Sovereign of Names. Glory and wealth, hosts and battalions, multitudes and guns, rifles and arrows and swords of the world have held and hold no significance in the eyes of them that are assured of God. These are the knights in the arena of truth and utterance, the champions in the field of martyrdom and sacrifice, for their hearts have been joined to the Most Great Ocean, have been born of divine love, have drunk of its milk, and have been reared in the embrace of detachment….

He is the One Who speaketh from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Joseph! We have remembered thee time and again, and We remember thee in this hour when the clamor hath been raised by every remote oppressor. We counsel thee with that which shall cause the Cause of God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, to be exalted. Glory be to God! Man is bewildered by the deeds of heedless souls. It seemeth as though they regard themselves and the world as eternal, for were they convinced of its transience, they would not commit deeds that cause the denizens of the highest paradise and the Concourse on High to lament. How many palaces from which, in the night season, arose the warbling of nightingales and the songs of doves, and in the morning, wailing and lamentation appeared. Yet the heedless people took no heed nor were they awakened.

God, exalted be His glory, in all His books and scriptures gave the glad tidings of this most mighty, most holy Day and made promise thereof. But when the dawn of the Day of Manifestation was illumined by the lights of the Most Great Luminary, all were occupied with their own vain imaginings and turned away from Him. They forsook the divine table for perishable bounties. By the lights of the Sun of Truth! Were they to become aware of their loss even to the extent of a needle's eye, they would abandon the world and all that is therein, and would destroy themselves with their own hands. What a loss for those souls who knew not the value of the Day of God and deprived themselves of its outpourings! All good is for the soul that hath not been deprived of the Ancient Beauty by the ornaments and colors of the world, and hath arisen with utmost steadfastness to serve His Cause. Verily, such a soul findeth itself in a station which both the Pen and the Tongue confess their inability to describe. We beseech God to assist thee to aid His Cause through wisdom and utterance. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty, the Bestower….

In My Name, the One Who dominateth over all who are in earth and heaven

This is the Day whereon the Self-Subsisting hath come and stood firm in His Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations who broke the Covenant on the Day of Separation and denied God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, could deter Him. By God! The lamentation of the chosen ones hath risen in the Most Exalted Paradise by reason of that which hath befallen the loved ones of God at the hands of them that turned away from His countenance when its lights shone forth from the horizon of the will of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Among the people are those who turned away, those who denied, those who pronounced sentence for the shedding of My blood, and

those who uttered that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to burn. The hearts of the Concourse on High have melted by reason of what hath befallen the people of Baha, yet the people remain in evident blindness. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds even as the serpent beheld it before, and after it the wolf, and before him the liar who pronounced judgment against My Name without clear proof or Book from God, the Mighty, the Great.

Say: O people! Read ye the Tablet of Ra'is and that which hath been revealed in the Tablets, that haply ye may return unto God and find the fragrance of the Garment. God shall soon seize them that have acted unjustly even as He seized the unjust ones before. The hosts of the world and the might of nations cannot frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the One, the Single, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not at anything. Rather, rejoice in the days of thy Lord. By God! The ocean of joy surgeth before the face. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. When the breezes of revelation attract thee and thou hearest the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast made me to hear Thy call, and hast acquainted me with Thy Revelation, and hast confirmed me in turning toward Thy horizon, and hast taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and the control of all existence, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued both the Kingdom and the Dominion, to make me steadfast in Thy service, eloquent in Thy praise, moved by Thy will, attracted by Thy signs, and a herald of Thy Name with wisdom and utterance. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Deprive me not of the pearls of the ocean of Thy grace, nor withhold from me the outpourings of the Sun of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no decree can hinder. All things have testified to Thy greatness and Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH05229: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʻAli! Reflect upon the world and whatsoever hath…

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʻAli! Reflect upon the world and whatsoever hath appeared and been mentioned therein. All souls have been seekers of this blessed Day, and throughout the nights and days they awaited the appearance of the universal Manifestation of God. The divines, mystics and princes of the earth, whenever mention was made of the Qa'im—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—would utter "May God hasten His relief." Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of God's Will, they arose with the utmost hatred and tyranny, to such extent that they martyred that Essence of being with the most grievous torment. By God's life! All things have lamented at their cruelty, and beyond them the Supreme Pen hath wept in the Most Exalted Paradise.

Yet most of the people remain heedless. Such is the state of the world and its people. Thou, praise be to God, hast rent asunder the veil and, through God's grace, hast shattered the idols of fancy and imagination with the strength of certitude, and hast turned toward the most exalted horizon. Preserve this lofty station in the name of Truth. Blessed art thou for being enkindled with the fire of God's love, illumined by the lights of His knowledge, and for having accepted His Cause and Will. Verily thy Lord is the

Truth, the All-Knowing, the Unseen. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk what thou hast drunk through My mighty, inaccessible love.

BH06198: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and Educator…

He is the One Manifest from all directions!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest me seated beneath the pavilion of Thy grace and standing through Thy sovereignty in Thy Cause. I testify that this is a standing which Thou hast made sanctified above sitting and stillness, and above standing and repose, and through Thy pervading power Thou hast made it elevated above all that can be designated by the name of anything. Therefore I beseech Thee, O Desire of the world, by this standing and sitting, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the hosts of Thine enemies and the might of those who have denied Thy signs shall not frighten me.

O my Lord! I am he who has hastened from the west of passion to the east of Thy grace, and from the darkness of ignorance to the light of Thy knowledge. Doth it befit Thy sovereignty that Thou shouldst turn me away from Thy door after my certitude in the ocean of Thy bounty? And doth it beseem Thy might and power that Thou shouldst render me deprived of the wonders of Thy grace after my acknowledgment of the sun of Thy generosity and favor? I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast made Thy recognition above the comprehension of Thy creation and creatures, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06643: He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! We…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! We have made manifest unto every possessor of insight the Path of God and His Balance. To this testifieth every fair-minded one endowed with knowledge. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not every stubborn oppressor. We summon all mankind unto the Most Sublime Horizon, even as We summoned them before Our imprisonment and after it. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

When ears were honored to hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, among the people were those who were attracted and said: “I believe in Thee, O God of the worlds!” How many a servant was so transported by the divine call that he became wholly detached from the world and turned with clear certitude to the Most Sublime Horizon, attaining such a station that he preferred all who believed above his own self. And among them was he who pronounced judgment against a thousand souls for the comfort of his own self. Thus have We reckoned and revealed in this wondrous Tablet.

When thou hearest the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, remember thou the Wronged One and what hath befallen Him in the path of God, the Lord of the throne above and of the earth below. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the Lord of all men and the Master of both the hereafter and this world. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH07187: We have mentioned thee before from My Most Exalted…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance!

We have mentioned thee before from My Most Exalted Pen, and We mention thee at this time that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. A letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein thou art mentioned. We have remembered thee with that which neither all the treasures of the world nor every hidden pearl can equal. Blessed is the tongue that hath testified to that which God hath testified, and the heart that hath been set ablaze with the fire of love for its Lord, the King of Kings. Say: O concourse of the world! By God, the Most Great Name hath come, which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in every unfurled scroll, every sealed book, and every recorded tablet. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not those who have clung to the idols of fancy and vain imaginings. Leave what the people possess and put your trust in the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He is with you, hearing and seeing. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined with the light of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto every denier and rejected one.

BH06917: The Emperor of France was one who, in his…

…The Emperor of France was one who, in his words, was greater than mountains, and yet, in his deeds, was less than a mustard seed. In the days when the Most Holy Land was made the seat of God's Throne, there was revealed from the heaven of divine Will a most holy and exalted Tablet addressed specifically to him. In that Tablet the Ancient Beauty had observed his kingly station, yet after its dispatch he failed to present a reply. Thereafter another Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will wherein He states, exalted be His utterance:

"We have tested thee and found thee remote from the Word"—meaning, We put thee to the test and found thee estranged from the Word. Among his utterances was this: "should there be found an oppressed one in the world who seeks justice, we shall come to his aid and deliver him from tyranny." Nevertheless, he sent no reply to the divine Tablet and arose not to render assistance. After this episode He [Baha'u'llah] declared that he was as a cannon without shot—mighty in sound yet yielding no result.

Some people are found to be of his kind: in words they claim that which far exceeds their station, yet in deeds they are nothing, nothing, nothing. God protect us and you from the deeds of such as these and from their words. This lowly one's petition is that if it be in accordance with wisdom and should you meet with any of the friends, convey my greetings to them. I beseech God to assist and confirm all to that which is pleasing to Him, and to make each one a dawning-place of steadfastness and a defender and servant of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Great. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH07305: This is the Day wherein the Hidden hath appeared…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity

This is the Day wherein the Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured One hath emerged and the King hath spoken in the Most Great Prison—the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O concourse of creation! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names uttereth and announceth unto you the praiseworthy station. Say: The Path hath appeared yet ye turn away from it, and the Promise hath come to pass in truth yet ye perceive it not. Say: By God! The springtime of utterance hath come yet ye remain silent, and the Sun of certitude hath dawned yet ye flee from it. That which was hidden throughout all eternity hath appeared yet ye comprehend it not. Ye hear the verses of God yet dispute them, and ye behold the proof of the All-Merciful yet deny it, having followed the desires of them who have turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: Cast aside what ye possess and what your divines possess, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of existence. That which hath been sent down in truth causeth all the books of the world to bow down before it, did ye but know. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His exalted habitation.

BH11523: O ʿAli-before-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance

O ʿAli-before-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. My Afnan, upon him be My glory, hath informed Me of thy departure and thy journey with him whom God hath loved. Blessed is he who hath attained to the recognition of the Intended One, and the seeker who hath turned unto Him in this wondrous and glorious Day. We have manifested the Cause, revealed the verses, and summoned all to God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet when God's proof appeared and His evidence was made manifest, the people turned away and opposed it through their own evil doings. They are assuredly among the lost. Among the people are those who turned away, those who opposed, those who pronounced judgment, and those who shed blood at the bidding of every remote oppressor. They killed and plundered in such wise that grief overtook the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and those whom God made the inheritors of His exalted House. The more they increased in their wretchedness, the more did the Glory increase in manifesting His firm and mighty Cause. By God's life! Nothing hath deterred Us, nor hath the oppression of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, caused Us fear.

O ʿAli! Every deed performed for God's sake shall be accepted. Work in the new land accordeth with wisdom, and the tongue of consultation hath confirmed it. Today all must arise with complete dedication to promote God's Cause, but only when wisdom requireth it. In all cases, observe its requirements. For instance, silence is preferable to speech when wisdom so dictates, and likewise the reverse. In these days silence is nearer to piety, as its opposite causeth mischief. God, exalted be His glory, hath ever been and will continue to be mindful of His servants in all conditions.

O Akbar! May God willing, thou be assisted in that which exalteth the Cause of God. Whatsoever causeth tumult is unacceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. If a pure and holy land be found, deposit therein God's trust, which is His Word. Otherwise, barren lands are not and never will be worthy. We have chosen wisdom and revealed it in the Book as a command from Us, and We are verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

Glory be to God! For ages and centuries people have been enslaved by vain imaginings and idle fancies, bereft of understanding. Even after the manifestation of the Cause and the dawning of the Sun of Certitude, they remain heedless and unaware. They are oblivious to and deprived of the gate of mercy that hath been opened today before the face of all the worlds, yet they inquire about tales of the ancients. In truth, most ears are unworthy of this call, though this is the Day of hearing and seeing. All are deprived of hearkening and forbidden from beholding.

Give thanks unto God for the turning of the Ancient Beauty's countenance toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and for His revelation of that which delighteth the eyes of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and dawn. Praise God for having revealed for every name mentioned in thy book that which proclaimeth in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the Final Return.

We make mention of the friends of God in Yazd and in Alif and Ra [Ardakan], and counsel them with that whereby His mighty and impregnable Cause may be exalted. O My friends in that land! Beware lest the affairs of men prevent you from the Truth. Cast aside what is with the people, clinging fast to God, the Lord of lords. Beware lest the might of the world frighten you. Take the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness, then drink therefrom with mention of His name, the Mighty, the Bestower. It behooveth you to manifest that which will cause the hearts to tremble of those who violated God's Covenant and Testament, who denied His signs and rejected His proof and evidence, until they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the clouds to lament.

O people of Baha! The treacherous ones and clamourers have risen in opposition—those ignorant ones who appear in the garb of the learned. By God's life! They have manifested such tyranny as no oppressor had ever intended before. From the days when the Day-Star of the horizons shone forth from the horizon of Iraq, We informed all of the appearance of the clamourers and birds of darkness. The people of truth must be so steadfast in the Cause that the entire world will find itself powerless to prevent them. In this Most Great Revelation all are commanded to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Whoso desireth to know Him, let him look with his own eyes.

Thus hath the Tongue of the Bayan spoken in the Kingdom of wisdom. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Convey My greetings to My friends who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My luminous robe. We make mention in this station of servants whose names were mentioned before, as a grace from Us upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad ibn Ghulam! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee that thou mayest find the fragrance of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful and be of those who are assured. How many were the servants who considered themselves among God's chosen ones and the noblest of creation, yet when the winds of tests moved even as much as the eye of a needle, they broke God's Covenant and joined the hosts of misbelief. After divine recognition, steadfastness is necessary. O friends! Guard

yourselves through the name of Truth from Satan's hosts. Falsehood hath spread its snares in the name of truth. Fear God and be of those who are firmly established. We beseech God to preserve all from the putrid pool and guide them to the living waters. He is powerful and mighty over all things.

And We make mention of him who is named Ibrahim that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be of those who stand firm in the Cause of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Ibrahim! Today the thirsty ones are turned toward the ocean of God's loving-kindness and the rebellious ones toward the river of forgiveness. Blessed is the poor one who turned toward the horizon of wealth and the stranger who set his face toward the most exalted homeland. And blessed are those whom the whisperings of devils did not prevent from the manifest horizon, who arose with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of creation and spoke that which caused the denizens of the Supreme Paradise to rejoice. Blessed are they that have attained.

And We make mention of him who is named Asadu'llah and counsel him with My attributes and My character and with that whereby My mighty Cause may be uplifted. Take thou the Book of God with power from Him and be not of the patient ones. The promise hath come and the appointed time hath been fulfilled. The command is God's, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the one standing firm whom Satan's doubts did not cause to sit, and the steadfast one whom the signals of the rebellious did not cause to move, and the one who turned toward God whom the hosts of the oppressors did not frighten. Blessed is he who fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament, and woe unto the violators. Beware lest vain imaginings veil thee or the traces of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, prevent thee.

We make mention of him who is named Javad and counsel him with that which beseemeth the Cause of God in this wondrous and glorious Day. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou hast been given by the One Who commandeth, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who is named ʿAli-Akbar. Verily We have given him and those who have believed the glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who was promised in the Tablets of God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast and firm in the Cause of thy Lord and say:

Praise be to Thee for having created me and manifested me. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what is with Thee. O Lord! Thou hearest the clamor of Thy servants and creatures and what the oppressors among Thy creation utter. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison of ʿAkka. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and be of them who render thanks. We have manifested Our Self and have sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Ancient Garment throughout the world. Yet the peoples are in manifest loss. They have cast the Covenant of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is the strong one who hath broken the chains of allusions, and the one with insight who hath beheld what the Beloved beheld when He ascended to the Most Sublime Station by the command of the Ancient Ordainer.

O My Pen! Make mention of Muhammad-ʿAli and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Cast aside what the peoples possess and take what thou hast been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Peerless. Let not the power of princes weaken thee, nor the whisperings of the devils hinder thee. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me, guided me and caused me to recognize Thee. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of ʿAbdu'r-Rahim and counsel him with that which will manifest the station of man in the contingent world and that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have called unto all, yet the people hear not; We have manifested the Supreme Horizon, yet most of the people see not. Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. O people! This is a Day wherein the sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou eloquent in My remembrance, turning unto My horizon, steadfast in the service of My Cause, and firm in My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath the Tree of Knowledge yielded the fruits of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto every obstinate infidel.

O Ghulam-ʿAli! God willing, thou shalt lay an impregnable foundation from the pure iron of certitude and build a mighty bulwark that the Gog of passion may not overcome the hearts of the people of God nor find a way therein. Reflect upon the Most Great News. By the life of God! Thou shalt find thyself in joy and delight, then in rapture and bewilderment. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One, but We have tarried in responding. The Most Exalted Pen hath been silent for a time, as a wisdom from Our presence. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿAli! The intoxication of pride hath seized the people and made them heedless of the Cause of God. In some lands, clamor hath been raised. The friends of God must protect themselves through His Name. Falsehood, clothed in the garment of truth, preventeth the people from the straight path, for were it to appear in its own garment, none among the servants would turn unto it. Hold fast unto the cord of the Name of thy Lord and be of them who are steadfast. Say:

I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and not to make me one of those who turned toward Thee and then turned away, and who believed and then denied. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the destiny of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar! For each of those souls whom thou didst previously mention, wondrous verses have now been sent down and dispatched from the Kingdom of the favors of God, glorified be His majesty. The delay therein was due to wisdom, and the reason is manifest and evident. Beseech God to preserve all His servants, to keep them steadfast in His Cause, and to confirm them in such deeds as will lead to its exaltation. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Commander, the All-Wise.

As to thy intention to turn toward the Dawning-Place of divine verses, there hath been and is no objection to its achievement in a spirit of joy and delight. However, thou must be mindful of wisdom and not let slip the requirements of the time. Thus hath commanded He Who hath been the Ruler from time immemorial. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have arisen and said: "We believe in God, the Lord of the worlds."

BH02927: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the heaven of inner meanings the fruits of utterance and hath manifested from the Tree of Explanation the fruits of knowledge. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath spoken a Word and made it, in one station, a Speaking Book, in another station, a Cutting Sword, in another station, a Shining Light, and in yet another station, a Wondrous Garden. He hath commanded all to draw nigh unto it. Whoso turneth toward it is among those who are saved, and whoso turneth away is counted among those who perish in a manifest Book. I offer prayers and peace upon the First Point that appeared from the Mother Book and the First Utterance that emerged from the Will of our Lord, the Most Merciful—He Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom, peace and blessings be upon Him, and Ahmad in the Realm of Might, and in the Divine Realm His are the most beautiful names and the most exalted attributes, for God made Him a mirror of His names and attributes, His manifestation and appearance, His conditions and His Will and Purpose.

Verily, He hath ever been the Speaker of the Word of Unity and the Herald of the Name of God in the world of detachment. And upon His family and companions, through whom the fortress of utterance was built in the contingent world and the banner of unity was raised upon the standards—those servants whom God preferred above His creation and made them lamps in His lands and the hands of His Cause among His servants….

Deeds that are in accordance with the Book of God are clearly distinguished among all deeds, like pure fragrance among all scents. He says:

> "Set aside mere words. Adorn yourselves with goodly deeds and spiritual, luminous character."

This evanescent servant hopes that the friends will be enabled to achieve that which is adorned with the ornament of acceptance before God. In truth, if a person is not enkindled with the fire of divine love and remains deprived of the companionship of true friends and counselors, his days are wasted and his life squandered, and he will return with complete regret and endless remorse. In such case, we must all raise our hands in supplication to the heaven of the bounty of the Necessary Being, and beseech His ancient generosity and wondrous, exalted grace that He may assist His servants to His good-pleasure and preserve them from the evil of the commanding self. He is the Powerful, and able to do all things….

O friends! The traces of goodly deeds and spiritual attributes are like a stream that branches from the Most Great Ocean, flowing and coursing eternally throughout all the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Strive that ye may not be deprived of this greatest bounty. The evil ones lie in wait and cling to various forms of deceit and trickery that perchance they might cause a doer of good to desist or turn a seeker away. The intoxication of pride has seized most, and the wine of disobedience has laid waste the edifices

of hearts and minds. Blessed is the servant whom God has made to stand in service to His Cause, speaking His praise, acting according to what He has revealed in His Book, remaining firm and steadfast in His love, content with His decree, holding fast to His cord, clinging to His robe, placing trust in Him, and committing all affairs unto Him….

For some time, certain falsehoods and calumnies have been spread in these parts by the deceitful, for the people of these regions are unaware of this exalted path. They accept and continue to accept whatever any ignorant person might say, and the enemies of this Cause are many. Whatever the foreigners say in this regard, they consider correct and beyond question, even though all know that most foreigners have been and continue to be utterly oppressive, unjust, deceitful and cunning, save for a few….