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BH01131: A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean and drunk therefrom in the name of his Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the luminous spot: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and summoned all unto the Supreme Horizon. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned away, and those who pronounced judgment against Us without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to sanctify thee and those with thee from vain imaginings and idle fancies, and to send down unto you that which will draw you nigh unto the Daystar of certitude.

Consider the Shi'ih sect and what ye possess. They awaited through nights and days the appearance of the Lord of all beings. Yet when the morn dawned and the light of Revelation shone forth, they advanced toward Him with swords of hatred and rancor. Some denied Him, some objected to Him, and some pronounced judgment to shed His pure and radiant blood. They perpetrated that which neither Jews nor Christians nor any other peoples of the world had perpetrated. This is attested by Him Who possesseth a perspicuous Book. Those who turned away in the earliest days before all people were the divines of Iran. They disputed the verses of God and cast His Book behind their backs, and by their turning away the servants turned away. To this testifieth every discerning scholar and every informed sage.

Say: Where are your tears and sighs at separation from your Lord? And where is your remembrance and your arising at the mention of the Qa'im? Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: O concourse of divines! Tell me truthfully what ye did unto Him. Did ye turn toward Him or away from Him? Did ye pronounce judgment against Him or were ye among the silent ones? By the life of God, I know what ye did and My Lord hath taught Me. The denizens of Paradise have lamented because of your cruelty, and the dwellers of the holy precincts because of your deeds. Ye have committed that which hath caused the eyes of grandeur to weep, the Supreme Pen to cry out, the Lote-Tree to wail, and the Maids of

Heaven to take their seats upon black earth by reason of what your hands have wrought, O concourse of unbelievers! Ye mounted pulpits to make mention of the Leaders of Religion, yet when the Promise came to pass, ye slew their Lord and Master and their Creator. Thus did your souls prompt you, and today ye are in manifest loss.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Verily the people of the Bayan have followed the Shi'ih sect in their vain imaginings and idle fancies, and have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. They desired to build the cities of idle fancy with the hands of tyranny, even as the people before them had built. They are indeed behind a mighty veil. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, then preserve the servants from the chains of vain imaginings and idle fancies, in the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Dhabih! A dark smoke has enveloped the world. For twelve hundred years they summoned the hapless people to the abode of vain imaginings and the cities of idle fancies. These falsehoods became the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the Primal Point. Reflect a while on the deeds of the Shi'ih party and the fruits of their actions on the Day of Resurrection, and make mention of them to the servants, that perchance they may not again be caught in the grip of former vain imaginings. Some of the ungodly of the Bayan are observed to be even more debased than that party. These matters appear exactly like children's play, for they now make mention of perversion and speak of the Sacred Region.

Have they not observed the fruits of the deeds of the souls that preceded them? Your honor is well aware that in the early years not a single divine learned one acknowledged Him, and they cast forth flames of opposition such that in all cities the fire of hidden rancor became manifest. In any case, beseech God to protect the people of God. Convey My greetings to the friends of that land on behalf of this Wronged One. By the life of God! All are mentioned in the presence. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to free and liberate His people and to sanctify the hem of all from the dust of the vain imaginings of the divines and the doubts of the doctors of law. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things.

O Most Exalted Pen! I love to make mention of him whom We have caused to ascend to the Supreme Companion and the highest summit, that his name may endure as long as the Most Beautiful Names of God and His most exalted attributes endure. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing Rememberer.

O Nasru'llah! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison precincts with that which shall endure as long as God, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, shall endure. I bear witness that thou didst turn to God and didst hear His call when it was raised in truth, and thou didst say:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Revealer of verses!"

Thou art he who didst drink the Choice Wine that was sealed when it was unsealed in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and didst turn to God when the divines and doctors of the earth turned away from Him, and didst drink the Kawthar of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Thou wert present on the day when the fragrances of revelation were wafted and the Luminary of inspiration shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is thy tongue for having uttered and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur

acknowledged before the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days, and the heart that hath turned to Him with spirit and fragrance. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times that which beseemeth the ocean of His generosity, the heaven of His grace, and the sun of His bounty, and to cause the rain of His mercy and grace to descend continually upon thy resting-place. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH01267: He warbleth upon the branches

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O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of existence. Thou didst send the letter from Ali Haydar, upon him be my glory. The Most Great Branch presented it before the Presence and it was honored to be heard. Praise be to God that the aforementioned one hath been assisted to serve the Cause—a great success indeed. Say: My God, my God! Aid him who hath turned unto Thee and discovered the fragrances of Revelation in Thy days, and who hath been so intoxicated by the choice-sealed wine that he hath cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Illumine his heart with the light of Thy knowledge in such wise that the horizons may be illumined thereby.

Verily Thou art the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disillusion. O Lord! Thou seest him standing in service to Thee, gazing toward Thy horizon, hoping for that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacles of Thy grandeur and that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command, to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Ism-i-Jud! Convey greetings from the Wronged One and give him the glad-tidings of the appearance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. He hath ever been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. As for what was mentioned concerning Mirza Ali Akbar and Mirza Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God, it was honored to be heard. We make mention of them both that perchance the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, may draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and grant them the good of this world and the next. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

O Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison and calleth thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. Cast aside the suspicions and idle fancies of men and take hold of that which thou art commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: By God! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the Day-star of certitude. Come ye, come ye, O people of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day which the Point of the Bayan foretold, and before Him Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him the Spirit, and before Him He Who conversed with God. Say: The Mother Book hath appeared, would ye but hear, and the Sovereign of utterance hath come, would ye but perceive.

Take hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and remind the people of that which hath been revealed therein from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: Fear ye God, then judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared in truth, and be not of those who understand not. The ocean of knowledge hath surged in the contingent world and the river of mercy hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon the Herald hath called out from every direction and the Cry hath been raised in truth, yet most of the people do not understand. Thus hath the heaven of knowledge revealed its stars and the sea of utterance its waves. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of them who have recognized Thee!"

We make mention of Muhammad who was mentioned in the book of one who loved Me and arose to serve My mighty Cause. O Muhammad! By God! The promise hath come to pass and this is the Day whereon men have stood before the Lord of the worlds. We were foretold of it by Him Who conversed with God aforetime. Bring forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God. Say: The Day hath come and He Who conversed on Sinai speaketh: Verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Behold, then mention what the people of the Furqan committed when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. The divines and doctors of the earth turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused the denizens of the Kingdom and the dwellers of the Realm of Might to lament.

Say: My God, my God! The fragrance of Thy raiment hath been diffused throughout Thy realms and the tokens of Thy greatness have been spread abroad throughout Thy lands. By Thy glory, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations! The breezes of Thy Revelation have so carried me away that I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, O Thou Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy Command that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who attained unto the Greater Steadfastness in such wise that the oppression of the world did not deter them, and they arose and proclaimed:

> "The Sovereign Lord hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!"

O my Lord! Disappoint me not through Thy bounty, nor debar me from the oceans of Thy mercy and the rain of Thy grace. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches. I beseech Thee to assist him to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali Haydar! Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord. The Tablet began with the name of the All-Bountiful—upon Him be My glory—and ended with thy name—upon thee be the glory of God and His favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee through the means of the seen and the unseen, and to enable thee to achieve that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Kind. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of

utterance in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and the Kawthar of proof through My remembrance, the Inevitable, and the Salsabil of certitude through My beautiful praise.

BH01317: O Ali! Upon thee be My Glory! The Mother…

He is manifest from the most exalted horizon

O Ali! Upon thee be My Glory! The Mother Book hath been revealed and the rains of grace pour forth. The path is manifest and the signs of Truth are evident, yet all are heedless save whom God willeth. The breezes of divine revelation have encompassed the world and the manifestations of the power of the Eternal have appeared like unto the sun. The people of Persia, one and all, awaited this Day, yet when by God's will the world was illumined with the lights of His countenance, all arose in opposition. These earthly fragments were and are unworthy of this Call.

This Wronged One hath had no purpose except the reformation of the world and the refinement of all nations. The Pen of the All-Merciful desireth to purify all who dwell within the realm of possibility from rancor and hatred through the living waters of utterance, and to enable all to attain true unity, that the whole world might become detached and free.

O Haydar! Beseech God that He may sanctify all horizons from discord through the wine of unity, that perchance souls may be found worthy to hearken unto this Call which is raised at all times from the Supreme Horizon. The Most Exalted Pen is ever in motion and the gaze of God is watchful and attentive. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His signs and quaffed the choice sealed wine through His Self-Subsisting Name.

Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My Glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court, and it attained unto Our notice. Praise be to God! Thou hast been granted success, and art steadfast in the service of the Cause. As to the mention made of Aqa Siyyid Husayn and Haji Darvish, we beseech the one true God—glorified be His Name—to confirm them all, that with their own eyes they may behold the horizon of the Pen of the Most High, and with their own ears be honoured to hearken unto His call.

The entire Shi'ih sect for one thousand two hundred years and more has been occupied with vain imaginings and idle fancies. Not a single one of the divines of that sect attained unto true knowledge; nay, they did not even partake of the outward meaning, inasmuch as they all pronounced their verdict against the Lord of all beings and cursed the deniers of Jabulqa. The clouds of vain desires and imaginings have prevented their eyes from beholding the Day-Star of truth. Beseech God not to deprive His servants of the ornament of justice and fairness, that they may, with the finger of equity, rend asunder the veils and attain unto the light of the Sun.

The deniers of the Bayan have not, until now, comprehended what caused the waywardness and misery of the previous sect. These people too cling to that sect; if they do not acknowledge this with their tongues, their very deeds bear witness to it.

This Wronged One careth not whether His words be accepted or rejected. From the beginning of days until now, whatsoever needed to be said hath been uttered openly and in the most exalted call before

the faces of all men. Every fair-minded person testifieth to what hath been mentioned. Now too We have fallen into the hands of Our enemies and have suffered what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. We have manifested the Cause in such wise that anything beyond it would be impossible. Neither the might of princes deterred Us nor the clamor of divines. We chose not silence in the face of tribulations and afflictions. We bore, in the path of God, what most have heard. Now from every direction arise the cawing of the ravens and manifest signs of rancor and hatred. It would be a great pity were the hem of sanctity to be sullied by the dust of understanding of such souls.

Say: O heedless ones! The Truth is manifest and the standard Verily He is God' hath been hoisted upon the most sublime station, and the Most Exalted Pen from the highest summit hath sent down the blessed word The Kingdom is God's', clear and evident. By God's life! The ears of the world are not capable of hearing this melody. Beseech God that He may, perchance, raise up a new people in the earth who, detached from all that false tongues have uttered and purified from what is current amongst men, may turn toward the horizon of the Revelation and hearken unto the voice of Him Who conversed upon Sinai.

O ʿAli-Haydar! This Tablet hath shown forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge. Its fragrance is wafting and diffusing, and its mention is all-embracing. Blessed are they who observe it with illumined breasts, pure hearts, penetrating vision, and attentive ears. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. Say: Preserve your stations through the power of the name of God, glorified be His mention, and occupy yourselves with exalting His blessed and goodly Word. Great is the Cause and great is the Day, while the idolaters and the treacherous lie in wait. The Truth hath ever been and shall remain distinct from all else. His utterance is different from the utterance of the world's people, His mention different from their mentions, and His way different from their ways. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Path. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful.

BH01630: O Nabil, upon thee be My peace! Thou hast…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O Nabil, upon thee be My peace! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. There hath befallen thee what hath befallen the Wronged One. Verily, He is the All-Patient and hath commanded all to exercise beautiful patience. No matter remaineth hidden—all is manifest and evident before God. He knoweth the treachery of eyes and what the breasts conceal, and He is cognizant of all things. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God and commit all affairs unto Him. Verily He is with whomsoever desireth Him, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Such as thyself must needs be patient and forbearing. By My life! There hath befallen Us in this land that which hath caused sighs to ascend and tears to fall. We forbade all the people of Iran from coming to this region. Thou and the fair-minded and just ones bear witness to this. Nevertheless, without permission, a certain person arrived with one of the handmaidens. We banished him at that time. He returned and dwelt for a period in the surrounding areas, and for some time now hath entered this city. Each day he disputeth with one of the friends of God, engaging in conflict, cursing and reviling. And from some others too there hath appeared, without permission, that which caused the eye to weep and the heart to lament.

This Wronged One is afflicted in the midst of heedless souls. No outward power exists. They do what they wish and say what they desire, while this Wronged One hath in all conditions chosen silence and solitude. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of the adornment of spiritual virtues and goodly deeds. He is the Lord of bounty and the King Who doeth as He willeth.

Thou too must choose patience in such matters. Forbearance and tolerance are necessary. No harm shall come to thee from conflict and dispute, from vain imaginings and suspicions, from backbiting and taunts. We and thou have accepted afflictions and tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. All things have testified and do testify to what hath been mentioned. We beseech God to bestow justice upon all and not to deprive them of the lights of the Day-Star of equity. The people need education. The blessed word "Remind them" is a truthful witness. Be not grieved. What hath been mentioned is the truth wherein there is no doubt. Every hardship in God's path is the sovereign of ease, and every trial is the essence of comfort.

We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth the remembrance and awakening of the heedless and the negligent. Ism-i-Jud, upon whom be My peace, sent Me thy letter. All of it was read in the presence of My face. As what befell thee was for the sake of God, there is no harm in it. It is most evident and known that thou didst turn to that city purely to serve the Cause and the friends. No fair-minded one hath denied or will deny this matter. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled thy covenant and pledge.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee through the invisible and visible means and to confirm thee in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the last and the first. We made mention of each of the souls mentioned. After perusing this, thou shouldst send it on. We beseech God to assist all to act according to what He hath revealed in His mighty Book.

Prayers and peace be upon Him through Whom prophethood and messengership were ended and the breezes of revelation were cut off, and upon His family and companions throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm, and of might and power. And peace be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and upon those who act according to what they have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

If thou shouldst find a loved one or friend, convey the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God for success and confirmation for His servants. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH01629: O Nabil, son of Nabil! Sorrows from every direction…

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

O Nabil, son of Nabil! Sorrows from every direction have encompassed the Wronged One. This sorrow is not due to the imprisonment of the friends or the tribulations of the chosen ones, for through His love every prison is the Most Exalted Paradise and every affliction is choice honey. Rather, it is due to the heedlessness that has seized all. It is observed that they have forsaken the Water of Life and turned to and continue to turn toward the mirage. The various ephemeral colors of the world have so seized them

that they remain heedless of that which benefits them and cling to that which harms them. Soon they shall see the fruits of what they have planted and the recompense of what they have wrought. They are so bereft of knowledge and insight—nay, even of outward perception—that though they witness the flames of tyranny and oppression, they remain heedless and deprived of awareness.

It is the custom of one of the kings that if any of the helpless princes who have spent years serving him in loss should pass away, the king inherits the wealth that was amassed through tyranny and oppression, considering himself the heir to all. Even as in these days he has seized the wealth of one of the princes, and likewise in Shiraz, after the ascension of the Mushir of that land who had served for years, as had his fathers and forebears, all his possessions were confiscated. Nevertheless, other princes continue in service and seek favor through a thousand tricks and stratagems.

Do they not see or do they not hear? Take heed, O you whose hair has turned black in place of taking heed Take heed, O you whose hair has turned white upon your cheeks

Some people exert the utmost effort to amass something through lawful or unlawful means to leave for their heirs, unaware that both possessions and heirs shall pass away. No name endures on earth except that which is connected to the Truth. Now let any person of understanding reflect: to attain one word from the Truth is better than all the treasures of the world, for it endures eternally in the dominion of earth and heaven.

In brief, people are attracted to their own kind and occupied with the desires of self, save whom God willeth. We beseech God not to deprive His loved ones of the ocean of vision nor prevent them from the dawning-lights of the sun of knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God, from the beginning you have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. The prevention of preventers, the might of aggressors, the power of the strong, and the authority of princes did not hold you back from turning toward Him. You have ever been engaged in serving the Truth, to which every discerning person bears witness.

His Eminence Ism-i-Jud, upon him be peace, sent your letter to this Servant. After perusing and hearing it, this Tablet was sent that you might rejoice thereby and be among the thankful ones. Mention was made of the Land of Khidra. Some time ago numerous Tablets were sent to that region—it was truly a comprehensive and decisive Book. Likewise, Tablets have been sent twice thus far to Ishqabad. Verily, He remembers His loved ones at all times.

Through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen all things are stirred and in motion, yet most of the servants are observed to be heavier than mountains. Ask God to make souls aware and not deprive them of His grace. Write to the Land of Khidra and inform them of what was sent. In all conditions you should be joyful, for the glances of grace have been and are with you. Therefore thank your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world.

Convey My greetings to His Eminence Ghulam-Qabli-Husayn. He is among those who attained the presence, won victory, drank, and gave thanks to his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Now that it is the

beginning of noon on the Day of the Feast of Sacrifice, this Wronged One is occupied with your mention. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH01947: The Mother of the Bayan speaks and declares: “The…

In the Name of the One God!

The Mother of the Bayan speaks and declares: “The Sovereign has come—dominion belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” The Mother of the Furqan cries out with the most exalted call: “By God! He Who was hidden and treasured in the stronghold of infallibility, concealed from the eyes of men, has appeared!” And the Mother Book exclaims: “By God! He Who sent Me down has come, and He Who exalted Me has been made manifest! Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and deny not Him Who has come from the heaven of Manifestation with the standards of proof and evidence, and be not of the heedless ones!”

O Mother of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! In her age and time, the servants awaited the days of the Manifestation, as all bear witness. When the world was illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation, the divines engaged in abuse, the false ones in cursing, and men arose in opposition. Finally they pronounced the verdict for His death. Praise the Desired One of the world that He delivered thee by the hand of power and might from the darkness of heedless souls and confirmed thee in turning to Him. How many men are deprived and veiled by their own imaginings, and how many handmaidens have attained the honor of recognition and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon! One believing handmaiden is preferred in the sight of God above many souls. Blessed is the handmaiden who has turned and attained, and woe to the servant who was heedless and was among the opposers!

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Hearken to My call from the direction of My prison—verily there is no God but Me, the All-Merciful, the Gracious. We make mention at this time of thy daughter who was named Maryam, whom the Tongue of Grandeur has remembered in this exalted station. We give her glad tidings of My remembrance of her. We beseech God to confirm her in steadfastness in this manifest Cause. We make mention of thy other daughter who ascended to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We purified her at the time of her ascension with the rains of mercy and grace, and We caused her to join the Supreme Companion. We made her hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and showed her My Most Glorious Horizon—a bounty from My presence, for I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We make mention of her son Muhammad who has at this time attained to My wondrous remembrance. O Muhammad! Agitation has seized the inhabitants of earth by reason of what has come from the Dawning-Place of Revelation with the banners of inspiration. Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of those who denied God’s proof and evidence, and disputed His verses—these are assuredly among the most lost in God’s Book, the Lord of lords!

O Nasru’llah! The Wronged One mentions thee from the prison precincts with that which every possessor of smell perceives therefrom the fragrance of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of creation. When the clamor is raised, arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as will cause the limbs of names to quake. Thus does the Mother Book teach thee from His presence.

And We make mention of thy sister who spoke in praise of her Lord with remembrance whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of God's names, the Lord of the Return. O My leaf! Thank thy Lord that thou hast attained unto God's verses and tablets while men were in doubt and dissension. Blessed art thou and thy sister who turned and believed in God, the Lord of all beings. We have remembered you and sent to you what God has made a light for the lands and a treasure for His servants. The glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon you both and upon you all and upon those who have arisen saying "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth"—these are indeed the manifestations of My Name, the Powerful, among the servants.

BH04857: This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed…

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

This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God"—servants who "speak not till He hath spoken, and act according to His command."…

O my brother and my beloved! The recompense of the deeds of the men and women of this age hath deprived them of the outpourings of the Day of Return. Whenever this evanescent servant reflecteth upon the former community, namely the Shi'ih, and their deeds, words and actions, he is consumed with such a fire of grief that no pen or tongue can describe, in the words of the poet:

> "My head turneth yellow, and my head spinneth from sorrow."

Inasmuch as in past ages and centuries they regarded themselves as the most learned, the most purposeful, the most knowing, the most discerning, the most God-fearing and the most ascetic of all the peoples of the world, and in their own estimation were seekers after truth; yet when the horizon of the heaven of their hopes became illumined with the lights of the Manifestation of the Self-Sufficient Lord, all arose in the early years to opposition, occupied themselves with cursing and execration, and afterwards gave verdict on that which the pen and tongue are ashamed to mention. In certain places some matters have been recorded and will continue to be recorded for the sake of information, but in a state wherein my liver is aflame and my heart consumed, I beseech God to bestow justice upon that people, to adorn them with the ornament of equity, and not to deprive them of the fragrances of His days. O My beloved! Until now their malice has not subsided. Every day the fire of hatred is rekindled and the light of justice remains concealed….

O servant in attendance! The people of the earth shall not reach the sea of inner meanings until they pass beyond the river of names." Such utterances were heard repeatedly. Time and again it was heard from the tongue of grandeur saying that the previous people were deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Unity except for a few, and by these few were meant the late revered Shaykh and the honored Siyyid, upon them both be all His most glorious Glory, and several other souls.

O my beloved! The resurrection has come to pass and the Hour has appeared. The Path and the Balance have been set up, the Cry has been raised, and the decree of the Trump has been executed. Nevertheless that heedless and ignorant people are still waiting for the appearance from Jabulqa of their imaginary

Qa'im and his imaginary sons which they had contrived. The fire of vain imaginings has consumed them all, yet they remain unaware. The most lost among the people of the world, they considered themselves the most profitable of all. Fie upon them and their deeds! Once He said:

> "Would that existence had never emerged from non-existence, and this oppression had never appeared from that wicked people. They have done what neither the Jews, nor the Christians, nor any other opposing group has done."

The deniers among the people of the Bayan are observed to be a thousand times more ignorant, more heedless and more wretched than those ignorant souls. They have turned away from a mighty Sovereign from Whose heaven of Will there has been revealed the equivalent of previous Books, nay more than that. A few days ago He said:

> "O servant in attendance! The Persian Bayan which flowed from the Pen of the Primal Point and other Books were revealed specifically for this Revelation. Should someone appear with but a single verse, deny him not."

And now He has appeared with the Kingdom of verses, yet they have denied Him….

BH02261: He is the Remembering and the Remembered One! Say…

He is the Remembering and the Remembered One! Say: My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, parting from Thee hath consumed me, remoteness from Thee hath melted me, and Thy remembrance hath kindled me, and Thy call hath shaken me. By Thy might and Thy beauty! Were anyone to search the hearts of Thy lovers, they would find them pierced by the arrows of separation from Thee, and their innermost beings aflame with the fire of remoteness from Thee.

O Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy manifestation but know not which place is illumined by the light of Thy knowledge and adorned with the splendors of Thy countenance and honored by Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy beauty that shineth forth from Thy most exalted horizon and the mysteries of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for Thy servants to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur.

O Lord! I testify that Thou didst create ears to hearken unto Thy call in Thy Day, and eyes to behold the lights of the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy signs and the Fountainhead of the manifestations of Thy power and favors. O Lord! Deprive not the ears of that for which Thou didst create them, nor the eyes of that for which Thou didst fashion them. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all beings.

O Lord! The fragrances of the garment of Thy Revelation have seized me and the verses of Thy grandeur have so attracted me that I have forgotten myself and my own being and whatsoever hath been created in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Alas! Alas! I know not by what deed I may arise before Thy face that from it might waft the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure. Nay, by Thy might! Thy grace hath encompassed me and Thy bounty hath emboldened me. Verily this servant hath been assured of Thy grace and bounty and the acceptance of whatsoever hath appeared from me in Thy days.

By Thy might and Thy majesty and Thy power and Thy beauty! I long to place my face and my brow upon every spot of Thy earth that perchance it may fall upon dust that hath been honored by the footsteps of Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, by the Daysprings of Thy power and might to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds, and grant me that which is best in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Giving, the Bountiful, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Source of bounty, by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name, to make me one who circleth around Thy Throne and standeth before the gate of Thy grandeur in every world of Thy worlds. Then adorn my temple and my heart and my breast with the lights of Thy knowledge and with the ornament of acceptance through Thy bounty and generosity.

O Lord! This is a day wherein the ocean of Thy bounty surgeth and the horizon of the world is illumined by the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which is with Thee, then write down for me what beseemeth Thy mercy and Thy gifts and befitteth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And blessings and peace and glory and light be upon Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and who have acted according to what they were bidden in Thy Manifest Book. These are servants who have cast aside misbelief behind them, holding fast to the light of unity, as a grace from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Great.

BH02367: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and guided those who have turned unto the Straight Path. Peace and blessings be upon His Prophets, His chosen ones and His friends who have held fast to His mighty cord.

Your esteemed letter arrived and its contents and purpose were understood. During the time you were present here, we discussed at length, day and night, your condition, the excellence of your future course, the appropriateness of your deeds, your conduct and movement, your sincere intentions, pure motives, sound path, and the goodwill of these exiles towards your honor. It was thought that the path was clear and beneficent purposes evident, and that you had returned with a clear course and firm foundation.

These servants have remained and continue to remain faithful to their covenant and pledge. After seeing your letter, they intended to attain the presence and were honored to hear it read before the countenance. We beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for your honor’s dignity and elevation. We hope this petition will be granted. Commit all affairs unto God and trust in Him. Verily He is the Helper, the Kind.

Since you have consulted the Dawning-Place of wisdom, it is best to heed the counsel. Every edifice requireth a builder. When a skilled architect is found, the work should be entrusted to him. God willing, the banner of justice shall be raised before the faces of the people of Iran. Justice is itself the key that openeth the door to glory and elevation. We beseech God, exalted be He, to manifest through it that which will cause the world to smile, not that which will make eyes weep. God is witness and aware that I have wished and continue to wish your good. God willing, you will adorn yourself with the ornament of gracious patience and be assured of God's grace. Verily He hath power over all things.

This evanescent one submits that you are ever remembered in the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that your honor, with lofty resolve, will strive to reform the world, and that whatever was mentioned during your presence will surely come to pass. That which hath appeared or will appear from the Dawning-Place of divine utterance is truth wherein there is no doubt. Night and day I have sought and continue to seek health and well-being for that honored brother. If what was mentioned is acted upon, that is, if your honor arises to assist the oppressed, God, exalted be His glory, will surely, with the ocean of generosity and heaven of bounty, grant a complete reward. To this testifieth every insightful scholar and every knowing sage. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who act in accordance with that which benefiteth the servants of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02456: I am the Wronged One, the Sorrowful

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At this hour when the heavens weep and the clouds lament, the Lord of Power in His most exalted station makes mention of Qasr-i-ʿAli-Akbar, who attained unto recognition, knowledge and certitude in the earliest days. Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness.

At this moment, when but one hour of the day remains, the Most Great Book of God has spoken forth this most exalted Word which is the Dawning-place of commandments and ordinances: O people of God! The Day is God's Day and the Cause is God's Cause. Strive ye that perchance on this blessed Day ye may turn from that which is with the people to the Self-Subsisting Lord, and from that which is with creation to the Truth. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized this Day, discovered its fragrance, and arisen as behooveth it.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power. Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My Glory, is present and made mention of thee. We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. Convey My greetings to the people of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and favors.

All must occupy themselves with unifying hearts and be detached and free from all else but God. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath today arisen to serve the Cause, for service hath degrees and ranks. Among the greatest services is the unification of hearts. The successful and sincere ones must turn to this mighty matter, that the effulgences of the Sun of unity may illumine their hearts.

We have counseled all, both before and after, to unity. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, and He is the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We made mention of thee some days ago. We beseech God that thou mayest attain unto it, drink from the ocean of inner meanings, and offer a draught thereof to His servants. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Munificent. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and hearken unto thy words concerning thy Lord's Cause, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

We send greetings to Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My Glory. We counsel thee and him and Ali-Haydar, upon you be My Glory, regarding the affairs of Jinab-i-Ayn and Ba, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, and We especially command you to unify hearts. Today all must strive and endeavor to exalt the blessed Word, and this cannot be achieved except after the unification of hearts and souls and through such deeds as have been revealed in the Books and Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act!

BH02466: The veils of the learned have deprived the world…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

The veils of the learned have deprived the world from the All-Knowing Lord, as you have become aware. On the Day of the Manifestation of the Most Great Luminary from the horizon of the world, hidden mysteries were unveiled and became clear and evident to every person of insight. Throughout ages and centuries, they were occupied with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, and were adorned with the ornament of His blessed name in supreme glory, speaking the word of unity in gatherings and assemblies, sorrowful and grief-stricken from the long absence. Yet when the morn of manifestation dawned and the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the world, all engaged in cursing and execration. Would that they had sufficed with this much! But finally they issued the decree for the death of the Lord of the world. In any case, the delusions of the past became the cause and reason for this most great error.

Now again the people of the Bayan are walking those same steps. Say: O heedless ones! Reflect upon the fruits of the previous party, that perchance ye may become aware and roll up the carpet of suspicions and imaginings in the name of the Lord of all names. In words they called themselves the most exalted in the world, but on the day of the test they were seen as more debased than all peoples.

We beseech God to aid you to stand firm with supreme steadfastness. Speak for God's sake and summon unto God, that perchance the temple of the world may be cleansed from the dust of suspicions and imaginings and be adorned with the ornament of certitude and assurance. Convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and remind them of the mention of the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the path of falsehood may not be opened again, that all may find the source and goal, and fix their gaze upon God alone. This is the binding command that hath appeared. It is hoped that the people of that land may perceive the fragrance of these days and return, detached from all else.

Say: My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy days and the breathings of Thy Revelation and the mysteries that were hidden in Thy knowledge, and by the Ark which Thou hast ordained for the people of Baha in Thy Book, to aid me to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Look not at myself and what I possess, but rather at the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation from the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and I desire to stand at Thy gate and appear before Thy throne, that I may behold what eyes were created to see and hear what ears were fashioned to hear. Or write down for me, O my God, from the Pen the recompense of meeting Thee and what beseemeth Thy grace and generosity. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02712: O Ahmad! Hear the call from the precincts…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon!

O Ahmad! Hear the call from the precincts of the Prison from the Wronged One. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He has appeared with sovereignty from His presence and has revealed what He willed. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

By God! Through His name the ocean of utterance surged in the contingent world, the Balance was set up, and the mountains passed away, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to every ignorant remote one.

Say: O concourse of divines! The Point of the Furqan stands before the All-Merciful and says: “O my people and my party! Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers.” He is the One before Whom, when He appeared, the verses bowed down in submission. To this testifies whoever has found the fragrance of the All-Merciful in the contingent world and has heard what the Tongue of Revelation has spoken: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful. This is the Primal Point, Who circles round the Throne and proclaims with His most exalted call:

> “O my people! This is He Whom I gave you glad tidings of in the Books of God and what the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan through His words ‘the Day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord,’ if ye be of those who know. This is He in Whom I believed before all things. Behold what was revealed by Me and be not of the abased ones.”

By the life of God! He has come with that which none before Him brought. The world has been perfumed with the fragrant breezes of His verses. Be fair and be not of the deniers. If ye deny Him, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Bring it forth if ye be of the truthful ones. He informed you beforehand of what appeared afterward through verses that none would deny except every aggressive sinner. Read what was revealed to the Chief and to the kings, that ye might be fair in this momentous News.

O Ahmad! Thy letter was received and was read by the servant in the presence. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Arise to serve the Cause and speak forth its beautiful praise. Thus have the

stars of utterance appeared from the heaven of meanings as a grace from Us, and I am the Gracious, the Bountiful.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My grace and remind them of My days, that they might find the fragrance of the garment and speak forth the verses of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from God, the Creator of the heavens—those who hastened, turned, and answered their Lord, the Speaking One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH02716: O My Name Mihdi! There has come before…

O My Name Mihdi! There has come before the Wronged One once again what thou didst send, and We have mentioned every name that was therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, but the people do not understand. Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My tender care and My mercy which has preceded existence.

We have mentioned Nasru'llah before and at this time. Say: By God! Whosoever has attained unto My remembrance and arisen to serve My Cause and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in My love—verily he is of the people of Baha. The Concourse on High will pray for him and the dwellers of Paradise bear witness to this, as attested by what hath been revealed from My wondrous Pen.

And We make mention of Mahmud whose name was in thy letter. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and make him successful and ordain for him and his brothers double what they lost in what appeared in Ra and Shin. I have given unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! By the life of God, what occurred—the people deserved it, nay, they deserved punishments beyond that, for they were heedless of that which caused the eyes of the people of the cities of justice to weep and the companions of equity to lament. We beseech God to set right the affairs of the Siyyids and We command them to unity and love and to that which God hath revealed in the Book. In this case they will surely witness that which will bring forth joy and gladness and delight and exultation, and all will be made happy.

In the matter of Ra and Shin … the heedless souls. Consider the transgressors in the land of Sad—the mighty hand seized them all and returned them to hell, like the liar of the land of Ta who was called truthful, and above him was he who desired to extinguish the light of God. We beseech God to assist the people that all may become aware and arise to compensate for what they have lost, that perchance before eternal death they may attain unto a mercy and be adorned with the ornament of forgiveness of the Goal of all the worlds.

The letter of the Shaykh of the Great City, upon him be My glory, was observed. The glance of favor is directed to each one. Convey My greetings and say: You have ever been and are before Our eyes. God Himself beareth witness to your acceptance and turning and steadfastness. Upon you be My remembrance and My utterance and My glory and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02763: Praise befits and is worthy of the Omnipotent One…

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

Praise befits and is worthy of the Omnipotent One Who, through the water of the material world, nurtures and preserves physical bodies, and through the water of love nurtures the hearts of His loved ones. For this spring is connected to the Most Great Spring, and this spring is the cause of enlightened eyes and the reason and cause for the manifestation and emergence of hearts and spirits. Glorified be its Creator, its Administrator, its Manifester, its Expositor, and its Interpreter, Who was and is the Reporter of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. And He is that Water referred to in the words "And We made from water all living things," for through His breaths the world was quickened and adorned with the ornament of existence. Glory be to God! Every water has its effect and every one of His commands has its influence, and nothing has flowed from the Supreme Pen except that which is the cause of order, progress, rest and tranquility for His servants. And blessings and peace be upon Him and upon His family and companions through whom the power and sovereignty of God were made manifest among His servants.

And then, your letter, which was in truth a spiritual water, produced a perfect effect and brought complete comfort and bestowed great joy. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who created love and through it adorned the world. We thank God for this and beseech Him to assist His loved ones to manifest what is befitting. After the letter was presented, the Lord, may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake, said:

> "God willing, may they ever be the recipients of divine favors and steadfast in His service. The letter of Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be greetings, was seen. From before until now three Tablets have been revealed in his name and sent through various routes. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant him the blessing of receiving the Tablets and to assist him in that which they contain. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful."

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This servant ever beseeches, hopes and seeks that God, exalted be His glory, may gather together this dispersion so that we may be blessed with the divine presence and occupied with the remembrance of God. The honored Qurratu'l-ʿAyn Badi' Effendi is here, praise be to God he is well and has now gone to the garden. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's sincere servants.

BH02893: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that My call and remembrance may draw him to My Kingdom and bring him nigh unto a station wherein hath been raised the banner "There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen." Blessed is the essence whom accidents have not prevented from the remembrance of God, the Lord of existence, and blessed is the channel which the hands of tyranny have not blocked, and the sea which surgeth through this Name that prevaileth over all that is seen and unseen.

By God's life! The sun calleth out, yet the people know not, and the heaven speaketh, yet the people hear not. Vain imaginings have withheld them, and they perceive it not. Behold and then recall when My Herald came with the standards of revelation and inspiration—the divines of the age turned away from Him, and by their turning away the people turned away, save whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, did will. Among them were those who denied, those who turned away, and those who pronounced against Him with an injustice whereat the denizens of the Kingdom lamented. Thus did the Morn of Revelation unfurl its banner as a grace from His presence upon thee.

He hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and revealed for thee that which no treasures or riches can equal. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this preserved Tablet which lay hidden in the veils of the unseen, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of My love, whereby the sincere ones hastened to the place of sacrifice in the path of God, the Lord of this promised Day. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth on thy Lord's Day, and thy pen for having flowed with His praise, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee to serve His Cause, to reinforce thee with His hosts, to cause thee to speak His praise, and to assist thee through His Name that dominateth all things. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Thus have We sent down upon thee from the heaven of wisdom and knowledge the rains of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest thank Him and arise to serve the Cause with a steadfastness that no sitting down shall follow. The glory shining from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the world have not prevented from the Most Great Name, and whom the veils of every veiled learned one have not withheld.

BH03163: O ʿAbdu'llah Khan! The vain imaginings of men have…

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

O ʿAbdu'llah Khan! The vain imaginings of men have seized them and deprived them from the shore of the Most Great Ocean. By the life of God! All the seas of the world cannot equal one drop thereof. From the earliest days until now, the Manifest Beauty hath arisen with such an arising that the hatred of the world and the rancor of nations, whether from divines or rulers, did not hold Him back. And when the lights of the Sun of Truth shed their radiance to some degree, the people of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil with drawn swords to assault the Countenance of the Divine Unity. They perpetrated that which no oppressor had ever committed. The verses have encompassed the world and the banner "Verily He is God" hath been raised before the faces of all peoples. Nevertheless, this hath profited not those who are lost in vain imaginings, even as a thousand two hundred years of worship, lamentations, anticipation and wailing in mosques and from pulpits profited not the Shi'ih sect, whether divines or followers. For had it profited them, they would not have pronounced judgment against and reviled the Lord of the world. Now too the people of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings.

Where are the horsemen of the arena of inner meanings who may witness all the remembrances of the world and whatsoever is with the peoples as utter nothingness and pure non-existence, and who may

turn, detached from all, with pure hearts, attentive ears and penetrating vision? This is a different day and a different Cause. By the life of God! All are heedless and veiled save whom thy Lord willeth.

Beseech God that He may make the heedless souls aware and deprive them not of the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity. As for your intention to reach the Most Exalted Goal and Supreme Summit, it is not permitted in these days, for the ungodly and corrupters stand as barriers. We beseech the Exalted One to draw you nigh unto Him and honor you with His presence, or to inscribe for you from His Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining the presence of His Countenance. Verily He is powerful over all things. Convey My greetings to the friends and summon them to the most great steadfastness on God's behalf. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast, firm one.

BH03156: O thou who gazest upon the Horizon…

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

O thou who gazest upon the Horizon of the Manifestation! Hearken unto the call of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. He hath uttered that whereby the decree of resurrection hath been revealed and the dwellers of the graves have arisen, through a command from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Turn thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that thou mayest hear the call of the Lord of Names, which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. It draweth thee unto a station round which circle the denizens of the Kingdom.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. He of Whom mention was made in the Books of God hath come, and the Point of the Bayan gave glad-tidings of Him, would that ye might know! Neither the books of the world nor all that the nations possess will profit you this day. Cast behind you your vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. This is the Day whereon the trees and leaves do speak, and the Sadrih doth call out, and the Cry hath been raised, yet the people understand not.

Say: Arise from the slumber of passion! The Lord of all mankind hath come with manifest sovereignty. If ye deny this Most Great Bounty, by what proof are your hearts assured, O people of doubts?

Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He hath indeed sent down for thee in the prison that which shall never perish, through the eternity of My decreed destiny.

And We make mention of him who was named Haydar, and give him glad-tidings of God's tender care, the Lord of Power Who is established upon the throne of utterance and speaketh that whereby hearts take flight. When thou hast attained unto My verses and drunk the Kawthar of immortality from My words, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen!

And We make mention of him who was named Siyyid Aqa, and counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our servants in the Scriptures and Tablets, from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Give thanks unto God for having made thee to know and enabled thee to turn unto a station from which the learned, the divines, and then the princes who shed blood have turned aside, when they rejected God, the Lord of might.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Aid ye the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance, and through such virtues as reveal the stations of souls. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful traced in the arena of exposition. Blessed is he who hath turned and witnessed and said: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!

BH11748: Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world…

He is the One speaking from the Throne before the faces of the world!

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world with a Light that hath shone forth and radiated from the daybreak of Manifestation in the heaven of the Most Merciful's utterance, whereupon the Dove of Glory warbled upon the pillar of light in the most exalted Paradise. By God! The Interlocutor of Sinai hath come, and the Lord of the Fire hath appeared in the Tree of existence, proclaiming:

> "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And praise be to God Who hath adorned the heaven of love with the stars of unity and concord, and hath made marriage the greatest means for the appearance of that which He hath desired among the peoples. Through it He hath prospered kingdoms and lands, and brought forth crafts and whatsoever ye behold today and have heard of aforetime from His wise servants. Exalted is the Lord of Names Who hath ordained marriage for the tranquility, rest, and peace of His servants and creation in His kingdom. Thus hath He sent down from His holy kingdom in His Most Holy Book, and in His Books and Tablets before and after. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Chosen.

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! My outer and inner tongue, my limbs, my parts, and my members all testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above all mention, description and praise, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation whereby Thou didst quicken all created things, and by the showers of Thy bounty and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that Thou assist him who hath turned toward Thee, through whom Thou hast manifested Thy grace and favor, and to whom Thou hast given one of Thy handmaidens who hath stood in Thy service for numbered years, in demonstration of Thy generosity and manifestation of Thy grace. O my Lord! Unite them through Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued hearts and drawn souls unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Desire of them that have recognized Thee!

BH03768: O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Although thou…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Although thou art not physically present before the Wronged One, yet in a realm sanctified from veils and glory thou hast ever been present and hast been blessed with the

grace of God, exalted be His glory. Some time ago permission was granted from the Most Exalted Pen—no doubt exists that it was sent down from the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The leaf hastened forward and attained. We have joined her with the Supreme Companion and We make mention of her in such wise that her remembrance shall endure through the eternity of My verses, My names, My attributes. And We console and comfort you in what hath befallen you in the path of God.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the leaf who ascended after she had aimed, who attained after she had soared, who was honored after she had appeared, and who beheld after she had drawn nigh, with a remembrance from which the horizons shall be illumined. O My leaf! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His mercy which hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. I testify that thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon out of love for the presence of God, the Lord of Names, and didst partake of the Choice Wine sealed by My Self-Subsisting Name in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the doubts of the theologians prevented thee. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and respond, and didst aim for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit while men were in evident delusion.

Blessed art thou for having sacrificed thy spirit in separation, and God ordained in thy separation the decree of reunion and meeting. This is naught but a grace that hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. By the life of God! Sufficient for thee is what hath been sent down for thee from the Kingdom of the Will of thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed the pearls of bounties and favors, and the Sun the lights of grace and bestowal. He it is Whose generosity hath encompassed all created things and Whose bounty hath pervaded all beings. He raiseth up whomsoever He willeth through His grace, and He is the Commander, the Mighty, the Great, the Supreme.

BH03738: O Ism-i-Jud! Your letter arrived and the news reached…

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

O Ism-i-Jud! Your letter arrived and the news reached Us, and mention was made therein of the Shaykh, upon him be the peace of God and His loving-kindness.

The Wronged One at this hour makes mention of him with such remembrance that, should God will it, all created things would be reminded thereby and all beings would turn toward the horizon which was illumined by the lights of the Countenance. He is among those who attained the Most Great Sea and drank the sealed wine in the name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He attained the goblet, then the cup, and the sweet waters when he turned toward the Face in this mighty, forbidden station. He has attained all good. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon him from the heaven of generosity that which befits His Most Great Name, and to show him once again His most exalted horizon, and to cause him to hear once more His sweetest call. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

That which he sent has arrived and been accepted, as was that which he sent before in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be My glory, who attained the Most Exalted Horizon when mankind turned away from it. He bears witness to this Who testified that there is none other God but

Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. We beseech God, exalted be He, to honor him once again and to grant him that which was recorded by His Most Exalted Pen in His preserved tablet.

And We make mention of the son who was adorned in the early days with the ornament of the love of his Lord, the Kind, the Forgiving. We beseech God to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to grant him the cup of reunion. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Munificent, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The peace which hath appeared from the tongue of knowledge and wisdom and truthfulness and trustworthiness be upon him and upon them and upon those who have cast away what the people possess, clinging fast to that which is with God, the Possessor of existence.

BH03749: O Javad! Mount the steed of zeal in service…

He is the One Who dominates all names!

O Javad! Mount the steed of zeal in service to the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, yet the people do not understand. The Word of God speaks, but the people do not hear. The Euphrates of utterance has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet the servants neither comprehend nor drink thereof. This is a Day wherein bounty has appeared and the heavenly table has descended from the heaven of oneness—to this testifies the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We have seen thy turning to Us and have turned to thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Thou hast been mentioned by one who soared in My atmosphere, spoke My praise, and arose to serve My Cause. We have mentioned thee in a Tablet that has no equal in what was or what will be. Let nothing grieve thee.

Arise to serve the Cause, then aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. This was revealed before and in this exalted station. We have remembered thee and thy kinsman as a favor from Us. Blessed is he who has attained today to the traces of the Pen of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Be thou a speaker of thy Lord's praise and one who remembers His beloved Name.

How many a prince has been prevented from turning to God, and how many a poor one has drunk the choice wine and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom!"

When thou art seized by the rapture of My call and intoxicated by the breezes of My revelation, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and guided me to Thy path and sent down for me that which draws me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Signs and the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation, O Lord of all beings, to make me steadfast in Thy love such that neither the thorns of those who violated Thy Covenant and Testament, nor the clamor of those who have turned away from Thy face, shall prevent me. Then ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of meeting Thee. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH03628: This is a letter from the Wronged One…

He is sovereign over whatsoever He willeth!

This is a letter from the Wronged One of the horizons to a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of divine knowledge, that the rapture of the utterance of the All-Merciful may carry her to a station wherein neither the insinuations of the wicked nor the doubts of the evil ones shall grieve her.

O My handmaiden! By My life! Thou hast ever been and shalt continue to be beneath the glances of the loving-kindness of the Goal of the world's desire, and thou shalt abide in the paradise of mention before His countenance. Time and again hath thy name flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and thou art mentioned in His presence. The princesses and noblewomen of the earth have not attained unto this station, save whom God willeth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for nothing in all existence can equal it.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of remembrance and utterance, and in Whose right hand are the reins of the kingdom of divine knowledge! I beseech Thee by the vessels of the ocean of Thy grandeur, and by the suns of the heavens of Thy grace and knowledge, to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy generosity that which will preserve me from the mention of any save Thee and draw me nigh unto the pavilion of Thy glory and the tabernacle of Thy majesty.

O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Ordain for me from the Pen of generosity that which shall profit me among the peoples. Verily Thou knowest what is within my soul and my inmost being, and Thou knowest that which benefiteth me and preserveth me and draweth me nigh unto Thee. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O my Lord! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, then number me among Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who have offered up their spirits in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure.

O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Do with this handmaiden of Thine as beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. Verily Thou are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

BH03913: Your letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Your letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and achieved the honor of being heard. We beseech God not to deprive you of the outpourings of His days, to aid you through His grace in all conditions, and to give you to drink from His life-giving waters. His mercy has encompassed all created things.

Verily We were with your brother when he ascended unto God, and We mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. And We sent unto your

father, who attained His presence and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty, a Tablet from whose horizon shone the sun of thy Lord's grace, the Munificent, the Generous.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. All must gaze with perfect steadfastness toward the Supreme Horizon alone. This is true unity today. By God's life! Whosoever attains thereunto shall abide forever in the sublime Paradise and most exalted Heaven through the perpetuity of God's names.

How blessed is thy brother! He attained the supreme bounty, as the Mother Book beareth witness in this lofty station. Tablets were given to Jinab-i-Amin (upon him be My glory) to deliver. That which was sent from the direction of Ta hath been presented before the Wronged One and was accepted. Give thanks for this mighty favor.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy father and mother and upon those who are with you and upon My loved ones there. We make mention of them and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

In these days it is not permissible to turn toward the direction of the Desired One, for the ungodly and hypocrites have arisen to prevent it. Be patient, for God loveth the patient ones.

BH03829: A mention from Us to him who has turned…

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

A mention from Us to him who has turned to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, and has witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur has uttered—the Kingdom belongs to God, Lord of the worlds. The Wronged One calls out to you from the prison and summons you, as a grace from Him, that He may draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O My Afnan! The Divine Lote-Tree remembers you and counsels you with that which befits His days. He is, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. We have remembered you before and after with that which has illumined the horizon of proof. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

There has befallen Us at the hands of the enemies that which has caused the Concourse on High to lament, yet most of the people are heedless. Throughout all My days I have been in the hands of Mine enemies, and We have witnessed that which has caused the Faithful Spirit to cry out. In all conditions We thank Him and praise Him for what has befallen Us in His path. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

We have sent thee, with this Tablet, a spirit from Our presence that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. This is a day wherein My Supreme Pen speaks, yet most of the people are heedless. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to what has been sent down in My Perspicuous Book.

O My Afnan! Be thou speaking in My praise, gazing toward My horizon, turning unto My face, and standing firm in the service of My wondrous Cause. We have counseled thee with that which shall be a lamp unto thee in the worlds of thy Lord. He Who has spoken before all faces bears witness to this—the Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03910: Praise be to God, once again thou hast drunk…

He is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Gracious

Praise be to God, once again thou hast drunk from the living waters from the gracious hand of the Desire of the worlds. Ever hath thy mention been before the Most Holy Court, yet at first with joy and gladness and delight, and at the end with sorrow and regret and bewilderment. O Andalib! Thy sobriety gladdened Me even as thy intoxication saddened Me. Thou didst attain unto sobriety after intoxication. That which thou didst send hath been presented and the servant in attendance read it. Then did the lips of sorrow smile with boundless joy. Therefore give thanks and be of those who are grateful. Thy praise and tribute are remembered before God. In all conditions the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. God, exalted be His glory, hath loved and loveth faithfulness, and doth ever gaze upon this blessed name. The tongue uttered naught but words of regret until there came from thee that from which We perceived the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Compassionate, the Gracious.

O Andalib! We counsel thee with that whereby thy station shall be exalted and the fragrance of thy love shall be wafted abroad. Verily thy Lord loveth thee and counseleth thee, and He is the Counselor, the All-Wise. Thou must needs hold fast to such goodly deeds and praiseworthy character that their fragrance shall be diffused. In all conditions God hath confirmed and will confirm thee. Be thou assured and be of those who are steadfast. One such as thee must arise to reform the world, turning unto Him. This beseemeth thee, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. With spirit and joy speak thou in praise and glorification of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and act according to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily We love thee and We love to behold thee as beseemeth thee in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and have said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

BH03930: O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory!…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hadst written about the matters raised by Siyyid Asadu'llah. The command of unity hath ever flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The horizons are illumined and radiant with the light of concord. Thus hath it streamed from My Most Exalted Pen. All must cleave and hold fast unto it, placing their trust in God. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in this Cause and in that which will exalt his remembrance, and to ordain for him that which will profit him in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Ye have ever been beneath the glances of loving-kindness. We beseech the True One to ordain for them whatsoever is the cause and source of bounty, glory and tranquility in all worlds. And concerning what thou didst mention regarding My handmaidens—verily We have remembered it as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. We give him glad tidings of My turning towards him from this exalted station. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of the world have not prevented, who hath turned and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!"

We counsel all to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of all beings have been made firm, save those whom God willeth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. All must hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness, for the idolaters have ever lain in wait and continue to do so. That which, when revealed in the Holy Books and Tablets, would guide every person of insight to the Most Exalted Horizon and draw every thirsty one to the Most Great Ocean, hath been sent down.

We convey greetings to all the brothers and give them glad tidings, counseling them to that which beseemeth the Days of God. O Asadu'llah! Convey My greetings unto their faces. Verily We have remembered all with a remembrance that no remembrance can equal. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy wife and upon those who are with thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

BH04137: Today the Mother Book cries out and the Qur'an…

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

Today the Mother Book cries out and the Qur'an makes mention, for the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Source of Divine Inspiration, and the Fountainhead of all Books hath appeared, manifest and evident, without veil or concealment, calling before the faces of all the world and summoning unto the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of certitude. Say: O friends, until ye pass beyond the rivers of names ye shall not attain to the ocean of meanings. Strive that words may not become a barrier and that deeds and utterances may not turn into veils. Today the Spirit circleth round and the souls of the near ones and the Messengers bow down in humility and submission. Blessed are they who have attained the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and who have arisen to serve the Cause with manifest certitude. These are they who are the companions of the Crimson Ark, as recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou hast attained unto the Word of God and this Tablet hath been revealed in thy name. All the treasures of the world and whatsoever is possessed by the nations cannot be compared with His Word, as doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur in this exalted station. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

Convey My greetings to the kindred and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory. Likewise to the friends in that land who have quaffed the choice wine that was sealed through the name of the Self-Subsisting and who gaze toward the most exalted horizon. We counsel all to steadfastness, for the irreligious and the transgressors lie in wait. His is the Command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04577: O thou who hast turned towards My horizon! Hearken…

In His Name, the All-Conquering over all names!

O thou who hast turned towards My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have sent down that which no books of the past can equal, yet the people are in evident heedlessness. Today all must soar with the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of God. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve its Lord.

Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, dwelleth and resteth beneath the Lote-Tree. Praise be to God that they have attained unto that which hath no equal in this day. His kindred reside in the Land of Ya. Should that honored one desire to turn towards this direction, if he turneth towards the Land of Ya and moveth, turning unto God, in the company of the family of Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be My glory, this would be well-pleasing and acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One, for in truth his family are related to the Truth.

In all circumstances, it is incumbent upon all to aid the Cause of God, and His aid in the second station hath been and shall ever be the aid of His loved ones. We have written unto his honor Ahmaduf, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. There hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which he shall arise to fulfill.

We beseech God to assist thee through the invisible and visible means and to confirm thee in that which thou hast been bidden by the Wronged One in this mighty prison. Verily thy reward is with Him Who created thee and fashioned thee and caused thee to speak forth My beauteous praise. Glory be upon thee and upon Asad whom We have mentioned in My luminous Tablet.

BH04453: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and made plain the Way for those possessed of insight and caused the Dove of the Cause to warble upon the branches that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!

There hath come before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison mention of thee. We have revealed for thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This is a Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder by the fingers of the power of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being, and the Cry hath been raised in truth, and the Call hath been lifted up between earth and heaven, and the Bridge hath been laid, and the Balance set up. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth unto his Lord, and woe unto every doubting scholar who hath turned away from God and disputed His verses when He came with power and sovereignty.

Hearken unto that which My Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee in this Most Glorious Station and commandeth thee that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of lords, may be exalted. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Arise and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made me to know the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast subdued the lands, to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause and to preserve me from the evil of those who have turned away from Thee in the end."

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those whom the veils of glory have not withheld in the end. Give him My glad-tidings and greet him on My behalf that he may rejoice and be of those who have cast the world behind them, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon—the Station wherein the atoms proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all mankind!"

BH04707: Praise and glory befit the Lord of Names, Who…

In the Name of the One God!

Praise and glory befit the Lord of Names, Who through His conquering power adorned the world from sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence. His is the praise and grace in all conditions and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And then, the honored Name of Jud, upon him be greetings, brought papers adorned with humility and submissiveness and mention and praise of that honored one to the Goal of the worlds, and they were seen. Praise be to God, you have attained special favors and are mindful of the revealed verses. What was mentioned was intended for remembrance and awareness, otherwise that honored one has ever observed and continues to observe wisdom to the extent possible. What is mentioned has been and is in view of the calumnies of the servants. We bear witness to your submission and contentment and service. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and manifest from you that whose fragrance will endure through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Supreme Attributes, and enable you to achieve that whereby His mention will be exalted among the servants. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp is the reins of all things. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful. And we beseech Him to aid you with the hosts of grace and favor and draw you near unto Him at all times. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05187: O My Name! Upon thee be My salutation!…

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My salutation! The letter of Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be God's peace and grace, which he sent to thee was seen. Praise be to God that he is steadfast and attentive. Every word of the letter proclaimed his devotion and acceptance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and draw

him nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to ordain for him [the best of what is] in His decisive and perspicuous Book.

Concerning what they mentioned regarding the recent calamity that was brought to attention—it is well known and evident that the loved ones of God have been and are gladdened by His joy and saddened by His grief. However, what was written should not be sent, as it is contrary to wisdom. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings and salutations. We counsel them to wisdom. From the beginning until now they have been occupied in service. Their reward is with God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We make mention of his mother and beseech God to send down upon her in all times a light from His presence and a mercy from His side. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. More than this would be contrary to wisdom as it will be sent to that land. Verily his Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Peace be upon him and upon God's righteous servants.

BH05212: O Husayn! Upon thee be the glory…

He is the Answerer in all times.

O Husayn! Upon thee be the glory of the Husayn Whom thou beholdest wronged in the hands of the oppressors. They have denied His station, turned away from meeting Him, objected to Him, rejected His proof, disputed His verses, and committed that which hath caused every name to lament and every angel to cry out and the eyes of those near to God to weep. We have mentioned thee before with clear verses, and at this time with this Tablet from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord's loving care, the All-Bountiful. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters place thy trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thank God for having caused thee to attain the presence of the Countenance in His mighty prison, and for making thee a helper to His Afnan who circle round the Throne morning and evening.

Hearken in the Persian tongue: Praise be to the Goal of the world Who strengthened thee and guided thee until thou didst arrive at the shore of the sea of meeting. Thou didst hear and see—this is from the great bounty of thy Lord. Concerning thee: the whole world sought this blessed Day, yet none attained to its recognition save those souls whom the Hand of Divine Power, through pure grace, delivered. He is the nurturing Lord, He is the Bestower, He is the Compassionate, He is the Bountiful, He is the Merciful, He is the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in this Cause whereby the pillars have been shaken.

BH05127: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that the fragrances of revelation might draw him to the horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Kind, the Gracious.

The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet most of the people remain seated. The Day of the Call hath come, yet most of the people remain silent.

O thou who gazest toward the most exalted horizon! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison, then witness what hath befallen Him at the hands of the heedless ones. He stood before the faces of the world and summoned all unto the dawning-place of the revelation of their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Thereby there befell Him that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round God's mighty throne.

Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto My call, and the eye that hath beheld My horizon, and the hand that hath taken hold of My perspicuous Book. The world hath been shaken by the verses of thy Lord. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord, and woe unto every heedless one far removed.

We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee in this Book which beareth witness unto thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. Thus hath the Tree of Knowledge revealed its fruits and the Sun of Knowledge its radiance, that thou mightest rejoice and be among the thankful. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The glory shining and manifest from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the might of the world hath not kept back from this wondrous Cause.

BH05380: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

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

A mention from the Wronged One to him who hath turned and attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily, His grace consisteth in His verses, His manifestations and His wondrous utterance.

O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation in the Persian tongue, that perchance they that are drawn nigh may become aware and attain unto their purpose. This is the Day which all the Prophets and chosen ones have heralded, and all peoples have besought and yearned for the presence of God, exalted be His glory. Yet when the ocean of Revelation surged, and the Sun of Truth shone forth, and He Who conversed on Sinai was seated upon the throne of utterance, all turned aside save whom God willing. The Shi'ih sect committed that which no other sect hath ever committed.

Thy letter was received and the servant in attendance submitted it. This Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of will that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve Him. Praise the Beloved of the world for having aided thee and guided thee to the most exalted horizon. Know thou this bounty to be great. By the life of God! Naught can equal it. Be thankful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! And glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Object of worship of all in the heavens and on earth!"

BH05275: Today the effulgences of the rays of the Sun…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

Today the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth have appeared and become manifest from behind the Blessed Tree in the form of this Most Exalted Word upon the white and goodly earth:

> "The Day of the Call hath come, yet the people hear not. The horizon of utterance hath been illumined with the light of proof, yet most of the people perceive not. What they possess hath prevented them from that which is with God. Verily they understand not."

O My Nabil! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. The Wronged One desireth to remember thee at all times with His beautiful remembrance. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. God willing, may they be illumined and attain to the splendors of the rays of the Sun of true unity. This station is most great and exalted, yet most are heedless of it.

Some of the Afnan are present, and each hath attained to special favors, while some have returned to their homelands and others dwell in the shelter of the Tree. Beseech ye God that He may guide all the peoples of the world and not deprive them of the outpourings of His days.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee, upon the leaf who hath chosen thy presence and service, and upon those whom nothing among all things hath deterred from God, the Creator of earth and heaven.

BH05269: My God, my God! Hear from the trees Thy…

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

My God, my God! Hear from the trees Thy remembrance and praise, and from the stones Thy description and that which was hidden from most of Thy creation and creatures. Verily the sea doth call out saying: Come ye! Come ye! that I may show you what hath been ordained for me through the power of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and show you my waves and cause you to hear my call in His wise remembrance. And the mountains do cry out: By God! The appointed time hath come and the dwelling-place of verses hath appeared with the standards of wisdom and utterance. Hearken, O people, and be not of the heedless ones.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy bounty through which existence hath appeared from the unseen and the seen, to assist whosoever hath turned toward Thee to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast made the protection of Thy servants to be through the hosts of Thy commandments and ordinances, and their exaltation and ascendancy to be in Thy remembrance and praise and in arising to serve Thy Cause and to serve Thy loved ones, to make me and Thy servants to be of those who have fulfilled their covenant and their pledge, and who have turned with their hearts and their faces and their limbs toward Thy supreme horizon and Thy most glorious seat. Verily Thou art the Protector over all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05264: Praise be to God Who created creation through…

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Praise be to God Who created creation through a word from Him and sent unto them the Messengers and revealed unto them the Books to guide them to His Straight Path. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and His power and His sovereignty, and in recognition of His singleness and His oneness. He was ever in the heights of might and transcendence, and will ever be in the summit of majesty and impregnability. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of faithfulness! When ye stand before the tomb of the Exalted Leaf who hath ascended unto the All-Glorious Companion, then arise and say:

Peace, exaltation, and glory be upon thee, O blessed Leaf sprung from the Lote-Tree! I bear witness that thou didst believe in God and in His signs, didst respond to His call, didst turn unto Him, didst hold fast to His cord, didst cling to the hem of His bounty, didst emigrate in His path, and didst choose for thyself a lonely resting-place in a strange land, out of love for meeting Him and longing to serve Him.

May the mercy of God rest upon whoso draweth nigh unto thee and maketh mention of thee with that which the Pen hath voiced in this supreme station. We beseech God to forgive us and those who have turned their faces unto thee, to accomplish for them their needs, and to bestow upon them, out of the wondrous treasures of His bounty, whatsoever they desire. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God, for He is the Desire of all the worlds and the Beloved of them that know.

BH05942: O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Aid…

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

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Aid Thy servants to acknowledge that which hath been uttered by Thy Most Exalted Pen and spoken by the Tongue of Thy grandeur upon the throne of decree. Then enable them, O my God, to stand firm in Thy Cause, to arise before Thy door, and to hold fast unto Thy cord. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, but send down upon them that which will preserve them from all else but Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. Then ordain for those who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament the best of what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the heedless among Thy creation and the oppressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the Word through a single letter of which the oceans of names were set in motion, that Thou assist Thy loved ones and manifest unto them that which will gladden their eyes and tranquilize their hearts. Then ordain for whomsoever hath acted according to Thy Book the best of the world to come and of this world. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of all created things. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Helper

The missive of the honored Aziz Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God: Two bags of rice and two tins of gaz from before were received by the servant in the prison in the year 1303.

BH05988: In My Name, the Imprisoned, the Stranger

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O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is related to thee and who, among thy Afnans, was the first to attain the presence of his Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. He attained the presence when the people were in manifest remoteness. Through the hand of might and power, He hath built for thee a house from His remembrance which shall never perish throughout the duration of thy Lord's kingdom, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and which shall not be altered by the passing of centuries and ages, nor by sun and rain. Thus hath He Who loved thee given thee glad tidings.

Give thanks unto God for this bounty which no limits of remembrance and utterance can encompass, as thy Lord, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing, doth testify. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee what beseemeth His generosity and His mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Convey My greetings unto My Afnan. Say: The hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings and every remote oppressor have encompassed Us. Consider and remember what We revealed in the final Tablet to the Sultan, whom We called, with kindness and compassion, unto God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tree of Utterance manifested its firm and mighty Cause.

The glory which is manifest, resplendent, and shining 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 Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06017: Praise be to God! The effulgences of the Sun…

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

Praise be to God! The effulgences of the Sun of Divine Unity are manifest and resplendent from the horizon of "Verily He is God," and the Supreme Pen from the most exalted height is visible and evident with the royal signature "The Kingdom is God's." Nevertheless, the heedless servants remain veiled from Him.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My loving-kindness. Thou wert in the presence of the Wronged One when He was speaking in remembrance of thee and revealing that which was hidden in the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The water of life is flowing in all times from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Ask thou of God that He deprive not those on earth. Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence and Thy might and Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Name, the Guardian over all names, and by Thy being

wronged amidst Thine enemies, to assist Thy servants to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to set their faces toward Thy countenance, O Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Ordain for me the good of what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.

BH06375: O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Mulla…

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Mulla Muhammad-Baqir, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Arise to serve the Cause and to make mention of God and His praise. Verily He is with whosoever maketh mention of Him, and He is the Truth, manifest and seated upon the throne of His Most Great Name. With Him is the knowledge of all things. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. God hath heard thy cry and hath answered thee through His grace, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Take hold of the Book with the strength that proceedeth from Me, detached from that which is with the people. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is preserved a Tablet. They who have denied this Cause are, before God, the Lord of the worlds, among the worshippers of idle fancies.

And We make mention of Abdullah whose name was inscribed on a leaf presented before the Wronged One. We make mention of him as a token of Our grace, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful. We counsel him with that which will cause God's Cause to be exalted and with that which hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book.

And We make mention of My loved ones there and counsel them with that which We have counseled Our loved ones before and after. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist them through the means of the heavens and the earth, to strengthen them in the Most Great Steadfastness, and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06393: The Wronged One beareth witness to the oneness…

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

The Wronged One beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His most beautiful names and most exalted attributes. He it is Who created the world through a word from Him and manifested whatsoever He desired. Verily He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And We bear witness that He came riding upon the clouds on a day wherein intoxication seized the dwellers of earth and heaven, save whom God, the Lord of the Final End, willed. He Who spoke from the Sinai Tree hath appeared and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been revealed.

Blessed art thou, O Mother of Afnan and daughter of Afnan! I bear witness that thou didst turn toward My horizon and attain the presence before the Face when the Tongue of Grandeur was speaking with His mighty and beautiful remembrance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to turn toward Him and attain presence before the Face. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will gladden thy heart and comfort thine eye. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and in His grasp are the reins of all things. The Mother of the Book which is

with Him beareth witness unto this. The Glory shining from the horizon of My heaven be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses.

BH06106: This is an epistle from the Wronged One…

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

This is an epistle from the Wronged One of the world to one of the friends, that the fragrance of his letter may guide him to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Thy mention was made in the presence of this Wronged One, and these exalted words have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Pen of Him Who revealeth the verses, that thou mayest, with the utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto that which beseemeth the people of God on this Day.

Today in the wilderness of nearness unto the Spirit thou art crying "Here am I, here am I," and in the city of the love of Him Who conversed with God thou art uttering "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds." The attraction of the verses hath seized the realm of reality, yet the heedless are in a mighty veil.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned with my whole being unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the breath of Thy Revelation, and by the Word wherewith Thou didst quicken Thy servants, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions one who maketh mention of Thee and calleth out Thy Name and standeth firm in the service of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

BH06039: Today the Speaker of the Mount is established upon…

In the Name of the one incomparable, almighty God.

Today the Speaker of the Mount is established upon the throne of manifestation, and the blessed Tree uttereth the most exalted Word. The signs and tokens have encompassed the world. By the life of God! The heaven of knowledge is adorned with the stars of proof, and the river of mercy floweth from the fountainhead of the throne of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the one who hath drunk the living waters from the utterance of the All-Merciful and taken shelter beneath the pavilions of grandeur and the Tree of grace. The world hath been deprived of the Lord of Names through the veils of the divines and the allusions of the jurists. They have cast aside certitude, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

We beseech God that He may aid thee to make mention of Him, to praise Him, to serve His Cause, and to become so enkindled that the heat thereof may be made manifest throughout all regions. This is not difficult for God. We counsel thee and the people of God to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Cause, to utter such words as will lead to the assurance of souls, and to manifest such character as will guide the servants. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Wise, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

BH06553: The men and heroes of the world are seen…

In the name of the Peerless Beloved!

The men and heroes of the world are seen to be heedless of God, although they were created for this Day. The world is the world of divine unity, and all are beheld on one plane. Whosoever hath ascended by the ladder of utterance to the kingdom of meanings, he is the knight of this field and he is the hero of this arena.

The divine bounty hath never been, nor ever shall be, limited. How many men among the divines and mystics failed to attain, and how many leaves heard and joined the call of the Tree! How many a learned one was prevented, and how many a handmaiden heard and responded and turned unto the Dawning-Place of the manifestation of her Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!

Praise thou the Beloved of the world, Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and favored thee with the effects of the Supreme Pen. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06413: My God, my God! I am he who hath…

…My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and believed in Thee and in Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the Standard of Thy Cause which neither the tempestuous winds can move nor the succession of centuries and ages can change, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee, to take refuge in Thy Presence, to seek protection with Thy Self, and to abide beneath Thy shadow. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Then send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of the heaven of Thy grace the rains of Thy mercy, that they may be cleansed from all else save Thee and be made ready to draw nigh unto Thee and to meet Thee, to dwell in Thy presence and to enter the pavilions of Thy grandeur—the station whereon Thy Temple was established upon the throne of Thy majesty. Then inspire them, O my God, with that which will cause them to hold fast in adversity and prosperity unto the cord of Thy loving care and to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Great, the All-Compelling, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be unto Thee, for verily Thou art the Mighty, the Great.

BH06812: O handmaiden of God! May you be blessed, through…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer.

O handmaiden of God! May you be blessed, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, with His bounties. Praise the Beloved of the worlds, for He has aided you to turn to the Truth in days when the men of the earth, both divines and theologians, are deprived and forbidden from His knowledge. Blessed is the handmaiden who has heard and responded, for she is among the dwellers of the chambers in the

presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he who cast upon you the Word of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Give thanks to your Lord and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon and to set my face toward Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names! I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret Who hath manifested Himself before the faces of the world and called all unto a straight path, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

BH06560: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance.

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the signs and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The Hidden One hath come but the people understand not, and the Treasured One hath appeared but the people perceive not. By God! The Day hath come and mankind hath risen before the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Blessed are they who behold.

O My Afnan! Hear My call. He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, and beareth witness to thy turning and thy presence before the Face on a Day wherein the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving." Blessed art thou and blessed are My Afnans who have drunk of My sealed wine and have witnessed what God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Convey My glory to their faces from Me and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence. The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this station wherein the Call hath been raised from the presence of the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH06790: The petition of Jinab-i-Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be Baha, hath…

The petition of Jinab-i-Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be Baha, hath been heard. As to the matter of the fifty tumans belonging to the brothers Naddaf, upon them be the Glory of God, the decree concerning this was already revealed. The portion for the Land of Mim must be sent with haste, that together with the sum forwarded to the Land of Ta, it may reach either the widow of the Most Exalted Martyr, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, or his brother.

O Ismi Mihdi! In truth these two brothers have been and continue to be engaged in service to the Cause in all conditions. From them hath appeared that which hath not been observed from others. They have

attained unto true profit and are engaged in spiritual commerce. Blessed are they, and blessed is he who is with them, and blessed is he who remembereth them with joy and fragrance. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the recognition of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and are adorned with His love. Now We counsel them to remain steadfast in the Cause, for the barkers and the infidels have been and are lying in wait. This hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets sent to Zawra and the Land of Sirr and the Most Great Prison.

We convey Our greetings to the wife of Muhammad-Rida, upon them both be the Glory of God, and give her the glad-tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to forgive him whose forgiveness he seeketh, verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And We make mention of Ibrahim, son of Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the Gracious, the Remembering, the All-Knowing….

BH06658: Mention hath been made of thee in the presence…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

Mention hath been made of thee in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which testifieth to His grace and loving-kindness that have preceded all things, and His mercy that hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. He hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away from Him and have pronounced against Him with an injustice the description of which defieth all the pens in the world—to this beareth witness His perspicuous Book. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, recognized My station, and arisen to serve My wondrous Cause.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the decree of God hath been established, both in the past and in the future. Be fair-minded, and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! Through My Name the ocean of inner meanings hath surged, and through My remembrance the breeze of God hath wafted—if ye be of them that comprehend. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath been given you from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in all conditions upon God, the Single One, the All-Informed. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thee and upon them that have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Most Beautiful.

BH06850: O Ali! Upon thee be the peace and mercy…

In the Name of the Almighty, the Most Powerful

O Ali! Upon thee be the peace and mercy of God. Praise be to God that thou hast turned thyself towards Him and hast heard with thine own ears the Call of the Wronged One. This Wronged One hath at all times summoned the people unto truth and hath had no purpose except the reformation of God's servants and the edification of the world. Today the people of unity must arise with the utmost endeavor to serve the Cause, that perchance the hidden rancor in men's hearts may be transformed and the light of the Sun of the love of God may encompass the world.

Say: O my God, my God! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy singleness and Thy oneness, and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified. I have turned unto Thee, hoping for Thy grace, beseeching Thy generosity, and seeking Thy bounty. O my Lord! Withhold not from me that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the sun of Thy clear signs, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all names in Thy kingdom, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and active in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Make me not deprived of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful….

BH06692: Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God and my Aim, for having sent down in the Most Great Prison that which no possession of the nations can equal. Thou art He through Whose Name the carpet of vain imaginings was rolled up and the Daystar of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Manifestation. Through Thee the tongue of the speechless spoke, the blind one saw, and the dove of knowledge warbled upon the branches.

I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Merciful, to assist this servant of Thine to draw nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I am the poor one, and with Thee is the ocean of wealth. I am the ignorant one, and with Thee are the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy generosity and Thy giving, Thy greatness and Thy favors. Then enable me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to stand firm in Thy Cause, to behold Thy horizon, and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07376: In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous!

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous!

O Khadijih, upon thee be the Glory of God! O My handmaiden, upon thee be My loving-kindness! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee with these sublime words that have no equal and no likeness: By God’s life! Each of the men-servants and maid-servants who have attained unto this most great bounty have been and shall ever remain before Our sight.

Praise be to God that thou wert not afflicted with beholding the opposers and atheists and deniers, namely the divines of the age. This is one station, and greater than that, thou hast attained unto the recognition of God and unto this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Tablet. Drink thou from the chalices of these supreme words the Kawthar of meeting, and God, exalted be His glory, saith: “Well is it with thee, O My handmaiden!”

Thus hath the grace of the Revelation spread abroad its verses and the Point of Being displayed His standards. The Glory shining resplendent from the horizon of this most exalted station be upon thee and upon every maid-servant who hath heard and hath said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH07383: O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! These days…

He is the One Who speaks from the highest summits of the world.

O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! These days are the days of God and are most great. Yet the heedless servants are deprived of the fragrances of these days. Though this Most Great Ocean surges before the faces of the world, they have not attained unto a drop thereof. In the very midst of misbelief they make claim to divine unity. By the life of God! They are observed to be bereft of the splendors of the Sun of Unity. Beseech thou God that perchance the bounty of the All-Bestowing Lord may not leave the various peoples deprived.

O Samandar! The recompense of deeds has become a mighty barrier—naught but the power of return and repentance will remove it from their midst.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee. Thy mention hath ever been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Give thanks and be of those who praise. Make mention and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee of thy family, and upon those who have heard and responded to their Ancient Lord.

BH07431: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My leaf! Hear My call from the direction of My prison and the seat of My mighty throne. Verily He calls thee in this dark night with that which nothing in all things can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thy letter hath arrived and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One hath read it. We have sent down for thee this luminous Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon and for having answered the Purpose of them that know.

We beseech God to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions and to send down for thee from the heaven of grace and bounty that which befitteth His greatness and His sovereignty and His generosity and His munificence and His favors. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon thy children and upon those who love them for the sake of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH07247: This is a Book which the Lord of Eternity…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the world!

This is a Book which the Lord of Eternity hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards Him, that the fragrances of the utterance might draw him to the horizon which shineth with the lights of His countenance. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people have turned away and objected in such wise as caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament, and God is witness to what I say. Say: O people of the earth! Cast away your vain imaginings. The Lord of all beings hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and discovered from it the fragrance of My loving-kindness, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thyself and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge to make me so steadfast in Thy love that the veils of the world will not prevent me. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest through a Name inscribed by the Pen of Thy Command. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause and who have remained firm in the straight path.

BH07377: O Khurshid! The Sun of Truth hath turned…

He is manifest from the most exalted horizon

O Khurshid! The Sun of Truth hath turned from the Most Great Prison towards thee, maketh mention of thee, and counseleth thee to perform good deeds and manifest praiseworthy and pleasing conduct. Blessed are those handmaidens whom the doubts of the world have not withheld from the Lord of Eternity.

The whole world was created for the knowledge of Him, exalted be His glory. Nevertheless, all remain veiled and deprived except whom God willeth, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining, yet people remain prevented. For ages and centuries they awaited His appearance, yet when He was made manifest they arose to shed His most pure blood. They committed that which caused the denizens of Paradise to weep and the Concourse on High to lament.

Verily, give thanks unto thy Lord and be thou of the steadfast. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is the Perspicuous Book. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who rejoice in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH07793: The Supreme Pen has been occupied night and day…

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

The Supreme Pen has been occupied night and day with counsels and admonitions, commanding that which elevates the station of man and forbidding that which lowers it. Today the people of God must manifest such steadfastness that no opportunity for speech remains for the ungodly of the Bayan. This is the station of the people of Baha who dwell in the Crimson Ark through the Name of the Lord of Names. We beseech God not to deprive any from the ocean of inner meanings nor prevent them from the Sun of Unity. He who loved Us has appeared and mentioned thy name—We have remembered thee in this Clear Book and counsel thee with that which befits the station of man. Verily thy Lord is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and Testament and were among the steadfast. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07906: O My handmaid! Upon thee be My Glory! O…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous!

O My handmaid! Upon thee be My Glory! O thou who bearest an illustrious name!

In the days of thy life thou didst voice the praise of thy Lord, soar in His atmosphere, walk according to His command, celebrate His remembrance, and tread His path. This is the straight path which, in this Revelation of the Great Announcement, hath been made clear and manifest to all the peoples of the world—that is, to them that are endowed with vision. Such souls as have not attained unto the divine insights are, in the sight of God, regarded as non-existent; nay, as things forgotten and lost.

Render thanks unto the Desired One of all worlds that, through My Pen Most Exalted, thou hast been associated with one of His Names. Rejoice, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous.

The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaid who hath turned unto her Lord, hearkened, and responded unto her Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07738: He who loved Me hath come into My presence…

He is the Giver before the asking!

He who loved Me hath come into My presence and attained unto that which was inscribed by My Pen in the Tablet of My Command and My Mighty Book. His is the supreme rank with God, the Fashioner of Names, and the most exalted station in this lofty realm. He hath come, heard and witnessed—to this doth testify the Lord of all beings, Who hath spoken before all faces, in the Land of Mystery, in the Prison of Ta, and in this mighty Prison, that there is none other God but Him. He hath come with the truth, with a sovereignty before which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot stand—to this doth testify he who possesseth a glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and revealed for thee that which surpasseth the wealth of all servants, nay rather all that the kings and rulers possess. Thus hath the Supreme Pen made mention of its branch, as a favor from His presence—and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

BH07989: O My Leaf, O My Afnan, upon thee be…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One

O My Leaf, O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! Thy letter hath come before Us and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Rejoice, rejoice, O My Leaf, in that the Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee from this spot wherein the call of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been raised. We have adorned thee with the ornament of My kinship and have made mention of thee in such wise that the near ones shall find from it the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Lord of the Final Return. Say:

My God, my God! The sweet fragrance of Thy utterance hath enraptured me and the choice wine of Thy Most Great Name hath intoxicated me. Thou seest me, O my God, turning toward Thee, gazing upon Thy horizon, and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation and the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me and for my son the good of this world and of the world to come. Then write down, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH08180: Concerning the affliction of the [divine] party…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God!

Concerning the affliction of the [divine] party in that land, the sun lamented and the lamp wept, the earth was troubled and the heaven grieved and the cloud was sorrowful. Yet the [ignorant] servants remained heedless of all. Soon shall they witness the requital of their deeds. Where is the wolf, and where is the serpent, and where is the one who lied in the land of Sad? God hath seized them for their sins and He will seize those who have wronged you without any proof or book from God, the Lord of all worlds. Those souls are in loss, while in this hour the Pen of the [All-Merciful] maketh mention of you. He is the Helper of the oppressed ones and the Succourer of those who are in distress. By the life of God! Verily He is with you—to this all things bear witness, yet the people remain in evident blindness. The Glory be upon thee from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08619: O Leaf, you have been and are remembered before…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Leaf, you have been and are remembered before the Wronged One. Remember those days when you were present before His face in the Most Great Prison, when you heard the Call of God and beheld the Most Exalted Horizon with your outward eye. The whole world has awaited and still awaits these days. Many were the divines and princes, none of whom attained His presence or drank from the ocean of reunion, but you did attain and did drink from the cup of divine favor. We beseech God to set you ablaze with the fire of His Word—a blaze that will cause the handmaidens of the earth to become enkindled. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who serve you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08179: Write to Mirza Muhammad ʿAli Khan, upon whom be…

Write to Mirza Muhammad ʿAli Khan, upon whom be God's favors: Praise be to God, through divine grace and heavenly bounty he has attained to the station of his desire and achieved that which God intended. His request was presented, and He said: We beseeched God for confirmation and divine assistance on his behalf, and We gave him glad tidings in Iraq. Convey greetings from the Wronged One.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for him from His Most Exalted Pen that which He desires from His grace, generosity and favors, and to decree for him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne and earth. Be confident through the grace and favor of God, glory be to Him, and if there is some delay due to God's consummate wisdom, be not grieved. The hand of God has been and will continue to be your helper. Verily He has power over all things.

BH08236: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which dominates all names, and by the Most Great Word through which Thou hast subdued all things, and by the ships of Thy Cause and the seas of Thy knowledge and the dawning-places of Thy revelation and the daysprings of Thy inspiration, to assist Thy servant who hath turned toward Thee, who hath remained steadfast in his love for Thee and gazed toward Thy horizon. Make him then to be known through Thy Name and to arise to serve Thy Cause. He is the one, O my God, who hath clung to the hem of the robe of Thy grace and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy loved ones. Send down then, O my God, upon him from the heaven of Thy generosity a blessing from Thee. Then protect him from every affliction and hardship through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09175: My outward and inward tongue beareth witness…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

My outward and inward tongue beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His might and power and sovereignty, and to His glory and majesty and dominion. He it is Who hath caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O My Afnan and My Leaf, in that thou hast turned unto God on a Day wherein men have turned away from Him. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to confirm thee in His remembrance and praise, and to ordain for thee that which befitteth the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Glory rest upon thee and upon My Afnans who have turned unto Him, and hearkened, and responded on a Day wherein the Call was raised from the direction of My Most Great Throne.

BH09034: From the horizon of the world the ancient King…

In the Name of the One Desired

From the horizon of the world the ancient King calls and proclaims: O My party and O My branches! Reflect upon that which has appeared. The vain imaginings of the past closed the door of mercy, grace and knowledge, as was witnessed when limited souls, due to their vain imaginings, were all seen to be deprived of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Now again the people of the Bayan are clinging to those same vain imaginings. Beseech ye God that He may preserve the essences of being from the contingencies of the world and protect them from the evil of the barking ones. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. Those vain imaginings appeared on the Day of Resurrection with sword and arrow, and were visited upon the Truth and His companions. God protect us and you from the evil of the barking ones who prevent people from this straight and manifest Path.

O people of God! Strive that perchance the helpless servants may not again become afflicted with the vain imaginings of the Shi'ites. But the people of the Bayan will not permit it—they have again clung to those same vain imaginings. For one thousand two hundred years they called the son of the Imam a liar by their own admission and he became known as Ja'far the Liar, while that helpless one spoke but one word in truth. Now reflect upon the creation and their words and deeds and thoughts and vain imaginings, that perchance ye may strive according to your capacity, for the sake of God, to exalt the Word. Verily He is the All-Knowing Commander and the All-Wise, the Almighty.

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BH08951: Say: O my God, my God! Disappoint me not…

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

Say: O my God, my God! Disappoint me not from that which is with Thee, and drive me not from Thy door which Thou hast opened before the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Make me not deprived of the fragrances of Thy Revelation, nor forbidden from drawing nigh unto Thy chosen ones and Thy pure ones. O Lord! I heard Thy call and turned toward Thee. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Recipient of Thy Revelation, and the Source of Thy Command, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking forth Thy praise, and serving Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Thou art He Whose bounty hath encompassed all created things and Whose mercy hath preceded all contingent beings. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy might. Nothing can prevent Thee and no affair can veil Thee. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

BH09208: Say: My God, my God! I know not what…

…Say: My God, my God! I know not what hath kept me distant from the court of Thy nearness, and what hath prevented me from entering the gate of Thy majesty. By Thy glory! My heart yearneth for Thy presence and my face is set toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and the

manifestations of Thy power, O Lord of all humanity and Sovereign of names, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and disappoint me not of that which lieth with Thee and that which I have desired through Thy bounty, Thy grace and Thy favors. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09715: O My leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree!…

In the name of the knowing Lord!

O My leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! From the direction of the Most Great Prison I have turned toward thee and make mention of thee. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of proof that handmaidens who today have attained unto the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, are and have been superior and more exalted in the sight of God than the men of the earth, be they divines or others. Indeed, the heedless ones are recorded as dead and as nothing in the Book of God and by the Most Exalted Pen. My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the breaths of Thy days, O Thou Owner of Names, to ordain through Thy pervading power for Thy handmaiden that which will profit her and draw her near unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09473: The Wronged One hath heard thy verses in remembrance…

He is the One Who remembers in the prison.

The Wronged One hath heard thy verses in remembrance and praise of God. We beseech Him to ordain for thee a reward from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Two Tablets were previously sent specially to Aqa Muhammad Isma'il, upon whom be My Glory, and to thee. Verily He hath remembered you and doth remember you, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you through the means of the heavens and the earth and to draw you nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him. Permission was previously granted for the journey of Aqa Muhammad Isma'il and thyself, however it must be carried out according to the requirements of wisdom. Verily He doth not withhold from His loved ones, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH09330: Praise befitteth and is meet for the Peerless Lord…

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Peerless Lord Who hath bestowed radiance upon the sun and splendor upon light, Who hath brought forth pearls from the ocean and countless jewels from the mine….

As it hath been said before:

> "For three days each month, O idol mine, I must, without doubt, lose my mind."

Tonight is evidently the night of that Day. No proof is needed, no witness is required. The confused utterances are themselves a truthful witness and an articulate testimony….

BH10161: Today the All-Merciful is manifest and Satan is evident…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

Today the All-Merciful is manifest and Satan is evident. Blessed is the soul whom the whisperings of Satan did not prevent from the Most Great Announcement and the Straight Path, and who arose with perfect steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. I bear witness that thou didst turn, until thou didst enter and hear the call of the Wronged One, and didst attain His presence and hearken to His decisive, wise call.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and bestow upon thee the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of His bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH10525: My God, my God! This servant acknowledgeth Thy loftiness…

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

My God, my God! This servant acknowledgeth Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, Thy power and Thy oneness, Thy uniqueness and Thy sovereignty, and beseecheth Thee by Thy binding decree and by Thy sealed choice wine to assist Thy handmaiden who hath turned toward Thy horizon and believed in Thee and in Thy signs on a day when the divines of Thy earth and the theologians of Thy lands have turned away. O Lord! Ordain for her that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11487: From the Most Exalted Pen in the land…

…From the Most Exalted Pen in the land of Zawra this most sublime word was sent down: “Soon shall the cawing be raised in most regions.” The divine promise hath been fulfilled and the cawers are stirring in all directions. Guard thyself through the Name of the True One….

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BH02227: This is a Book sent down by the Sovereign…

He is the Witness from the horizon of the Kingdom’s heaven.

This is a Book sent down by the Sovereign of Might to one who has turned to My horizon, held fast to My cord, faced the lights of My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, and uttered My beautiful praise, and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

Your letter has come before My Name, and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One has read it. We answer you with this clear Tablet. The sun bears witness, the moon proclaims, and the heaven declares: The Sovereign has come and taken His seat upon the throne of utterance at the heart of contingent being. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who has manifested Himself with evident sovereignty.

We have stood before the faces of the world for successive years and called all to the Most Exalted Horizon without veil or covering. The power of the world has not frustrated Me, nor has the might of nations prevented Me. I have appeared and manifested what God, your Lord and the Lord of the earth and heaven, desired.

When the breezes of revelation take you and the fragrances of inspiration attract you, say: My God, my God! You see and know that this servant of Yours has acknowledged Your oneness and confessed Your singleness and what Your Prophets, Chosen Ones and Messengers have brought. He seeks, through the wonders of Your grace, Your nearness and meeting, to stand at Your gate, attain Your presence, and hearken to Your sweetest call by which the hearts of the Prophets were attracted.

Alas, alas, for my lack of knowledge and my failure to reach the heaven of Your knowledge and understanding of the requirements of Your wisdom! O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord, O my Lord! Has the Pen of destiny decreed for me to attain Your presence, or has Your binding decree prevented me from turning to You, O Master of eternity? By Your might, O my God, Your separation has destroyed me and Your remoteness and decree have consumed me.

I beseech You by the lights of the dawn of manifestation and by the Word whereby those in the graves arose and the decree of resurrection appeared, to ordain for me from the wonders of Your generosity and grace Your nearness and reunion, and the reward of meeting You and the reward of those martyred in Your path. You are the Omnipotent over what You will, and in Your grasp is the reins of all things. There is no God but You, the Strong, the Prevailing, the Almighty.

Then I ask You, O my God, by the river of Your mercy and the ocean of Your favor, to forgive me and accept what has appeared from me in Your days. Then assist my son and daughter to remember and praise You and turn to You in all conditions. O Lord, aid them in Your love, make them know Your path, and make clear to them Your proof and evidence. Then send down for me, O my God, and for them what will benefit us and draw us near to You. You are the Omnipotent Whose power all created things have witnessed, and the Self-Subsisting Whom all contingent things have acknowledged. There is no God but You, the Sender of verses, the Manifester of clear proofs, and in Your grasp are the reins of all in the earth and heaven.

BH02881: Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and was read by the servant in attendance. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet which calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all to this luminous horizon.

Say: O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with great sovereignty. Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. He announceth unto you the Most Great Favor, and He is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

Say: Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily it speaketh the truth by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. By God! This is the Day whereof Moses gave tidings, and concerning which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave glad-tidings in His Book, the Book of Wisdom. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you from the Lord of Eternity. Cast away what the people possess, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Say: This is the Day whereon men have arisen unto God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! The dwellers of the graves have risen through the breezes of Revelation, and the companions of the Manifestation rejoice in the light of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, when the Wronged One was in the house of one of His loved ones who was named ʿAbdu'r-Rahim in a preserved Tablet.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Behold how the Sun hath dawned from the Most Glorious Horizon and the Light hath shone forth from this noble station. By God! The Lord of Eternity hath ascended the throne of utterance, calling aloud with the most exalted call and summoning all to that which will draw them nigh unto the horizon of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O ʿAli! What hath befallen thee hath grieved Me. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Supreme Pen that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Lord of humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge, and by Him Who hath appeared before all faces calling all to Thy horizon, and by the Crimson Ark which through Thy command hath sailed upon the sea of inner meanings and utterance, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking Thy praise, and serving Thy Cause. Write down for me by Thy Supreme Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then open, O my God, before my face the door of bounty and ease. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of humanity. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH05135: A book from the Wronged One to him who…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

A book from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the remembrance of God and His praise, and hath turned towards His horizon when most of the servants turned away.

Hear thou the call from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha in the white spot known as ʿAkka: He is, verily, none other than the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We made mention of thee before, when thy verses were presented before the Countenance, with a remembrance before which all remembrance boweth down, and at this time, when thy name was presented before the Wronged One, that thou mightest give thanks unto the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of lords.

When thou hast received this Tablet and the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, arise from thy place, turning towards God, and say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy raiment and the spot

whereon Thy feet have trod, and by the horizon from which the Day-Star of Thy Revelation hath shone forth, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the cities and regions, to aid me under all conditions to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the best of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor can the power of Thine enemies prevent Thee, nor can the might of the ignorant among Thy creatures weaken Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through the hosts of justice and equity, and Thou ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou are the All-Powerful, the Supreme, in the beginning and in the end.

BH00634: Praise, sanctified above the mention of all the worlds…

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

Praise, sanctified above the mention of all the worlds, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath ordained for every being seven stages: Will, Purpose, Destiny, Decree, Permission, Term, and Book. Each of these stages is a fathomless ocean, sanctified beyond all limits. The pearls thereof lie preserved and concealed within the shells of God's protection, exalted be His glory. In truth, were one to attempt to describe these stages and stations, each of which is a dawning-place of divine knowledge and a dayspring of heavenly wisdom, this pen and paper would not suffice, nor would all the pens and pages in the realm of knowledge, which is the station of them that are nigh unto God. He is the One Who hath power over all things. Whatsoever He hath created, be it atoms or what lieth beneath or above them, all testify to and proclaim His greatness, sovereignty, might, power, generosity, grace and mercy. Glorified, glorified be He! Who can adequately praise His creation, much less His loved ones, His chosen ones, and them that are related unto Him? At this station, silence is most fitting.

Blessings and peace be upon Him through Whose name the Ark of Inner Meanings sailed upon the Sea of Utterance, through Whom the Sun of Unity shone forth from the horizon of possibility, through Whom lands were opened and the stations of servants were elevated. And peace be upon His family and companions, through whom the edifices of idols were shaken and the hearts of idol-worshippers were disturbed, through whom the signs and laws of God and His sovereignty and commandments were spread abroad, and through whom trembling seized the very foundations of those who denied the beginning and the return. And peace and abundant greetings be upon them all.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letter arrived and my heart was gladdened thereby and my spirit was refreshed, for this servant perceived therefrom the fragrance of love and affection and the mention of God, the Lord of creation. When I read and understood it, I approached the Sacred Threshold and presented it before the countenance of the Lord, may our souls be a sacrifice for Him. He said:

O thou who hast turned thy face toward God and gazed upon the Most Exalted Horizon! In these days new tribulations and successive sorrows have befallen Us. Tyranny, in the name of justice, is seated upon the throne. All governmental affairs are suspended. This Wronged One hath been accused of that which none hath ever uttered and subjected to treatment without parallel. Yet this Wronged One hath clung to gracious patience and, utterly detached from all else save God, hath remained engaged in His

remembrance with the utmost joy and fragrance. In truth, in His path fire is light and hardship is mercy. Thirst in this wilderness is the very essence of Kawthar—despite them and those who have debarred themselves from this glorious and wondrous station, a station wherein the ocean of light is manifest, yet they attribute darkness to it. Tyranny hath reached such heights that the very embodiment of justice is consumed in lamentation. The shrill voice of the Pen and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree are raised at all times, yet none can be found who would hearken unto them.

Despite all encompassing trials and tribulations, We have been and are occupied with the remembrance of God's loved ones. Thy mention hath been before this Wronged One and, God willing, shall continue to be. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and rejoice thy heart, to open before thy face the door of His mercy, and to cause the rains of His grace and favors to descend upon thee from the clouds of His bounty. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond. We make mention of and convey Our greetings unto him who hath turned, heard, responded, witnessed and beheld—he who was named Muhammad in the Book of Names—and unto those who are there. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid them, draw them nigh unto Him, and to ordain for them that which shall never perish. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God! His grace is evident, His bounty manifest, His mercy pre-existent, and His loving-kindness all-encompassing. We beseech and supplicate Him to increase His favors at all times and to gladden the hearts of them who are nigh and sincere through the lights of the Luminary of utterance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

Unto the beloved of the heart, His Holiness M.H. (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious), do I convey mention, praise and greetings. Indeed, in separation man perceives the station of the blessing of reunion and understands it. I beseech and supplicate the Truth to remove the veil and reveal the Beauty. Likewise, unto the masters and all the friends do I convey greetings and praise, and I seek that which is the cause and source of the manifestation of eternal blessing. Verily our Lord is the Lord of earth and heaven, the Lord of the throne and soil. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Strong, the Mighty.

As for thy having written, despite the multitude of affairs and occupations, about the degrees of remembrance of the beloved of the heart, His Holiness M.H. (upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of creation), and likewise thy mention of thine own heedlessness—that spiritual friend said to write that this entire letter is evidence of attention and remembrance, and every word thereof testifieth to love, steadfastness, adherence, attachment and pure servitude unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, the Lord of all worlds.

As to what was written concerning toil, hardship and difficulty, it is indeed the pure truth. However, since engagement in affairs is an imperative command and is also counted as worship, that very moment—meaning the moment of engagement and giving and receiving—is considered remembrance, orientation towards God, and worship. This evanescent one beseeches the Eternal Truth to assist that spiritual beloved in all conditions, in such wise that despite lack of opportunity and preoccupation, the fragrances of His love may be diffused throughout the world and its effects become manifest in souls.

Concerning what you wrote about felicity, acceptance, destiny and fate—that which is outwardly established and witnessed accords with what has been stated: "Nothing exists in heaven or earth except through Will, Purpose, Destiny, Fate, Permission, Term and Book." Every soul that comes into the world brings with it countless means, though these may not be visible to the outward eye. This station is in truth established. That which is counted among the irrevocable things cannot be changed, while other than this changes through means and deeds. The first inclination that arises in man before the appearance of means is the station of Will; the first conception of means is the station of Purpose; Destiny is the station of measure and proportion, meaning the appearance of means in measure; and Fate is the composition of what was destined.

They have described the station of Destiny as most great, as it is said: "Destiny is a secret among God's secrets, a command among His commands, and a protection among His protections, sealed with God's seal…" until He says "it is a surging ocean which you cannot enter, and a dark night which you cannot traverse, abundant with fish in its depths which extend between heaven and earth, and its width extends between east and west, and in its depths is a sun that gives light."

Man observes these stations in his own stations, meaning the seven degrees that were mentioned. After the appearance of Fate, the execution is witnessed, which is the same as Permission. For everything there is and has been a Term, meaning the duration of its existence. Then appears the Book, which is the station of the completeness of the thing. Praise be to God that today the Mother of Stations is manifest, and that is severance from all things and committing all affairs to Him. In this case, these stations themselves are unveiled.

Furthermore, praise be to God that the honored beloved, his eminence Haji—upon him be God's most exalted peace—and his honored family and children—upon them be God's peace—have partaken of the cups of the Most Great Chalice and from the goblets of the Most Exalted Cup. May it be wholesome and pleasant for you. It is requested that you convey greetings and praise to the friends of God, exalted be His glory—meaning those who are enkindled with the fire of love and illumined with the light of knowledge and steadfastness. I beseech the Wise, the Powerful One to assist each one in that which its mention is everlasting and eternal. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One with power over what He wishes, and He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Generous.

At this moment, the most luminous letter of the beloved of the heart, his eminence M.H.—upon him be God's peace and care—arrived, but there was no opportunity to write a response. God willing, it will be written and sent later. Remembrance, praise and peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast, upright one. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH02325: God is aware and the Messengers bear witness…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

God is aware and the Messengers bear witness that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, openly and clearly arisen before the faces of all peoples and, without any veil or concealment, summoned

all to the supreme horizon. Neither the opposition of rulers nor the clamor of divines could deter Him from His mighty, all-conquering purpose. The intention was that they might attain, through the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, unto the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree, and that these two fleeting days might not deprive the servants of the eternal divine Kingdom. The ocean of utterance surgeth at all times, and the Sun of Truth ever shineth from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation. The verses have been sent down in such wise that the Pen is powerless to reckon them, and the evidences are manifest. Yet all remain veiled and deprived, save whom God willeth.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Reflect upon the previous community. For twelve hundred years and more, not a single one of the divines became aware of that Essence of Being in the loins. They attained not a drop from the ocean of knowledge. They took mere fancy for certitude and sheer conjecture for knowledge. They were enslaved by vain imaginings while counting themselves among the people of divine unity. On the Day of Reckoning, the fruit of the deeds of those heedless souls was that they pronounced sentence against the Lord of all worlds and martyred Him. Reflect thou upon this matter, for reflection on such matters increaseth knowledge, and the lights of the Sun of Certitude shine forth without veil or covering and are witnessed.

Now certain ones among the people of the Bayan follow in the footsteps of the previous community. We see them as more lost than these, though they know it not. Today the world is illumined and hath attained unto the lights of true divine unity. Whosoever attaineth unto this findeth himself free and detached from the world and all who dwell therein. His honor Amin—upon him be My glory—made mention of thee. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered in the prison. When thou findest the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and art attracted by the breezes of revelation, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee, standing before the door of Thy grandeur, and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee, by Thy Cause that hath subdued the heavens and earth, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subjected all who are in the kingdom of creation, and by the Ship that hath sailed on land and sea, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall immortalize my remembrance in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. Thou seest, O my God, the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy favor. Ordain for me that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and in Thy right hand are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the Goal of the worlds.

BH02890: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down for him who desireth to quaff the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that the Call may draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon and strengthen him to mention and praise. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee before and at this time, as a grace from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The servant in attendance before the Countenance hath presented a letter from one who hath loved Me and

held fast to My cord and soared in the atmosphere of My love and arose to assist My Cause amongst My servants, and therein was thy name.

We have sent down from the heaven of grace verses that nothing in existence can equal, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the happenings of the world prevent thee from the Ancient Beauty or the doubts of the nations veil thee from this irrevocable Cause. Say: O concourse of men! The horizon of Manifestation hath been illumined by the Lord of Destiny, and that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath appeared. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We turn from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue. Today the world is illumined by the lights of the Manifestation and all things are engaged in mention and praise and joy and gladness. In the divine Books of the past and future the Most Great Festival hath been established in remembrance of this blessed Day. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and become aware of the station of this Day. Today the shrill voice of the Divine Pen is raised up and its horizon is visible. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts and intimations of the people of the world have not prevented from the Ancient Beauty nor deprived of the Most Great Sea. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath given thee glad tidings and guided thee to My straight path and My mighty announcement. Thus have We caused thee to hear My sweetest call and sent thee that whereby the eyes of those near unto God are consoled.

And We make mention in this station of thy wife and remind her of My verses and give her the glad tidings of My tender mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all in the heavens and the earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon her and upon those whom the hosts of the Pharaohs and ranks of oppressors did not frighten from God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the True King, the Manifest Justice.

BH03158: O thou who gazest upon the countenance! The honored…

He is the One manifest from His Most Glorious Horizon.

O thou who gazest upon the countenance! The honored Amin hath made mention of thee before and after, and through the grace and favor of God, exalted be His glory, thou hast attained unto the effects of the Supreme Pen. Time and again mention of thee hath flowed from the tongue and pen. This is a bounty that cannot be equaled by aught in the world or by what the peoples possess. To this doth testify the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

In these days the honored Amin, upon him be My Glory, hath arrived in the prison and made mention of thee in Our presence. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in turning unto Him, in recognizing Him, and likewise in serving the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The whole world was created for the Divine Day, yet all are heedless and veiled save whom God willeth. Give thanks unto the Peerless Beloved that He hath enabled thee to attain unto that which hath had and hath no likeness or similitude, and that is the recognition of Him Who conversed upon Sinai. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Thou hast recognized the Day of God and arisen to serve.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved at anything. Verily the Most Great Joy asketh God for your meeting. To this doth testify the Mother Book in this exalted station.

Concerning what was mentioned about the king and other matters, these points have been made contingent upon consultation in God's Book. Consult ye and hold fast unto it.

Convey greetings to H.S.L.T. Say: God hath promised to protect thee in His presence. His decree hath ever been and shall ever be enforced. He, verily, is the True One, the Trustworthy. In His grasp is glory and in His hand is protection. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

At this moment the fragrance of bounty and favor is wafting from the direction of grace. O Husayn! We counsel thee to serve the Cause. Verily it will exalt thee as He pleaseth and will bid thee to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this mighty and wondrous Cause. Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm one.

BH03427: O ʿAta! My bounty hath come from the heaven…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O ʿAta! My bounty hath come from the heaven of My kingdom and the Kawthar of My presence hath flowed from the fountainhead of My Pen. Say: In the name of God and by God, then take it with the hand of submission and drink thereof through My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of the Call. Fear ye God and be not of the silent ones. By God! The Mother Book speaketh before your faces, yet ye are heedless. He Who caused you to hear the Call of God and showed you His luminous horizon hath come. Say:

My God, my God! Thy most sweet call hath set me ablaze, and separation from Thee, O Lord of all beings, hath caused my death. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation which Thou hast made the water of life for all created things, and by the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the fruits of the Sadratul-Muntaha, to make me strong through Thy strength and powerful through Thy power, such that the hosts of the earth shall not prevent me from turning to Thyself nor from beholding the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and circling round Thee. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance, and ordain through Thy bounty that which shall be a light unto me in every world of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Command whereby the staff overcame the swords of mankind and whereby Thou didst deliver Thy Moses from the dawning-places of hatred, to write down for me from the Pen of Thy grace that which shall be a treasure for me with Thee. Then enable me, O Thou Goal of the world and Object of worship of the nations, to arise to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿAta! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee to teach His Cause and to make mention of Him and praise Him with wisdom and utterance. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and there shall endure

for thee that which hath been sent down from the presence of One powerful and ancient. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of the divines have not withheld from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03760: O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Ibrahim, that the mention may draw him unto the most exalted horizon and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The Trusted One hath appeared before the face of thy Lord and made mention of thee. We make mention of thee with that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the duration of My most beautiful names. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. The Trusted One hath repeatedly made mention of thee. The loved ones of God have ever been remembered in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and have been favored with the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to aid thee to perform such deeds as shall cause their fragrance to waft throughout the world. Say:

O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones and Thy loved ones. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Goal and my Object of worship, for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when He Who is the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Manifestation of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens was established upon the throne of utterance. O Lord! Aid me to turn unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, turning away from those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs and who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament.

I am he who, O my God, seeth no helper for himself except the wonders of Thy grace, no lord besides Thee and no beloved one other than Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby Thou hast attracted the hearts of such of Thy servants as have turned toward Thee and of such of Thy creation as are sincere, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall be a light before my face in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then write down for me, with the pen of Thy bounty and the reed of Thy grace, the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom and utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04565: O Ashraf! The ocean of utterance has surged…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

O Ashraf! The ocean of utterance has surged, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted, and the shrill voice of the Pen and the rustling of the Tree have been raised high, yet the people do not hear. They have cast the Book of God and His Cause behind their backs and taken for themselves lords other than God. Verily they are worshippers of vain imaginings and do not understand. They have turned away from

Him through Whom appeared what was hidden in the eternity of eternities and treasured in God's knowledge, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who have turned away from the Face, having followed the daysprings of heedlessness and idle fancies. Say: Behold, behold how the Sun has dawned from the horizon of proof and proclaims:

> "There is none other God but I, the Protector over what was and what shall be."

Beware lest the conditions of vain imaginings prevent you from the Day of God, the Possessor of existence. This is the Day which God's Messengers and His Books have testified to, did ye but know. Say: Hear the call of Him Who is wronged and deprive not yourselves of the breezes of Revelation. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur counsel you as He sits upon the throne of His name, the All-Forgiving.

Give glad tidings of My loving-kindness to My loved ones and remind them of My verses, that the fragrances of utterance may attract them to the praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest ye follow those who turned away from God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Proclaim "God is Most Great" before their faces.

Thus hath the Book revealed its verses and the Sun its radiance. Blessed are the people who recognize the Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness. Upon thee and upon those whom nothing among all things hath prevented from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom.

BH05093: The evidences have come and the verses have been…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The evidences have come and the verses have been sent down, yet the people do not understand. The signs have appeared and the appointed time has come and the All-Merciful has come, yet the people do not perceive. O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of Destiny has come and the Most Great Scene has been honored by His advent, and the Command of God that was hidden has appeared, yet the people do not know. He it is Who speaks in all things: "Verily, I am God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting." That which was concealed from eyes has been revealed, and that by which hearts and minds are attracted has been uttered. Thou hast been mentioned by him who was named Haydar before ʿAli, who turned to My horizon and soared in My atmosphere. We have remembered thee as a favor from Me, and I am the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and follow not fancies and idle imaginings. Behold what hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Tablet of existence. God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One when He was in the hands of those who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My proof be upon those whom the conditions of creation have not prevented from the Truth, who have arisen and said:

> "The Sovereign hath come and the Kingdom is God's, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting."

BH05524: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of proof!

The fire of the blessed divine Lote-Tree speaketh at this moment in the Persian tongue and giveth all on earth the glad tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Today the world is adorned with a new ornament, and the Most Great Word is dawning and manifest from the horizon of God's Book. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. Thy mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Tablet, which is as light for the world and as the water of eternal life for all nations, hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen that ye may discover its fragrance and turn toward it.

His honor Mirza Haydar ʿAli, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, made mention of thee and sent the Most Exalted Remembrance. Therefore thy mention hath descended from the heaven of Will. If thou attainest unto it and perceivest the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, say: I beseech Thee, O Lord of earth and heaven and Creator of all things, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred up, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause, O Lord of all being, and firm in Thy service amidst Thy servants, and speaking forth Thy praise in Thy lands. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH05606: O Muhsin! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Muhsin! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged One, Who hath come with the truth from the heaven of might by His Own sovereign will. The hosts of the world cannot prevent Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By God! The Call hath been raised once in Baghdad and again in the Land of Mystery, and in this spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison by My Most Exalted Pen. And I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will. There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great.

We have manifested that which lay hidden in knowledge and concealed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who turned away, and those who uttered that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh to be consumed. The first to turn away were the divines of the land, and through them the servants objected and committed that which caused every illumined heart to lament.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Wronged One and attained unto the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We have revealed the clear proofs and sent down the verses as a bounty from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged from the Pen of the Most Merciful and the fragrance of the garment been diffused. Blessed is he who hath found and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and on earth."

BH05983: O Ali! Thou hast been favored with divine grace…

In the Name of the One True God!

O Ali! Thou hast been favored with divine grace and hast drunk from the ocean of recognition. We beseech God that He may aid thee in all conditions and make thee firm, steadfast and unwavering in His Cause. For certain souls are observed to be as dried leaves, moved about by the winds of self and desire whithersoever they blow. The friends of God must today be as firm as mountains in the Cause. Thou wert previously blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen, and now We again make mention of thee and counsel thee to that which is befitting and conducive to the exaltation of God's Cause. Whosoever is blessed in this day with but one word from the exalted words that shine forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen hath indeed attained unto all good. We beseech God to aid all to preserve this station and rank. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and counsel them to supreme steadfastness, goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament and who are possessed of clear certitude.

BH08405: In My Name, the Protector over all names

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A Tablet to him who has turned to My horizon and spoken My beautiful praise. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy Revelation when most of Thy servants turned away from it, and for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses when the learned ones of Thy lands were heedless of it. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world and given life to the nations through the lights of Thy Kingdom and the splendors of the Sun of Thy bounty, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Thou seest me turning towards Thee. I beseech Thee to make me detached from all else save Thee and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art He Whom the might of the world cannot weaken, nor can the power of the nations frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH08557: O Sadiq! Reflect upon the power of the Supreme…

In His Name Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven!

O Sadiq! Reflect upon the power of the Supreme Pen which, despite the opposition of the divines, the objections of the doctors of law, and the rebellion of princes, hath summoned all to the horizon of Revelation by night and by day. No oppression hindered it, no opposition prevented it. The might of the world did not diminish its strength, nor did the dissension of nations hold back its radiance. I swear by the waves of the ocean of meanings, were anyone to reflect upon that which hath been manifested, they would utter the blessed words "Thine is the greatness and the power" and would remain occupied throughout all their days in the remembrance and praise of the Lord of all mankind. Praise be to God,

exalted be His glory, that thou hast attained unto that for which existence itself came into being. Preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10504: The Joseph of God has been cast into…

In the Name of the Peerless Intended One!

The Joseph of God has been cast into the well of hatred. The darkness of heedlessness and ignorance hath encompassed the world and deprived all of their just reward from the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause, save whom God willeth. The clouds of tyranny have prevented the Sun of Justice from shining forth. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to the cord of loving-kindness and saved itself from the depths of heedlessness. Thus doth thy Lord counsel thee and mention unto thee what hath befallen Him at the hands of the hosts of the oppressors.

BH00897: Praise be to the Goal of all the world…

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

Praise be to the Goal of all the world, Who, despite the turning away of princes, the indifference of divines, and the denial of ecclesiastics, hath through His power established the knowledge that there is none other God but Him in the most exalted station, and unfurled the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" amidst those who turn away and deny. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither ranks and multitudes, nor aversion and indifference, nor tyranny and denial could deter from His purpose. Before the faces of the world, without any veil, He standeth firm and speaketh forth, and through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen He hath conquered the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere. With a single effulgence He hath illumined the horizons. His hosts are wisdom and utterance, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and the commander of these hosts hath ever been the fear of God. Through these hosts He hath conquered the cities of the hearts of the chosen ones and loved ones. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His power!

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who kindlest the fire in the hearts of the righteous and Who shineth forth above the Mount of Knowledge with fire! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of Thy power, and by the shrill voice of Thy Pen and the fruits of Thy Tree, to protect Thy Afnan from the evil of such of Thy servants as have denied Thy right and disbelieved in Thy proof. Then assist them in that whereby their mention shall endure in Thy Book. Send down upon them, O my God, the blessings of the heavens of Thy bounty, and ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

And now, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and service. Several days ago, the beloved of hearts, Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, forwarded your letter to the Most Holy Court, and this servant presented it all before His Presence. Thereupon the Sun of favor and grace dawned forth from the Dayspring of God's Will, exalted be His Glory. These are His blessed and exalted words:

> “O My Afnan! Upon thee be My Glory and My favor! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the effects of the Most Exalted Pen and hast chosen thy dwelling beneath the canopies of divine favor. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to thy acceptance and turning unto Him, and to thy acknowledgement of that which God hath revealed in His Books, His Scrolls, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Nothing on His earth can equal this Word. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and strengthen thee in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. By the life of God! Should anyone attempt to mention that which hath been ordained for you through His command and will, he would find himself powerless. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory shining from the horizon of the Kingdom of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

All things bear witness to the favor, grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His Glory, towards His loved ones and friends. However, specifically regarding the Afnan of the Blessed Tree, special verses and explicit favors have repeatedly streamed forth and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall they who are nigh behold its effects, the unified ones its manifestations, and the sincere ones its fruits. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to protect them through His Will, which He hath made the cause of the creation of all who were of old and all who are yet to come.

The sent items of vessels, as well as the frames and goblets, have arrived once again, and news of the tea’s arrival in Beirut has also been received. After its arrival, details will be submitted. Praise be to God, the signs of divine confirmation and success are evident and manifest from all directions. In these days when the Ancient Beauty is in prison and the people of the world are in discord, and the kings are united, and news constantly arrives, the door is open and the signs of acceptance, attention, steadfastness and service are witnessed. This is among the great bounties of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and this is a mighty station. Glory be to its Giver and Confirmer. It hath been proven with evidence that verily He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth. None can resist His command or prevent His judgment, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This evanescent servant submitteth that if in the service of Your Honor or in that place a friend is found, convey greetings and praise. May glory and remembrance and praise and magnification be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you for the sake of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant 28 Muharram al-Haram 1304

Another submission: Last year one of the Ottoman pashas became governor in this city. Although his name outwardly was Muhammad, yet a hundred Abu Jahls were concealed within him. Upon his arrival, the fire of hatred blazed from him night and day, in word and deed he would cause harm, although outwardly nothing had occurred to cause displeasure or grief or anything above or below that. Through numerous tricks and new schemes he demanded the house, which was relinquished. Nevertheless his fire burned more intensely and his wickedness increased more and more until suddenly the hands of divine wrath seized him and his circle of officials. The Governor of the province who resides in Damascus, and

the chief who rules in Beirut, as well as other officers, all became troubled. Great causes appeared and that wicked one and his like were cast out and rejected.

And those whom the Truth outwardly confirmed for this service—it was decided that certain items should be given to them as mementos, both as a reminder and to exalt the word of favor. And since nothing new is available here, therefore according to the command of His Honor the Afnan, upon him be all-glorious glory, let him send several distinguished spectacles with frames, and if some frames are of gold it would be good, and likewise anything that is outwardly elegant and of suitable value would be appreciated if sent. I beseech and hope from the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may confirm the Afnan in all conditions, and praise be to God, they have been and are confirmed. This is attested by what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen of God in the scriptures and tablets.

Again may peace and praise and magnification and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who are honored to serve you and hold fast to love for you for the sake of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of those in the heavens and earths, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 28 Muharram al-Haram 1304

BH07091: The Day proclaimeth, the Sun giveth glad tidings…

…The Day proclaimeth, the Sun giveth glad tidings, and the Moon beareth witness. O friends of the All-Knowing God! He hath come—bear ye witness! The Hidden Light hath become manifest—hasten with heart and soul! The waters give glad tidings, the seas dance, and the forests spread the news. O servants! Deprive not yourselves of the ocean of His knowledge, and withhold not yourselves from the Sun of His vision. The joy-giving breeze hath wafted, bestowing freshness and vigor upon the withered ones. Words fail to describe this triumphant Day, proving impotent and inadequate in explaining it. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized the station of this Day and hath testified to its blessedness. We beseech the Peerless Friend in all conditions not to deprive any from the ocean of His bounty nor prevent them from beholding the Sun of truthfulness. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing….

BH00372: Praise befitteth the most holy and exalted court…

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 befitteth the most holy and exalted court of the Desired One, Who hath, through a single blessed word, barred the way to doubt, misgiving, vain imaginings and idle fancies, and through the power of that same word hath preserved His loved ones from dangers. That blessed word is “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordereth whatsoever He pleaseth.” Whosoever is assured of this word is established upon the throne of certitude and abideth in the station of faith. The waves of idle fancies shall not withhold him from the truth of certitude, nor shall the hosts of vain imaginings keep him back from the dawning-place of the Divine Manifestation. Thus doth the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed

for His sake—declare: “Should He decree the earth to be heaven, none hath the right to question His authority; and should He decide the heaven to be earth, none dare ask why’ or wherefore’.”

This blessed word is a boundless ocean. Blessed is the one who hath attained and clung unto it; he shall be eternally inscribed in the book of steadfastness. Blessed is he! And peace and blessings be upon the loved ones of God, His chosen ones, His leaves and fruits, who move only by the breeze of His Will and Purpose. These are the servants whom God hath described in His Books of the past and future—they are the near ones, they are the triumphant.

And further: the letter from that honored leaf—upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God—was received. As it was adorned with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, it brought boundless joy, yet as signs of sorrow were apparent therein, it caused endless grief. After its observation, reading and review, approach was made to the Throne, where it was presented and attained the honor of being heard. These are the words that the Tongue of Grandeur uttered while seated upon the Throne of Oneness:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Loving

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. We were seated upon the Throne when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and presented it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this clear remembrance. We have mentioned thee time and again with a mention that surpasseth all that the peoples possess. To this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness from His exalted station. Thy verses and prose, and that which thou didst send, have come before Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the True, the Trustworthy. We have answered thee with numerous tablets as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have sent down for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to perfume the air for as long as My names and attributes endure.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great favor. We love Our name “the Faithful” and have ever been observant of it in all conditions. To this testifieth that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, and those who have attained Our presence and the meeting with God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Let nothing among all things, nor any matter, cause thee grief. Verily thy Lord is with thee, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O My handmaiden! Hear in Persian: The petitions of that honored leaf, both in verse and prose, were received and a special response was revealed. Likewise, the items sent by that leaf over successive years, and some time ago especially for the Leaf of Paradise—upon her be My glory and loving-kindness—and that leaf, special tablets were revealed and sent. Thou hast ever been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One—the circling ones and visitors are aware and bear witness. Rejoice in what the Most Great Joy hath announced unto thee at this time, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Dayspring of bounty, for having guided me to Thy straight path and given me to drink of Thy sealed wine through the hand of Thy grace, O God of the worlds! Thy handmaiden testifieth to Thy bounty, Thy loving-kindness and Thy mercy that have preceded Thy servants and Thy creation. Can anyone deny Thy gifts and bestowals after witnessing and beholding at every moment the evidences of Thy mercy, the manifestations of Thy favor, and the signs of Thy loving providence? O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden clinging to the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause and hoping

for that which lieth with Thee. I beseech Thee by the fishes in the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee.

O my Lord! I implore Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast revealed Thyself unto all created things, to assist Thy handmaidens to stand firm in Thy Cause and to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of the world and whatsoever the nations possess cannot hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

God's grace beareth witness unto itself, and likewise His loving-kindness, mercy and compassion. By the Sun of proof which hath shone forth from the dayspring of possibility by the command of the Beloved of the worlds, this servant hath ever witnessed His loving providence towards the people of that land to such a degree that he is powerless to express it. Whenever that honored leaf's letter arrived, it was presented both in verse and prose before the presence of them that dwell within the tabernacle of glory and grandeur. After its completion, the effulgences of the Sun of divine loving-kindness shone forth and became manifest, and likewise those who circle round all made mention of that noble lady and continue to do so, and the answer to each letter was revealed. This is what the servant testifieth to, and beyond him our Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which was uttered in praise of the Truth, exalted be His glory, was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist thee in remembrance and praise as He hath assisted thee before.

As for what thou didst write concerning the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, that thou hast been blessed with it twice—this was from God's special favor. If the details of the Seven Oft-Repeated Verses of old are kept in view, thou wilt be greatly rejoiced at the dawning of the luminary of this bounty—a joy that hath no peer or likeness. The blessed Surih of Praise was revealed twice, and concerning the excellence of this repetition they have written that which this leaf is incapable of mentioning. Many pages and new pens would be required. Whatever hath appeared and will appear is that Beloved of the soul and the Desire of the spirit.

As for the mention made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before the Divine Presence. This is what the Speaker of Sinai uttered when seated upon the Throne of Revelation, the word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O Muhammad-Rida! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of Names. Rejoice in thy Lord's loving-kindness. He hath guided thee to His straight path and caused thee to know the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Manifestation of His Self, and hath made thee to hear His wondrous call. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath been recorded by the Pen of the Divine Will in God's Holy Books. Blessed are they that act, and joy be to them that have attained.

Section 2: "This servant also conveyeth his greetings unto him…"

This servant also conveyeth his greetings unto him and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, that which they have desired. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what you mentioned about a day when a group of the friends were gathered in this servant's abode, and a soul asked why, given that the Bab—may our souls be sacrificed for His sake—was the Sun and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Station has been called the Sun, what then is the difference between this Revelation and that Revelation. This evanescent one suggested that perhaps this blessed Revelation is like unto the heaven, as He says that all suns rise from the horizon of this heaven and set in the west of this heaven. Someone responded, "No, this is not so—the sun creates the heaven." Another said, "Heaven is a physical body." This evanescent one, wishing to prevent disputation, remained silent. After presenting these matters before Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes, the Lord of the Kingdom of Eternity, He spoke this exalted word: Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

> "O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Thy silence in this matter was acceptable. Convey My greetings to the friends of God and say: Fix your gaze upon this Most Great Verse which hath appeared from the Pen of the Primal Point. He saith: 'I have written an essence regarding His remembrance, which is that He cannot be known through My allusions, nor through what hath been mentioned in the Bayan.' They have spoken the truth, and uttered reality—this was and is no jest. Were a soul to meditate upon this blessed word that hath been mentioned, he would testify to the sanctification of this Revelation above all else and its exaltation above any likeness or comparison. Although in these days worn and tired utterances have been brought forth, claiming the Bayan has been altered—God protect us and you from the evil of those who speak according to their desires. They are assuredly among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds."

In truth, the mention of the Sun and its like refers to His exalted and sublime station among the servants, otherwise every person of insight beareth witness to the sanctification of His Essence from whatsoever hath been mentioned and the detachment of His Self from whatsoever hath been or shall be comprehended. And that this Most Great Manifestation hath been or may be designated as the heaven is due to the fact that the sun, outwardly speaking, appeareth and becometh visible from the horizon of this expanse which is called heaven, and the heaven dominateth and encompasseth it, as can be observed. Consider ye, then recall what the Point of the Bayan hath spoken concerning this Revelation, saying "Verily, I am the first to worship Him." The station of the Book, the Mother Book, the Tablet and the Preserved Tablet hath been and is manifest and evident. He saith that the Bayan and whatsoever hath been revealed therein is but a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise and is dependent upon His acceptance.

The sun hath ever had diverse manifestations and influences. The sun that riseth from the sign of Aquarius is, upon its appearance, effaced before the sun that ariseth from the sign of Leo. Every person of insight observeth countless differences. However, in these days the Most Exalted Pen hath not desired and doth not desire to occupy itself with such mentions. Whatsoever hath been or may be mentioned is from the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty which hath shone forth specifically upon the

friends from the horizon of the Kingdom. For all, We ask that which the comprehension of the people of possibility is powerless and incapable of knowing, especially for those souls who are adorned with the greatest steadfastness and have quaffed from the ocean of the words “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.”

O My loved ones and My chosen ones! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have mentioned you before and after in such wise as hath gladdened the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Praise be to God! The detached ones have attained unto the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary. This is the most exalted station, the highest summit and the ultimate purpose. Blessed be they that have attained and they that know. Verily, We make mention of My servants and My handmaidens, remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My bounty and inform them of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The Sun of the All-Merciful’s utterance hath shone forth in such wise that this darksome night hath become even as a luminous day. Glorified be the greatness of our Lord and exalted be His favor! The loved ones of that land have ever been [in heart and soul] and still are, for they have attained unto the descended table and the special bounty. We beseech God—exalted be His glory—and hope that He will preserve these stations through His might, power and authority in such wise that the doubts of the barking ones, the suspicions of the opposers and the intimations of the transgressors will not alter them and will appear as if they had never existed. This servant conveyeth greetings and glorification to each of the loved ones and handmaidens of God, and expresseth with both outer and inner tongue: O my God, my God!

Aid them in that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and make them successful in that whose fragrance will never cease to endure throughout the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Glory and praise and remembrance be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God and upon all who are firm and steadfast. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After completing the letter, He repaired to the Most Exalted Shrine. Following His presence before the Throne, the Lord, blessed and sanctified be He, spoke thus: We desire to make mention once again of him who traversed the pathway and attained the Ultimate Goal, until he presented himself at the Gate which was opened by the Key of the Will of the Lord of Names, and heard that which ears were created to hear. He was named ʿAli-before-Nabil in the Book of Names. We beseech God to assist him and to reinforce him with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, that he may aid his wronged and exiled Lord. The exile of the Lord hath been mentioned aforetime, even as David, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath said: “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”

In any case, ʿAli-before-Nabil presented himself before the Face, and mentioned the names of the loved ones of the lands of Kha and Ta and other regions, and beseeched a special bounty for each one, and all attained to that which was the purpose of creation. The friends must all engage in the remembrance and praise of Him Who conversed on Sinai with the utmost joy and gladness. O people of God! Strive ye that

ye may attain unto that which shall never perish and shall remain unchanged throughout centuries and ages. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My people, and upon those whom the conditions of men have not frightened in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Sovereign of the Hereafter and of this world.

BH03469: In My Name which speaketh in the Kingdom…

In My Name which speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This Wronged One calleth aloud from the prison precinct and summoneth all, for the sake of God, to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the ear that hath attained and the eye that hath beheld. O people of God! I swear by the lights of the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that this Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive that ye may perchance attain unto the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree and drink from the chalice of bounty.

O Ghulam-ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with such attention that its effect shall never fade from thine ear, and arise with supreme steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. Praise be to God, thou hast turned unto Him and attained unto His verses. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee and for having made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world and have taken fast hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Powerful.

And We make mention of him who was named Ghulam-Husayn with verses that cannot be equaled by all the riches of the world nor by all that the nations possess, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, or the power of princes weaken thee, or the might of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, cause thee to fear.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Hearken unto the voice of the true Friend and sanctify thyself from idle fancies and vain imaginings through the living waters that have streamed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have laid hold on Thy cord and have clung to the hem of Thy robe. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy bounty to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and Master of the Hereafter and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH07001: The Sun of Truth, which hath ever been veiled…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

The Sun of Truth, which hath ever been veiled from all eyes, hath shone forth from the heaven of manifestation with such a radiance that no possessor of sight or hearing or heart hath denied or ever will deny it. And the hidden treasured Mystery, whereof all divine Books and Scriptures and Tablets have made mention, hath appeared unveiled and unconcealed. Glory be to God! Despite such manifestation and appearance, such signs and evidences, such tokens and such power and might, the people of the world remain heedless and unaware. Blessed art thou, for thou hast seen and heard. Beseech the True One that He may enable thee to perform such deeds as shall endure and persist. From the precincts of the Prison We have turned toward thee, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will in thy name. Take it with the power that is with Him and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of the sincere ones!

BH07737: Amin hath appeared before Our presence and mentioned thee…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Amin hath appeared before Our presence and mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Hearken unto the Call from the prison-quarters of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee, turning away from Thine enemies who have turned away from Thee and denied Thy signs and disputed Thy proofs after Thou didst summon them unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy proof to aid me to serve Thy Cause and to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Answerer in all circumstances, and I am the supplicant who hath clung to the hem of Thy name, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

BH09149: O Muhammad, The trees of hope have been cut…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad, The trees of hope have been cut down by the sword of vain imaginings, and the houses of justice and fairness have been destroyed by the hands of tyranny, and the ornaments of this transient world have deprived all from the divine eternal Kingdom. O party of God, make an effort! O loved ones of the All-Merciful, strive! that perchance those who have turned towards Him may remain protected from the vain imaginings of those who have turned away. In past ages and centuries the previous party was occupied with suspicions and vain imaginings, and the fruits of the deeds of those heedless souls was that they passed judgment against the Lord of the world and martyred Him. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who assisted you and guided you. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, and glory be to Thee, O Goal of them that know.

BH01166: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

In the name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One from the presence of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the cup of his Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, that the fragrances of revelation might draw him nigh unto this praiseworthy station. The Most Exalted Pen hath been moved and the Sadratu'l-Muntaha hath rustled when the Lord of all beings came from the heaven of bounty with manifest sovereignty.

Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which hath come to you from the kingdom of proof. Thus doth the Book of God command you, which speaketh before the faces of all the world. Verily, there is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the Supreme Ruler of the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Say: Your sciences and your arts profit you not. Cast them behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the world and its ornaments and favors prevent you from the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Purify your hearts, then turn with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon, the station which hath shone forth from the Day-Star of the manifestation of your Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say:My God, my God! I have turned toward Thy Self when I was heedless of the wonders of Thy grace, and Thou didst call me when I was sleeping upon my couch in Thy days, and Thou didst remember me when I was silent in Thy remembrance, and Thou didst guide me when I was halting in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and the hearts of the nations, and by the Daysprings of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Sources of Thy commandments and power, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise and standeth firm in Thy love.

O my Lord! Make me not of those who beheld the lights of Thy countenance and turned away from them, and who heard Thy most sweet call and Thy most great verses and denied them. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy grace not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who were not deterred by the might of the oppressors nor by the tyranny of the pharaohs from turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy.

O my Lord! Withhold not mine eye from beholding Thy Supreme Horizon, nor mine ear from hearkening unto that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, nor my tongue from Thy remembrance, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. I know not, O my God, what deed hath kept me back from turning toward Thee in Thy days, and what thing hath intervened between me and the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Thou seest, O my God, my state and hearest my lamentation. By Thy might! Thy separation hath destroyed me and melted me away.

I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy power and the Dawning-Places of Thy might to aid me to propagate Thy Cause among Thy servants and to spread Thy signs throughout Thy lands. Then forgive me and those who have sought Thee. Verily Thou art He to Whose grace and pardon all created things have testified, and to Whose gifts and bestowals all beings have borne witness.

I testify unto that whereunto the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified when it was established upon the throne by Thy command and will, that verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified from the mention of aught else but Thee and exalted above the description of any besides Thee. Thou hast appeared and hast made manifest that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured within the repositories of Thy protection and the treasuries of Thy preservation.

O my Lord! Thou seest me hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and beseeching that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, and awaiting the table of Thy heaven and the enduring blessing from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.It is uttered in the Persian tongue, that perchance the fragrance of both eloquent Arabic and sweet Persian may be diffused.

From the first days this Call hath been raised without veil or concealment, and this Wronged One hath stood forth and spoken before all faces. Nevertheless, until now they remain deprived of the ocean of knowledge and forbidden from the dawning rays of the Sun of Truth. It is incumbent and binding upon you to arise to serve the Cause and to summon the ignorant people to the divine Law of knowledge.

The world and its might and wrath, its bounty and mercy, its ornaments and colors—all these are transient and shall return to nothingness. Blessed is the soul that endeavoreth and engageth in service to the Cause, that perchance it may find the Guide of the Way and not be deprived of that for which it was created.

Unceasingly have the pearls of wisdom and utterance appeared and shone forth from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen, yet until now no seeker or knower hath been found, save whom God willeth. Strive that perchance the soreness of eyes may be removed through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, and attain to the lights of the horizon of Revelation. May they turn from the world of fancy to the world of certitude, and from the abyss of conjecture to the horizon of the true world.

Praise be to God that you have attained and turned toward the horizon from which most of the people of the world are seen to turn away. You must arise in the Name of Truth and, placing your trust in Him, with wisdom and utterance bestow upon the people of possibility their portion from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Thus doth command thee the Most Exalted Pen from the presence of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great News and this Wise Command.

BH01428: These are the days of God, and the horizon…

In the name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful!

These are the days of God, and the horizon of the manifestation of the Supreme Pen is luminous. The Kawthar of utterance is flowing, the verses of God are being revealed and His evidences are manifest. The light of His Cause is radiant and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze. O people of God! This is the day of the blessed verse "If ye would count the favours of God, ye cannot reckon them!" Bounty upon bounty, mercy upon mercy. Strive that ye may attain to the lights of the Sun of inner meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's will. The shrill voice of the Supreme Pen is raised at all times, and its purpose is that ye may partake of the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. Hearken unto the Pen; it speaketh, and the fruit of the Lote-Tree revealeth itself. Blessed are the men whom the might of the people of error hath not prevented or deprived from attaining unto the Lord of Destiny.

O people of Faran! What of this outpouring? Have ye discovered the sweet fragrances of the breezes of revelation? Are ye silent and still, or have other causes prevented the people of the Most Great Vision from mention and praise? The Manifestation of Truth is evident and visible like unto the sun. By the Most Great Luminary! His utterance transcendeth the utterance of the peoples of the world, His mention surpasseth the mention of all nations, and His movement and stillness are distinct from all else. To those possessed of vision and the companions of the Most Great Vision, no doubt hath arisen nor ever shall arise concerning Him.

O people of Faran! This is your penetrating vision, your subtle thoughts, the light of your horizons, the radiance of your hearts, the lamp in your breasts, and your keen sight. By the life of God! This day is your day. Be ye strong in the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of Names, in such wise that neither the power of princes nor the whisperings of divines may weaken you. O people of Faran! Unceasingly hath your mention been recorded by the Pen of the Most Merciful and your names inscribed. Ye should aid the Cause of God through the hosts of remembrance and utterance, and through deeds and conduct befitting the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that moveth for the love of God and occupieth itself with the guidance of His servants. Today, all rising and sitting, movement and rest, should be manifested for the sake of God.

Every sovereign hath his army and every cause its helper. The hosts of the Lord of Horizons have ever been righteous deeds and conduct, remembrance and utterance, and the commander and director of these hosts is the fear of God. God willing, may the people of Faran be set ablaze with the fire of love for the Beloved of all creation, and may they witness, in most times, the pearls of knowledge and wisdom which have been manifested from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen by the command of the Lord of Names, that hearts may be adorned with the ornament of certitude and detachment. The dawning-places of idle fancies and the rising-points of vain imaginings are circulating in cities and regions to lead people astray.

This is that news which was formerly uttered by the Dawning-Place of verses and the Day-Spring of knowledge. Vain imaginings deprived the Shi'ih sect from the Lord of mankind and consigned them to hell. Ye are those souls who, from the beginning of days, have turned to the supreme horizon and have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of creation with the wings of detachment. The station of this most exalted rank hath been and is great in the sight of God. We beseech God to make you the

ensigns of His remembrance in His lands and the standards of His guidance among His servants. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Dominant, the Omnipotent.

Out of wisdom, the names of the loved ones—those souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine and are illumined by the lights of the Kingdom—have not been mentioned. His honor ʿAli-Muhammad, son of My Most Truthful Name, upon both of whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, was present in the Most Holy Court and made mention of each one, and all have attained to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of true divine unity. We beseech the True One to assist His people in such deeds and matters from which the fragrance of His good-pleasure may be wafted. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to God! The carpet of the love of God, exalted be His glory, is spread and unfurled. Blessed are the souls who have attained unto that for which they were created, and woe unto the heedless! We convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. The Wronged One asketh that He may grant them success and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and adorn them with that which beseemeth them in the days of their Lord, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm, the Possessor of Glory and Might. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty be upon you, upon them, and upon those whom the conditions of the world and its allusions, manifestations, ornaments, adornments, might, and ranks have not withheld from God, their Creator and Fashioner.

BH02989: That which hath proceeded from the pen of thy…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

That which hath proceeded from the pen of thy devotion and turning unto the Wronged One hath come before Him. We found therein the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of thee in diverse Tablets with a mention that surpasseth all the mentions of the world. He beareth witness unto thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We counsel thee to preserve this station through this Name, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and the hearts of the learned who have barred the servants from turning unto the Most Great Ocean and this Momentous Announcement have been seized with trepidation. Blessed is thy tongue for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and borne witness unto that which God hath testified. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved concerning that whereon thou standest, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Beware lest the deeds and words of men grieve thee. Soon shall they behold what they have wrought in the former life. Verily thy Lord is the Informed, the All-Knowing.

We make mention at this hour of him who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, that his remembrance may endure in the kingdom for as long as the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure. O Husayn! Blessed art thou for having sought the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon while the Wronged One was held beneath the talons of hatred through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. At the time of thy ascension there was revealed for thee that which hath diffused the sweet savors of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Were there to be disclosed less than a needle's eye of that which We have bestowed upon thee in thy most

exalted station, all who dwell on earth would abandon what they possess and turn unto this station, wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the All-Wise."

Blessed is the servant who remembereth thee even as the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His Command hath remembered thee. He is indeed among the triumphant ones in My perspicuous Book. We verily console his family and shall send down for them, when God willeth and desireth, that which shall gladden them after their grief. And I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy. We have withheld the Pen for a time as a wisdom from Our presence, and We are verily the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and whom the oppression of the aggressors hath not held back from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03822: On the first day of the Manifestation, the preface…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

On the first day of the Manifestation, the preface of the book of existence was adorned with the blessed words "There are no genealogies among you." On that day all creation shall be witnessed on a single plane. Then He speaks forth with the Most Exalted Word: whosoever attains to recognition is accounted among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. Today the kinship of God is accepted and beloved. Whosoever acquires nobility from this most exalted station and most glorious rank has attained to that which was ordained in God's Book for His loved ones. This kinship is the king of kinships and this station is the sovereign of stations.

O my Leaf, upon thee be My glory!

In every sect among the diverse sects, and every community among the communities, and every party among the parties of the world, there has been and is an essence, and that essence has been and is taken through the ordering of the True Orderer and the hands of power. Blessed is the one whom outward kinship and perishable means have not prevented from the kinship of God. Whosoever today attains unto the recognition of God, which was the purpose of creation, is mentioned in the Book as being of the party of God and is truly related unto Him.

Praise be to God that that Leaf has repeatedly attained unto the divine verses and has drunk the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord. No thing among all things can equal this favor. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve what He has bestowed. We convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and counsel all according to what God hath revealed in the Book.

Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned, heard, and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05711: Say: O clamorous ones! This is the Day…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Say: O clamorous ones! This is the Day of God, wherein naught is seen save Him and His signs. Today the Kingdom of Names profiteth not, nor do the mentions of the world enrich. Blessed is the soul that hath rent asunder the veils and torn away the coverings and turned toward the horizon of God alone. Such a one is among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark.

Say: O friends! Adorn yourselves with the ornament of steadfastness, lest every heedless and remote one cause you to slip. Cast aside suppositions and idle fancies, and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest ye reject the truth by that which ye possess. Fear the All-Merciful, and be not among the heedless.

This is the Day which past ages and centuries can never rival. Know this, and be not of the ignorant. Thus warbleth the Dove of Eternity upon the branch of faithfulness, as bidden by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every ignorant one who hath turned away from the Truth and was among the heedless in a perspicuous Book.

We send from this Spot Our glorification upon the faces of those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Glory be upon the people of Baha, whom the doubts of the opposers have not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05893: Praise be to God that from the very beginning…

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

Praise be to God that from the very beginning you turned to the highest horizon and drank from the cup of divine love. Preserve this most exalted and glorious station through the Name of the Lord of Names. You must be so enkindled by the fire of the Sacred Tree that its effects become manifest and evident in the world. Fix your gaze constantly upon this exalted Word, which is the blessed Word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.” For if a soul succeeds in drinking from the cup of this Word, he will attain the most great steadfastness, such that neither the doubts and allusions of the world nor anything therein will affect him, and he will find himself seated upon the throne of certitude and the seat of assurance.

Hold fast to the cord of favor and arise to aid the Cause. The entire world will pass away, but that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for you has been and will forever remain. This is the enduring dominion—know thou its worth. The triumph of the Cause has been and ever will be through wisdom and utterance, that none upon earth may remain deprived of the ocean of divine mercy. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever has attained unto this most mighty, most glorious station.

BH07366: O Javad! The Lord of creation remembers thee…

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

O Javad! The Lord of creation remembers thee from His realm in such wise as will draw thee nearer unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Look not unto the people and what they possess, but rather unto that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the servant whom the affairs of men have not kept back from the Lord of destiny, and who hath arisen, saying:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Arise to serve the Cause, then aid thy Lord through the deeds of the sincere ones. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken while in the midst of the people, as a token of His grace—and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the Kawthar of the meanings of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all desire, for having caused me to hear Thy call and behold Thy horizon and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this mighty and magnificent Cause." The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of might be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of grandeur have not kept back from God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

BH08209: A remembrance from the Wronged One unto the people…

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all names.

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto the people of God in the lands, that the wine of utterance may attract them to the horizon of inner meanings, from which the call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of all things."

We make mention of thee and of them who have believed, and We counsel you with that which beseemeth the days of God. Say: Fear God and be not in doubt and schism. We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which no books of the past can equal, to this He Who hath with Him the Mother Book doth testify.

Follow not those in whom ye find not that which God loveth. Follow that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of lords. We have sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil.

And at the end of the Book We counsel thee and those who have believed to be steadfast with the Most Great Steadfastness, lest those who have denied the Beginning and the End cause you to slip.

BH08164: The whole world hath been created to serve this…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The whole world hath been created to serve this blessed Day. O peoples of the earth! Know ye the value of these days and be not deprived of that which is with God through that which is with you. These days shall pass away and whatsoever appeareth therein shall likewise pass away. Strive that ye may attain unto that which is with God. He is the Ever-Abiding. Blessed is the soul that in this transient world hath attained unto that which is everlasting—that is, such deeds as shed forth the fragrance of eternity, and

these have been and ever shall be the Word of God. Hearken unto the divine counsel and act in accordance with that wherefrom the sweet-smelling savor of His good-pleasure may be inhaled. If thou attainest unto this exalted and most high station, thou shalt be blessed with the word of His good-pleasure from the Lord of Names. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08195: A mention from Our presence unto him who hath…

He is the One Who speaketh the truth.

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that he may find assurance through the bounty of his Lord and utter at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Him, then act according to that which beseemeth His days. He, verily, is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. Be thou steadfast in that which is good and act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We counsel thee to perform pure deeds for God, the Truth. This shall profit thee in the world to come and in this first life. He beside Whom is the Clear Book beareth witness unto this. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God or the threat of the oppressors frighten thee—they who have turned away from the Truth and followed every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Mighty in Strength taught thee from the direction of the Ultimate Tree that thou mayest be among them that hearken.

BH10118: O My Leaf! Praise thou the Object…

He is the Remembering, the Manifest One

O My Leaf! Praise thou the Object of the worship of all worlds, Who brought thee from nothingness into being in His days, and adorned thee with the ornament of existence, and honored thee with the crown of His grace. The bounty and loving-kindness of the Blessed Tree towards Its leaves is even as the sun shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace. I beseech God that thou mayest be the recipient of His special favors and be illumined with the light of His knowledge. We implore God to assist thee and thy mother to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness, and to aid you both with the means of earth and heaven, and to draw you near unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

BH00726: Praise be to the One True Goal, Who made…

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

Praise be to the One True Goal, Who made straight the path and sent forth a guide. In every station He placed a treasure and gave tidings thereof. His chosen ones have been and continue to be His true treasures. They are the repositories of the mysteries of the Prophets and the pearls of the knowledge of His pure ones. The path has led to the straight way, and the announcement to the Great Announcement. Through Him He brought to an end prophethood and messengership, and promised the appearance of the Day of Resurrection and the Hour, and the manifestation of His power on that Day. Exalted be His

might, His sovereignty, His glory, and His grandeur! And blessings and peace be upon Him Whom He made the Dawning-Place of His names, the Dayspring of His attributes, the Treasury of His knowledge, and the Source of His Cause, and upon His family and companions through whom God's Cause encompassed the East and West of the earth, and through whom was revealed that which was inscribed in the Books and their verses.

The servant beseecheth his Lord by them, and by their power and might, and their deeds and sincerity, and their humility and submissiveness, that He may assist Islam as He assisted it in the beginning, that the whole of religion may be made manifest, though the ungodly may detest it.

To continue: O beloved of my heart! Although each of your letters was a volume telling of the sorrows experienced in separation, God is my witness that this servant too is utterly dejected and grief-stricken from separation from the loved ones. However, since beautiful patience shall be rewarded with abundant recompense, we must hold fast to it and cling thereto. Furthermore, since that beloved one's intention in all matters has been service, therefore it is recorded and inscribed among the most excellent of deeds. In this case, they should at all times be adorned with the ornament of joy. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to grant confirmation that they may attain to that which is acceptable and remembered in His presence.

At a time when mention of your presence and your services was emanating and flowing from heart and tongue, two letters arrived addressed to that beloved one from Jinab-i-Nayyib and Jinab-i-Aqa Ali Haydar, upon them be the glory of God and His favors. After they were presented, He said: "The loved ones should look to that which is good. It is not fitting to object to one who is commissioned to serve. Ali Haydar is in truth occupied with service. All should be content, not complaining. Glory be to God! Until now they have not gained awareness of what is befitting. Acceptance and rejection belong to God, exalted be His glory. They should look to and be content with what hath been revealed in God's Book. Blessed is the one whose will is dissolved in the Will of God and whose desire is merged in His Desire.

O Amin! Write a greeting to Jinab-i-Nayyib and ʿAli Haydar. Let them hold fast to what is good and be detached from the world. Praise be to God, they have attained recognition and are occupied with service. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for them that which shall endure in the realm of being throughout the duration of the Kingdom. Verily, He is powerful over all things." And may He assist them to achieve what befits His days. They have ever been and continue to be remembered. In all conditions We beseech for them that which shall never perish, and likewise We beseech God to grant them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We counsel all to wisdom and to that whereby the station of man is exalted. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower. End. This evanescent servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and beseeches God for assistance.

The letter that was addressed to that beloved one was sent, and another letter also arrived from his honor Haji Muhammad-ʿAli (M.Y.), upon him be the peace of God, addressed to that beloved one. After it was presented, He said:

> "O Amin! You have repeatedly mentioned him and the other friends. You have established a right upon all. Write to him on behalf of the Wronged One: Praise be to God, you hold fast to

and stand firm in that which is right. You have been and continue to be mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He withhold not His favors from you at any time, nor keep back His mercy. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O Amin! What he wrote is acceptable and correct. Give him and those with him the glad-tidings of the Wronged One's mention. Verily We have mentioned him time and again that he may rejoice and be among those who have attained."

End. His letter too was sent. Let them take note. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to them and all others. In all conditions I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance and confirmation for all. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to what was written regarding the trust, God willing it shall reach that beloved one. Be assured of this matter. The beloved of the heart, His honor Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be God's peace and favors, sent a letter, but since that beloved one wrote that he would proceed to Batumi and from there to that direction, therefore the reply to his letter was not sent to Constantinople. I beseech the True Confirmer and Spiritual Sustainer that his reply be sent as well. His mention and that of the spiritual friend, His honor Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be God's peace, has been and is continuous. To the honored beloved, His honor Nabil Ibn-i-Nabil and his son who attained and won victory, and the son of the honored beloved, His holiness S.M., upon them be God's peace and favors and bounties, I convey greetings and praise, and I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, everlasting blessings and enduring bounties and a goodly life for all. Likewise to the friends of that land and the honored beloved, His honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be God's peace, I send greetings. Their mention has been and is in the heart.

O beloved of my heart! The heedlessness and pride of the people of the world have deprived them of that which profits them. They were disturbed and distressed by the might of Islam and the power of its kings, and now matters have reached such a pass that every misbeliever has arisen to perpetrate oppression and has brought about whatever he desired. Today all the people of divine unity must wholly hold fast to the cord of God's favors, and we must beseech and implore Him that He may transform this weakness into strength and this impotence into power. If no effort is made to make amends for what was lost, new losses will occur at every moment. The sleep of heedlessness has overtaken all, and the intoxication of passion has deprived all save whom God wills.

This servant and that honored one and all must beseech the True Powerful One to first grant the success that all may be cleansed with the water of repentance and be adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, religiosity, chastity, truthfulness, sincerity, sanctity and faithfulness, and we must seek from Him that which is the cause of the exaltation, loftiness, ascendancy, elevation, glory and might of the people of divine unity. God is witness and well aware that what was said was for God's sake and the purpose was the exaltation of the Word of Unity, but the heedless ones have attributed it to corruption and have brought about that which pen and tongue are powerless and fall short to mention.

In any case, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may not deprive His servants of the ornament of justice and fairness. He is the Hearer and He is the Answerer. I testify that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His singleness, and that He is the First and the Last,

and the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Hearing, the Answering, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Peace be upon you and upon those with you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 23 Safar 1304

BH00465: Wonder upon wonder, and astonishment upon astonishment, that this…

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

Wonder upon wonder, and astonishment upon astonishment, that this evanescent one, this lost one, should at the beginning of supplications, letters, epistles and missives make mention of the Sovereign of existence Who, through one blessed Word, hath raised up this mighty Announcement. Where is the lost one and where the Sovereign of existence? This mention itself hath been and is an error. Should all the peoples of the world desire to describe or praise a single letter of the Most Exalted Word which hath issued forth from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen, they would, if they be fair, confess their impotence. At all times have the pearls of wisdom and utterance been made manifest from the Treasury of His Pen, and the sweet-scented breezes of revelation have wafted from His verses.

Yet the sight and smell of the world have been deprived and forbidden, save for those souls whom all that existeth and is visible did not prevent from turning toward Him nor hold back from drawing nigh unto Him. They have drunk from the ocean of utterance and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. These are the dawning-places of God's names and the daysprings of His infinite attributes. In truth, mention and praise at this station pertaineth and beseemeth them. The Books, Scrolls and Tablets at this station do testify and bear witness.

Glorified art Thou, O God, Who causeth the rivers to flow, Who sendeth the winds, Who revealeth the verses and manifesteth the clear proofs! I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy might and authority, to aid Thy party in a manner befitting Thy days and worthy of their relationship unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them known by Thy Name. Adorn them with that which befitteth this supreme kinship and most exalted station. Thou, verily, art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. O my Lord! Thou seest this servant desiring to make mention of Thy Afnan and to describe him with that which Thou hast taught him through Thy bounty and favor, even though he perceiveth his tongue to fall short in making mention of him whom Thou hast related unto Thyself and made to be of the twigs of Thy Lote-Tree.

I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou hast adorned Thy loved ones with the ornament of service to Thee, kinship with Thee and aid to Thy Cause, to send down from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy Afnan that which shall endure throughout the eternity of Thy dominion and Thy celestial realm. When I beheld my powerlessness, poverty and need, I raised the hands of hope to the atmosphere of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy favors, that Thou mayest remember them as a bounty unto this feeble servant and a favor unto this poor and lowly one. Thou art He to Whose bounty all created things have testified, and to

Whose loving-kindness all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your service and your steadfastness! The handwriting of your honor, which was the dawning-place of divine love, illumined like light the dwelling place, the spirit and the heart. If I say it was pure and delicate water, I speak truly, for it refreshed the limbs; and if I submit it was the fire of divine love, this is right and correct, for the warmth of love was manifest and visible from all members. Blessed be ye, and blessed be your pen, and blessed be this servant who is mindful and present. God, exalted be His glory, doth witness and testify that at every moment the manifestation of favor from the divine realm of grace toward the Afnan of the Lote-Tree becometh apparent. This servant, as though with every tongue, doth offer praise: "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds!" In brief, after reading and becoming informed, I sought the station of the Throne, and after attaining the presence of that which was inscribed, was honored to hear the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

In My Name, the One Who gazeth from Mine all-highest horizon

The past year there appeared from the horizon of destiny that which was the measure of God's good-pleasure. An ignorant one occupied the seat of government in this city, forsaking what is good and practicing what is wrong, manifesting such wickedness that all things secretly engaged in lamentation and moaning. Yet the Wronged One was seen in joy and gladness. Night and day that one uttered base and unworthy words. Glory be to God! Through slight means he was observed to be so heedless as though he possessed not an atom of consciousness nor had been vouchsafed a drop from the ocean of knowledge. O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Beseech God to guide His servants and grant them awareness, that they may perchance discover their Source and Return and become cognizant of Him.

Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the station wherein Thy most sweet call was raised, and by the horizon from which the Sun of Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings, did shine forth, and by the ears that were blessed to hearken unto Thy call, and by the lands that were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the trees that attained unto the glances of the eyes of Thy loving-kindness, to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to face the lights of Thy countenance, and to draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory. O Lord! Debar them not from the ocean of Thy mercy and from the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. Thou art He Whose loving-kindness hath encompassed all, Whose mercy hath preceded all, and the Sun of Whose grace hath shone forth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After being presented before Him there appeared that which is the cause of the life of the world and the reason for the dawning of the Sun of generosity. A hundred thousand pities that the heedless and ignorant servants are unaware and veiled from this most great bounty and supreme favor! What is the cause of awareness and what is the reason for mindfulness? The signs have encompassed the world and the evidences have filled the realm of existence. Power and might have appeared manifest and resplendent before all faces, such that from the first day, despite the opposition and denial of the divines, jurists and princes, the Truth, exalted be His glory, alone and without any veil or covering, summoned kings and subjects to the horizon of His Cause and guided them. Not for a moment did the Tongue of

Grandeur pause. How can this evanescent servant be capable of mentioning what he hath seen and heard?

Praise be to God! That which hath appeared hath been before all eyes. No fair-minded one, no just one, and no truthful one hath denied or will deny it. Nevertheless, the deeds of the people have become a barrier and deprived them of their Creator. A Kurdish individual in this city was appointed to authority by the government and sat upon the seat of rule. We take refuge in God from his deeds, words and actions! Each day he manifested some injustice and was aflame with the fire of hatred. When he exceeded all bounds, divine justice seized him and the other officials who were his partners and confederates—the seizure of One mighty and powerful. In brief, through two days of authority he prepared for himself eternal retribution. Such is the condition of the people who are as beasts.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Mirza ʿAli Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. His petition was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. Praise be to God, he had previously been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen, and at this time too, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him from the heaven of God's will. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Your second letter, which was adorned with the date of the second of Muharram al-Haram, arrived. Its fragrance was the cause of joy and its perfume the dawning-place of gladness. Every letter thereof testified to your steadfastness. This evanescent one beseecheth and imploreth the Eternal Truth to grant success at every moment and to enable him to make mention and offer praise of the Afnan of the Blessed Tree. After being presented again at the Most Holy Court, it attained the honor of being heard. It is evident what the ocean of utterance manifested at this station and what bounties the sun of grace bestowed. Well is it with you and blessed are you! And mention of that blessed day which you made brought joy to all the world and refreshed both spirit and heart.

Whatever I might say at this point would not be fitting. Praise be to God, you yourself have tasted its sweetness and become aware of its effects. Through its power the day of sorrow was transformed into supreme gladness. It is hoped that the darkened hearts of the people of the contingent world may be illumined by the light of faith. The heedless people have become veils unto themselves and remained deprived of a hundred thousand outward and inward bounties. Alas! Alas! These two faithless and ephemeral days have held back the servants from all else, keeping them occupied with hell and heedless of heaven. Soon will they behold their recompense when sight is prevented from beholding, the tongue from speaking, the ears from hearing, and the temple from moving. In any case, this second was the first, nay rather was the first and the last, nay rather was the first and the last and the outward and the inward. What a subtle mystery it held within! What a covenant accompanied it! A hundred thousand pities that veils have deprived the people from witnessing, hearing and perceiving the fragrance of these days, and they remain engaged in their vain imaginings, all unaware.

Your other letter, written on the sixteenth of Muharram al-Haram, bestowed fresh splendor and boundless illumination upon the gathering of the friends. After being read and reviewed, it was taken to the Presence and attained the honor of being heard. Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

> "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy mention hath ever been made in the divine Kingdom and the gaze of My favor hath been directed towards thee. The

> Supreme Pen hath testified to thy acceptance and devotion, and this testimony is, in the sight of God, greater than the treasures of the world and whatsoever hath appeared therein. Know thou this and be of the thankful. The servant in attendance here made mention of thy letter in Our presence. From the Dawning-Place of divine favors and the Day-Spring of the Sun of celestial mercy there appeared that before which the ancient boweth down in worship when compared to its newness. Blessed art thou and well is it with thee. And that which testified to My Afnan from thy mother and thy wife, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, was presented before Us. We have answered them with that from which the light of My loving-kindness and the sun of My grace and the moon of My mercy have shone forth. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds."

Praise be to God that at all times, every moment and every instant you have been and are the recipient of His special favors. This is that bounty which description cannot attain and praise cannot reach. To this beareth witness our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. As to the mention made of Mashhadi Husayn and Khan, upon them be the Glory of God, praise be to God they are adorned with the ornament of faith and are blessed with acceptance. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist His loved ones in all conditions in whatsoever He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladness to their hearts. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Some time ago two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for them and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them and be illumined by the light of the divine words. And one Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for Aqa Mirza Jalal, upon him be the Glory of God. Let them forward it that he may inhale the fragrance of the utterance and be among the thankful ones. Glory and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who have attained your presence and recognized your station before God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant. On the 24th of the month of Safar 1304.

Your remittance of twenty-nine (29) English pounds through his honor the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, was received.

BH11607: All praise, sanctified from pen and ink, and purified…

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

All praise, sanctified from pen and ink, and purified from paper and tongue, befitteth the Goal of the worlds, Who, despite the barring of ways and the blocking of paths, and the opposition of rulers and the negligence of divines and the might of the clergy, hath through the finger of power unlocked the gate of attainment. Whosoever wished entered, and whosoever wished departed….

As to the mention that was made of Jadhba and Faran, after being submitted before His presence, these exalted words were revealed from the dawning-place of the heaven of utterance of the Goal of all the

worlds. He saith, exalted and sanctified be He: O friends of God in Jadhba! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One which hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison when He was in the hands of the oppressors. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise to wail, and the clouds to cry out, and lamentation to arise from the Concourse on high, by reason of what the hands of the heedless have wrought. The Chief of Akka hath been set ablaze with the fire of hatred and hath committed that which Nimrod did not commit when he turned away from the Friend of God, while the Wronged One remained seated upon the throne of joy, speaking that which He desired.

Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. His circumstances and his transgressions have not withheld Us from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds. My Most Exalted Pen hath been racing in the field of wisdom and utterance, despite him and those who followed him without any clear proof or illuminating Book. O people of Jadhba! Rejoice in what hath been sent down to you from the heaven of bounty—the Kawthar of eternity. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O people of Faran! The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned towards you and hath mentioned you with that which was a light among the servants, a herald throughout the lands, and a path for every truthful and faithful seeker. We have sent down for you in these days that which testifieth to God's loving-kindness and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have sent unto you a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the light of grace from the presence of One mighty and powerful. When ye attain unto My verses and perceive the fragrance of My garment, say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be to Thee, O Desire of the nations, for having remembered us in Thy Most Great Prison when Thou wert in the hands of the opposers. We beseech Thee to aid us to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for us the reward of attaining Thy presence, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O party of God! Today ye must be set aglow with the fire of the Lote-Tree and be illumined by the light of oneness, that the horizons of those regions may be brightened and the light of faith may shine forth. For every deed that appeareth today for the sake of God hath no likeness or equal, inasmuch as all days, centuries and ages bow down in humility and submission before this glorious, wondrous and blessed Day. In the nights and days, beseech ye God—exalted be His glory—that He may aid you to achieve that which beseemeth His Day. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon them who have quaffed the choice wine of recognition from the chalices of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the people, save those whom God desired, the Mighty, the All-Praised, turned away therefrom.

Praise be to God! Again and again have the people of attraction and Faran attained unto the divine verses. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Clement, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The loved ones in the surrounding regions and Kakhk have all, on this blessed night, been blessed with the effulgent lights of the Sun of grace and bounty. As bidden, make mention of them all and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, mercy, loving-kindness and bounty—exalted be His glory—that perchance they may be quickened by the Kawthar of divine glad-tidings and attain unto life everlasting. Verily our Lord, the All-Bountiful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful….

BH03893: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names.

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down to him who desireth to quaff the choice Wine sealed by My Self-Subsisting Name, and to turn toward the lights of the Countenance in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Husayn! He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath been made manifest. Beware lest the ornaments of earthly sovereignty prevent thee from the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful, and follow not every heedless and remote one—they who have adorned their heads with turbans and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this exalted Station to lament.

Say: If ye desire verses, they have indeed filled the horizons, and if ye seek clear proofs, read ye what hath been sent down from My Pen when the Wronged One was in Zawra (Baghdad) and in this mighty, exalted Station. By the life of God! The proof hath come, the evidence hath been perfected, and that which all who are in the heavens and on earth were powerless to comprehend hath appeared, except for those whom God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed.

We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them the glad-tidings of what hath been ordained for them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O people of God! Upon you be My glory and the glory of those who are in the heavens and the earth. When ye find the fragrance of My utterance and are overtaken by the wine of My mystic knowledge, say: Praise be to Thee, O our God, our Goal and our Beloved, for having enabled us to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy Cause, and for having guided us to Thy straight path. We beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy sacred Tree to make us among those whom the might of the world hath not deterred from turning toward Thee and beholding Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH04890: O Buzurg! Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Buzurg! Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly been blessed with the fragrance of the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. How excellent is that fragrance when it wafteth! This sweet-scented breeze giveth life, showeth the way, and leadeth to the goal. Samad, upon him be My glory, hath arrived and made mention of thee. Blessed is he who loveth you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to the people of God. Say: The days are passing and will continue to pass. Strive that ye may attain unto that which will ensure your salvation in this world and the next. The people of the world are occupied with the mention of the Truth, yet they remain deprived of His recognition.

The Tree hath grown, the Dawn of Hope hath broken, the Fire is ablaze and the Light is resplendent. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined and set aglow with the fire of divine love. This fire hath ever been and shall ever remain the reality of light. This fire guided the Son of Imran to the highest horizon and enabled him to hearken unto the Voice. We beseech God to assist His people and guide them to the Most Great Ocean that all may partake of that which bestoweth life and granteth everlasting existence. Convey My greetings to those who are related to His Holiness the Martyr and give them the glad-tidings of God's favors. The glory be upon you and upon those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have attained unto that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05123: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful from the Kingdom of Utterance, calling the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. O peoples of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth unto you from His most exalted horizon and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The verses have been sent down and the clear proofs have appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast certitude behind their backs, turning to the dayspring of vain imaginings. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are this day accounted among the most grievous losers in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

This is a Day wherein the Concourse on High circle round the Throne of God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the Hereafter and of the former times, yet most of the people are in manifest error. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, and the eye that hath beheld My tokens, and the ear that hath heard My call, and the tongue that hath spoken forth My wondrous remembrance. I give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him at a time when the learned ones of the earth and its divines have turned away from His straight path.

Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with verses that surpass all that the people possess, as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify. We make mention, too, of thy son as a bounty from Our presence, for We are verily the Kind, the Generous. We counsel thee and him to show forth the most great steadfastness and to observe that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Great. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, while the recompense of deeds shall endure with a guardian faithful. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05356: In My Name, the Subduer of all names!

In My Name, the Subduer of all names!

God is cognizant and all things bear witness that from the beginning of this Revelation until now, this Wronged One hath summoned all the peoples of the world—whether divines or rulers, believer or misbeliever—openly and without any veil, to the Most Exalted Horizon. Yet the people of the earth, both

high and low, learned and ignorant, have deprived themselves of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine Unity, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory be to God! They have failed to comprehend even a single letter of the Book, nor have they attained unto one drop from the ocean of divine knowledge. Those who considered themselves the most learned and accomplished among all the peoples of the world issued a decree to shed the Most Pure Blood. How many mystics who laid claim to mystical knowledge turned away when He Who conversed with God was seated upon the Throne of His Revelation, and thus found themselves deprived of the presence of the True Object of all knowledge.

O Rida! Hold thou fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the grace of the Lord of all humanity. Today the Great News hath appeared and the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath rent asunder the veils of majesty. Beseech thou God that He deprive not His servants and handmaidens, and grant them their portion from the ocean of knowledge. He is verily the Compassionate, the All-Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH05992: O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who…

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

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who hath been wronged. He counseleth thee to observe that which hath been sent down in the Book from the Supreme Pen. The world and whatsoever is therein hath come from nothingness and will return unto nothingness, but that which endureth and lasteth forever hath been and will ever be the Word of God. Praise be to the Ancient of Days Who hath enabled thee to attain unto it. He hath granted thee an ear that thou mayest hear His call, and bestowed upon thee eyes that thou mayest behold His signs, and extended unto thee the hand of grace that thou mayest take hold of His Book with complete certitude. His bestowals are beyond reckoning and His gifts are sanctified above all bounds.

His grace hath seized thee and His bounty hath confirmed thee. The divines and jurists of the earth are heedless and veiled, but thou, through His grace, hath attained unto His knowledge and found thy way to His straight path. Beseech thou God that He may preserve the bestowals He hath granted thee and vouchsafe unto thee a portion from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Upon thee and upon thy brother who hath been named Ali be the Glory of God. We give him the glad-tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. O Ali! Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth My gracious praise.

BH06369: O Abdullah! His honor Samad and Mihdi, upon both…

In the name of the one God!

O Abdullah! His honor Samad and Mihdi, upon both of whom be my glory, have arrived and attained, praise be to God, unto the divine true home. They have heard that for which the ears of the world were created, and beheld that horizon for whose vision the eyes of the nations were brought from nothingness

into being. Blessed is the soul whom neither the veils of the divines nor the clouds of the jurisprudents have withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon.

O Abdullah! Great is this Day, for the Mighty Announcement hath appeared, and momentous is this Cause, for the Most Great Name hath dawned above the horizon of the world. Say: O loved ones of God! Set your hearts toward the Ultimate Goal, that perchance ye may attain unto the fruits of the Uttermost Tree through the flowing of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God not to deprive His loved ones in that land and its surroundings from the outpourings of His days. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Luminary of the heaven of Thy power and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06103: In these days the emigrant unto God arrived…

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

In these days the emigrant unto God arrived and mentioned you in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Tablet was sent down from the heaven of will that you might attain unto it and discover the fragrance of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Today all things are occupied with remembrance and praise, yet most of the servants are heedless and veiled. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who aided you, guided you, gave you awareness and enabled you to attain the recognition of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of the Cause. This station is most lofty and exalted. We beseech God to assist you to preserve it. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me know Thee.

I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy verses and the dominion of Thy knowledge to aid me in that whereby my remembrance shall endure through the eternity of Thy most excellent names and supreme attributes. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. Do Thou preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies and every barking dog that hath risen to harm Thee and prevented Thy servants from turning unto Thee. Then write down, O my Best-Beloved, that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06108: The heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness is raised high…

In the name of the one incomparable God.

The heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness is raised high, the Sun of utterance is resplendent, and the lights of His countenance are manifest. Verses are being revealed and clear proofs encompass all, yet the people remain deprived and forbidden. The hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginings have held them back from the lights of certitude, save whom God willeth. Say: O servants! Strive that perchance ye may hearken unto the divine call and attain unto that which ye sought from God, exalted be His glory, throughout ages and centuries—the attainment of His presence.

O Yahya! Take hold of the Book of God with the hand of submission and certitude, despite those who cast it behind their backs, and say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me, caused me to recognize Thee, called me to Thy mighty announcement, and guided me to Thy straight path.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of the realm of might, by Thy command through which Thou hast subdued the world, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. Ordain for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

BH06371: O ʿAli-Haydar, praise be to God that thou hast…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O ʿAli-Haydar, praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and acknowledged the oneness of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they who attain unto this most exalted and glorious station. This is the station of true divine unity and spiritual oneness. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause with such confirmations as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, that all may arise and, through the waters of wisdom and utterance, quench the fire of hatred and animosity of the parties of the world. Today the sun of loving-kindness is shining from the horizon of the heaven of divine grace.

Some time ago, a Most Holy Tablet was sent through the son of My Name Asdaq, upon them both be My glory and loving-kindness, that the thirsty ones might drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and become engaged in the praise and glorification of God.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom no blame of the blamer, nor doubts of the heedless, nor oppression of the tyrant, nor clamor of all the world could keep back from God.

BH06828: O Husayn! Verily, Husayn remembers thee from the prison-quarter…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O Husayn! Verily, Husayn remembers thee from the prison-quarter at this hour when sorrows have encompassed him from all sides through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto every doubting denier. We have remembered thee before and after, and at this manifest hour. We beseech God to assist thee and to reinforce thee with the hosts of the unseen and the visible realm, and to draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

He who circumambulated the House hath appeared and mentioned thy name. We have remembered thee as a bounty from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. When thou dost discover the fragrance of utterance, say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize Thee and guided me and enabled me to turn toward Thee when the learned ones of the earth and its people turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation and by the sweet-scented winds of Thy verses to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

BH06843: O ʿAbbas! The Wronged One of the world makes…

He is the Hearer, the All-Seeing

O ʿAbbas! The Wronged One of the world makes mention of thee with a mention whose sun shall never set nor decline from the horizon of utterance. This is the mention wherewith those near to God and the sincere ones have been mentioned, and through which they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is that Most Great News which hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in the divine Books, and whereby all who dwell on earth were given glad tidings of His days. Praise be to God that thou art enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and art turning unto the lights of the countenance of God. This is the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning you, in the name of the Truth, exalted be His glory.

Preserve this most exalted and most high station. Blessed is the one whom the might of the world hath not kept back from the Lord of Eternity. Such a one is of the people of Paradise in the Book of God. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to that which beseemeth His Day. The glory that shineth forth and dawneth from the horizon of My Pen be upon thee and upon those who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth.

BH06628: The Promise has come, and the Promised One calls…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

The Promise has come, and the Promised One calls out from the most exalted horizon to all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, that He may draw them nigh unto the supreme summit—the station wherein the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens proclaims:

> “Verily there is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.”

Hearken unto the call from the divine Lote-Tree raised up upon the luminous spot—verily it will draw thee near unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having manifested the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens unto Thy servants, and for having summoned them unto Thy path which hath appeared through Thy irrevocable decree. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings, by the mysteries of Thy dominion and that which lay hidden in the ocean of Thy

knowledge, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. Then cause me, O my Object of Desire, to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Generous."

BH06873: O Masum! We beseech God to illumine His loved…

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

O Masum! We beseech God to illumine His loved ones with the light of true unity. The pride and misbelief of the Shi'ih party deprived them on the Day of Resurrection from the Days of God and His knowledge. They did that which the Jews and Christians did […] From pulpits they engaged in cursing and reviling the Goal of all the worlds, and thereafter committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who preserved thee and guided thee and […] bestowed upon thee the fruit of existence—awareness. This station is mighty; preserve it through the Name of Truth, for the croakers lie in wait and have ever done so. And beseech God that He may aid thee to preserve what He hath bestowed.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and guided me to Thy path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to grant this plea.

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BH06794: O Ahmad! Night and day render thanks and praise…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O Ahmad! Night and day render thanks and praise unto God, exalted be His glory, for He hath caused thee to attain unto His days, hath guided thee and shown thee the way. This blessed Day is mentioned as the Day of God. Today through the key of the Most Great Name the gates of bounty, mercy, compassion, knowledge and understanding have been opened before the faces of the world. Blessed is the soul who hath drunk of the sealed wine through the name of the Self-Subsisting Lord and hath turned with heart and soul toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the loved ones in that land. Say: O people of God! The path is manifest and the balance is evident. Strive that ye may attain unto that which beseemeth the Day of God. Beseech ye God that He may enable all and give them to drink from the chalice of steadfastness, that all may be observed as firm and steadfast upon the straight path in such wise that the conditions of the world and the doubts of nations may not withhold them and deprive them from the Most Great Ocean.

BH07039: Praise and glory befit the Lord of Names…

Praise and glory befit the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Whose Word is a sharp sword for the idolaters, and for those who recognize His unity and turn to Him, it is a conclusive proof and a radiant light. He is the Self-Subsisting One Who, with the finger of might, unsealed the choice wine and summoned all people of the world, both high and low, unto Him and guided them. Blessed is the one possessed of power whom neither the might of the oppressors rendered weak nor held back from turning to Him.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the earth yielded up its treasures, the horizons their lights, the seas their pearls, and the Divine Lote-Tree that which lay hidden within it, to assist Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy praise and glory and to promote Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast sent down in Thy Book….

BH07276: The seekers have arrived and attained unto the hearing…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

The seekers have arrived and attained unto the hearing of the Call of the Lord of Names. Praise be to God, they have reached the supreme horizon and heard the call of the Divine Lote-Tree. Neither land nor sea could prevent them. The unseen hosts of God aided them until they reached a station that transcends mention and description. Blessed is the seeker who, with permission, pursued the ultimate goal and attained the highest summit. Those souls who are enkindled with the fire of love and are firm and steadfast in the Divine Cause—even if outwardly they do not attain, the reward of attainment has been inscribed for such souls by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. The people are heedless. By My life! Whatever is witnessed cannot compare with a single word from the words of Truth. Praise the Desired One of the world Who hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and caused thee to attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. The Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and firm one.

BH11808: Say: My God, my God! All praise be unto…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

Say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, for having guided me unto Thy path, for having shown me the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and for having summoned me to the supreme heights. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Subjugator of the Winds, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the shrill voice of Thy Pen, O Lord of humanity and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book, to render me aided in Thy service, speaking in Thy praise, and acting in accordance with that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O my Lord! Thou knowest what is with me, and I know not what is with Thee. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty to enable me to preserve that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, Thy gifts, Thy grace and Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O

my Lord! Ordain for me in all conditions that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, that I may arise to serve Thee amidst Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

BH07322: O Ahmad! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee…

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

O Ahmad! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, that He may draw thee nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful. We made mention of thee before in a Tablet that shone forth from the horizon thereof with the radiant light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. In these days there hath come upon Us that which hath caused the Most Exalted Paradise to lament by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The idolaters have indeed interposed themselves between Me and My loved ones, having followed every heedless and remote soul. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn towards Thy most glorious horizon when the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen was raised up, and for having made me to hear Thy call and to recognize the Dayspring of Thy verses and evidences and the Dawning-Place of Thy lights. I beseech Thee to make me, in all conditions, acknowledging of Thy oneness and Thy singleness, moving by Thy will and Thy purpose, and well-pleased with and acting according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH07985: He Who is the Compassionate, the Bountiful

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O Himmat! We have made mention of thee with a mention before which all mentions bow down, and with an utterance around which circle the utterances of the chosen ones. Say:

My God, my God! With what tongue can I recall Thy gifts and bounties? I was heedless—the breezes of Thy Revelation awakened me. I was asleep—the fingers of Thy grace pinched me and raised me up to Thy Cause. I was ignorant—Thou didst guide me to the ocean of Thy knowledge and learning. I was silent—Thou didst cause me to speak forth Thy praise. Thou art He Who, O my God, guided me to Thy path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy lights, the Source of Thy inspiration, and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things, to assist me in that which its fragrance will never cease to endure through the perpetuity of Thy dominion and kingdom, and Thy might and power. Then write down for me, O my God, my Goal and my Object of worship, the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH07942: O Haqqvirdi! Praise be to the Goal…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Haqqvirdi! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee in recognizing the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He bestowed life, established foundations, granted knowledge, conferred faith—if ye would count the favors of God ye could not number them. It behooveth you in these fleeting days to acquire everlasting and eternal reward.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy wisdom and by the penetrating power of Thy Most Exalted Word, and by Thy might, O Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven, to make me confirmed in Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones whom nothing whatsoever could hinder from turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent to do as Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

BH08574: O Ali! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged…

He is the One Who gazeth from the Kingdom of Utterance.

O Ali! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and know thou of a certainty that this is that Voice which Moses heard from the Sinai of divine knowledge. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that the ears of the world were created for these days and the eyes of the nations were brought forth from sheer nothingness into the realm of existence specifically to behold the signs of this Revelation. We beseech God to aid thee to stand firm with supreme steadfastness, for the barking ones have aimed and continue to aim at the divine dominion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Name through which Thou hast guided Thy servants unto Thy path, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord, that the tempests of the allusions of them that have turned away, who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs, may not move me. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08147: Verses have been revealed and evidences made manifest, yet…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord

Verses have been revealed and evidences made manifest, yet the servants remain heedless and veiled, occupied with that which is transient and deprived of the presence of the Eternal One. This is the day of remembrance and praise. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the world have not prevented or deprived from the lights of certitude. Glory be to God! The ornaments and ephemeral colors of the world have made people heedless of the divine eternal Kingdom. Soon He will seize all according to their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Wise. Today the Self-Subsisting Lord is manifest and the sealed wine is witnessed. Say: O servants, hasten that ye may attain to that for which ye were created from nothingness. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to the people of earth. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned towards it, and woe unto those who turn away. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH09687: O Ghulam-Rida! Strive thou that thou mayest attain unto…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

O Ghulam-Rida! Strive thou that thou mayest attain unto that which is great in the sight of God. Today the Sun of Truth is risen, and the Light of Divine Unity is manifest, and the Path of God is evident, and the Balance is visible. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and hath held fast unto the cord of steadfastness. The Shi'ih sect account themselves the most learned and the most favored among all the peoples, yet on the Day of Manifestation they were found to be the most ignorant, the most abject, and the most lost among the peoples of the world. Some among the people of the Bayan likewise clung to vain imaginings. God protect us and you from the evil of such as these. We counsel the friends unto that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. Blessed is he who holdeth fast and acteth accordingly, and woe unto those who turn aside and are heedless.

BH01297: I testify that there is no God but Him…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

I testify that there is no God but Him, acknowledging what the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and affirming what He revealed in His decisive, revealed and manifest Book. Prayers and peace be upon Him Who shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of all worlds, Who was adorned with His most beautiful names and supreme attributes, Who was the Purpose of the creation of the world and the appearance of nations, and through Whom prophethood and messengership were sealed by the command of God, the Lord of creation, and upon His family and companions through whom the veil of idle fancies and vain imaginings was rent asunder among the peoples, and the light of certitude shone forth from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, and through whom the Kawthar of divine knowledge flowed throughout creation and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branches that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: may my spirit be sacrificed for you, some time ago this servant was blessed with the traces of the Pen of that Beloved One—may God exalt Him. From His words wafted the fragrance of true sincerity and spiritual attraction to God alone. Although the fragrance of spring is with the trees, and pure water with the saplings, and the Kawthar of union with the seekers, and the Salsabil of meeting with the lovers, a hundred thousand praises be to the Purpose of all worlds Who adorned the Afnans of His Tree with that which befits His grace and bounty. After reading and learning of it, He intended to present it before His presence where it was honored to be heard.

O My Afnan, upon you be My peace. In truth, your separation has been prolonged—the Wronged One bears witness to this and He is the Just and Trustworthy Witness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant you a full portion from the oceans of His gifts and bounties, and to illuminate you with the effulgences of the Day-Star of grace. He is the True Bestower and the Eternal Giver. No matter has ever prevented His grace, and no thing has ever blocked His bounty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. End.

Praise be to God, you have ever been and continue to be blessed with special favors. Whatever this servant might express in this regard would be counted as audacity. I seek forgiveness from God, the Great, for this great audacity.

As for the delay in responding to your letter, I have been and remain ashamed, but you know that in some days opportunity is lacking, as the matter is evident and manifest, and that Spiritual Beloved One Himself is witness and testimony to the truth of this servant's plea. My excuse is, God willing, acceptable to the Afnan of the Blessed Tree, may my spirit be sacrificed for them. I beseech and hope for the wondrous favors, bounties and gifts of God, exalted be His glory, that soon the carpet of nearness will be spread and the rug of remoteness rolled up. In truth, when the Day-Star of meeting rises, pen and tongue are incapable and fall short of describing it, as confirmed by those endowed with vision and the people of the Most Sublime Vision. Now, on this Saturday night, the 15th of Rabi'ul-Awwal, He is present before His face and again makes mention of you, meaning that through God's grace, exalted be His glory, you have been and continue to be remembered. Likewise, mention was made by the Beloved of the honored Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the glory of God. This servant also conveys greetings and praise to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, for his success and confirmation.

My God, my God! Thou hearest the cry of the lovers and the plaint of those who yearn for Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy chosen ones from the evil of Thine enemies and didst exalt Thy Cause through Thy power and might, to assist Thy loved ones to do what is pleasing and acceptable unto Thee. Then ordain for them, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of generosity surged throughout the world, that which shall profit them in the hereafter and in this world, and shall draw them nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Lord of grace abounding. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In truth, whenever this servant intends to write in service to the Afnan, he finds himself possessed of such eagerness that neither paper nor pen can contain it. Love and affection bear witness to this and testify thereof. However, as attention must be given to that which is essential, these brief missives must suffice, else the pen would find no rest from the fire of longing, nor would the tongue choose silence. In any case, I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to aid in that which befits pure servitude unto His own Self. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those who are with you, and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01549: Praise, sanctified from utterance and exposition, befitteth and beseemeth…

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong greatness and power.

Praise, sanctified from utterance and exposition, befitteth and beseemeth the Goal of the world, Who through the light of Hijaz illumined the world of metaphor with the light of truth, and through the fragrance of Batha perfumed the horizons. Exalted be His greatness, perfect His proof, and complete His testimony. And blessings and peace be upon the noblest of His creation and Dawning-Place of His names, and upon His family and companions through whom was manifested God's power amongst His servants and His might throughout His lands. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty to assist the people of

unity to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, whereby Thou didst separate between the believers and the ungodly, and guided those who turned unto Thee to Thy straight path, and taught them what would preserve them from that which harmeth them outwardly and inwardly.

Then I beseech Thee, O Goal of the world and Object of worship of the nations, to enable them to do what Thou lovest and approvest, that perchance sorrows may be changed to joy, abasement to supreme glory, and weakness to the power which Thou hast mentioned in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! The illustrious letter which was issued from the exalted pen bestowed the bounty of joy and granted the food of gladness. This food is in truth, in its primary station, the most delicious of the world's bounties. The servant beseecheth the Lord of the throne and earth to strengthen your honor and to ordain your nearness and return, and to manifest through you that which will diffuse its fragrance throughout the world through the eternity of His most beautiful names and His supreme attributes. Verily He hath power over all things.

You sent the letter of his honor Aqa Mu'azzam (Ismu'llah al-Asdaq), upon him be from all things the Most Glorious Splendor. It caused boundless joy. In truth it was a musk-pod of delight which was opened in this land, for it was adorned with mention and praise of the Goal of the worlds, and likewise with news of the health and well-being of the Afnan in that land. The servant beseecheth for his honor and those with him glory, exaltation, wealth, bounty and power. After its reading and perusal it was presented before the Countenance and He said:

"O My Afnan, upon thee be My glory! Act according to what We have spoken and commanded." It was a comprehensive word that issued from the tongue of the Wronged One, namely that whatever reacheth you, take it and be honored with its acceptance, but it should remain with your honor as a trust, that perchance the purpose of the Afnan, upon him be the glory of the All-Merciful, may be realized. Verily We send greetings upon thee and upon those who have loved Me and do love Me. End.

Praise be to God, they arrived and the news of their arrival, well-being and tranquility was each a herald speaking. In all conditions we offer thanks and praise to God, glorified be His majesty, for He hath bestowed that which hath had and hath no likeness, peer or similitude.

And regarding the House, we hope that the intention of his honor Aqa Mu'azzam (Ismu'llah al-Asdaq), upon him be the Most Glorious Splendor of God, may be realized and may come from the world of ideals into the world of being. To the true beloved one Aqa Mirza Muhsin, upon him be the Splendor of God, there is somewhat of a name present, rather a whole world of regret, for I was not successful in presenting a response to his blessed letter, but there is hope that now efforts will be made to make amends. Mention was made of the spiritual beloved Janab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be God's peace. Praise be to God, this too increased the bounty of joy and delight. God willing may they be confirmed and assisted in what they have intended and do intend in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01463: Praise be to the One Who is worthy…

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty!

Praise be to the One Who is worthy and deserving, Who in His grace ordained in the words of His Afnan that which captivates the heart and bestows fresh lustre to the eyes. And blessings and peace be upon the Seal of the Prophets, through whom the fragrance of divine unity was diffused throughout the world and the banner of power was raised amidst the nations, and upon His family and companions, through whom God transformed disbelief into faith, vain imaginings into certitude, darkness into light, ignorance into knowledge, and discord into harmony, and through whom the hearts of those who turned to Him found peace while the limbs of those who turned away trembled.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! Your distinguished letter, which is beyond description and characterization—for in truth it was an utterance sanctified above expression and a mention purified from all mention, transcending the limitations of the human world—by the life of our Lord, from it was inhaled the pure, pure, pure, pure fragrance unto the endless end—pure in divine love and immersion in the ocean of heavenly affection. In brief, it arrived in such wise that were it to reach barren soil it would cause it to flourish, and were it to pass over a pool it would transform it into a sweet ocean. When this servant partook of the wine of your utterance, he soared on the wings of trust and resignation until he attained the presence of his Lord and presented what was in the letter. He—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—said:

The servant, while intoxicated with the wine of love for the Afnan, was present before the Face and presented that which bore clear witness to the Afnan's adherence to and grasp of the Strong Cord of God and His Luminous Hem. After the completion of the letter, the servant said:

> "That which was befitting to be mentioned in numbered days has been written, or we shall write for him—that is, in explanation of what was uttered before the Face in known months."

Blessed be you, and your turning to God, and your mention, and your utterance. He beseecheth God to assist you and strengthen you as He hath strengthened you. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

What can this servant say or mention? The All-Seeing is aware and present as witness. This evanescent one drank the wine of joy, nay, consumed the ocean of delight from the spirit of your mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and of utter powerlessness and nothingness. I beseech God at every moment to rain down upon His Afnan from the heaven of grace the waters of mercy and to send down the verses of His loving-kindness. When the letter was presented in the presence while some of the denizens of the pavilion of infallibility were present, all expressed special favor. Blessed be its writer and sender, and happy be its reader. All the circling men and women send their praise, glorification and greetings. For this servant, silence is more fitting at this point, as no scope remains for pen or tongue.

Another submission: Since the numerical value of the name of Haji Muhammad ʿAlaqih-band—upon him be the Glory of God—corresponds with the value of the previous name, it was not accepted. They said patience is preferable, that the matter may be made manifest later. And They said regarding these deeds

and such matters, We ordain that which serves to educate the servants, that all may look to what is most excellent and befitting.

To the honored master, His Holiness the Afnan Haji Siyyid ʿAli—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—I convey greetings and praise, and likewise to the honored master Haji Muhammad-Rida and the dear brother Aqa Mirza Husayn—upon them both be the Glory of God. I remember each one; praise be to God, they have been and are remembered, and are distinguished by special favors. I beseech and hope from God that He may ordain what befits His grace and bounty. Bounty is in His hand and generosity is in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and blessings be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones and upon His sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00470: Praise and glory befitteth the loved ones…

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

Praise and glory befitteth the loved ones of the Lord of Names, whom neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the prevention of the preventers hath withheld from mention, praise, service, turning unto God and obedience. He hath confirmed His Amin through His manifest Name and made him the point of reference for befitting affairs. Success hath been and is with him, and divine bounty hath been and is with him. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to increase at every moment his sincerity, confirmation, success and service. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind, Who heareth and answereth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

To continue: O beloved of my heart, a letter was sent when you were in the great city, and likewise another letter after that, and this is the third letter. God willing, they have reached and will reach you. Praise be to God, you are mentioned as though you were present before the Countenance. At this moment these exalted words have been revealed from the Sovereign of Names and Attributes—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> “O Amin! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Verily We have been well-pleased with thee.”

This is that Word which hath been the desire of those near unto God and the sincere ones. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear this Word from the Supreme Pen. Know thou its worth and station, O Amin.

Hearken unto My call. Thou shouldst appear before the loved ones of God with the utmost humility and submissiveness. Convey to each one greetings from the Wronged One. In the divine Tablets, mention of all hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. Say: O people of God! Know ye the value of these days and arise to reform the world. Praise be to God, ye have attained unto that which hath been recorded and inscribed from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. His Eminence Amin hath mentioned each one in the Most Holy Court and hath sought for each that which cannot be limited by descriptions and mentions.

O people of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and fix your gaze upon the horizon of this word which hath shone forth from the highest horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen. He saith, and His word is the truth: He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Whosoever is enabled to acknowledge this blessed and exalted word shall find himself confident, detached and free, and shall confirm whatsoever floweth from the Supreme Pen, even were He to pronounce light to be darkness, or above that or below that. He is the All-Knowing and the All-Encompassing. None knoweth what He possesseth, but He knoweth what the people possess. This is that ornament that waxeth not old and perisheth not. The Son of Mary saith:

> "Thou knowest what is in me and I know not what is in Thee."

Whatsoever appeareth from the Dayspring of Revelation is the truth wherein there is no doubt, whether it be understood in accordance with outward reality or whether it appear, in the view and imagination of the servants, not to conform to reality—assuredly transcendent wisdom is concealed therein.

O people of God! The Most Exalted Pen has ever been moved to make mention of you. Beseech ye God that there may appear from you that which befitteth His days. Today the mightiest sword in the world hath been and remaineth the fear of God. O My loved ones! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through deeds and goodly character. Blessed is the soul that retireth to its bed at night with a heart purified from rancor and hatred, and that seeketh from God the good of all who dwell on earth. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. All the atoms of the world bear witness that this Wronged One hath desired the manifestation of this station, yet the people, heedless, have brought about through their imaginings that which hath caused the dawn to darken and the eve to lament. Had the helpless servants been free from the vain imaginings of the ignorant divines, they would have perceived the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance and would have circled round the blessed Word.

O Amin! Beseech God that He may aid His servants, that it may become clear and evident to all that the people of Baha have desired and will continue to desire naught save the betterment of the world. Thou didst make mention of the friends in various cities and regions. All have attained unto divine favors and been adorned with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Convey My greetings to those of the letter Ta. If thou shouldst see the Leaf, upon her be My glory and loving-kindness, say: Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, and give her the glad-tidings of My grace and mercy. Verily We have made mention of her in such wise as to attract the hearts. And convey My greetings and salutations to all other loved ones. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath honored, for the sake of God, those who have come. Happy is he and joy be unto him.

In the Tablet of Qaf mention was made of the souls referred to, and likewise of the various feasts held in that land for the sake of God. Illumine them all with the splendors of the light of the Day-Star of the All-Merciful's utterance. Verily He is with His loved ones, He seeth and witnesseth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve My loved ones.

Concerning the friends of the land of Kaf whom thou didst mention in the presence of the Countenance, all have attained that which is befitting. Praise be to God, the splendors of the Sun of Truth have encompassed them all. We beseech God to aid them all to preserve that which hath been bestowed. O

My loved ones there! Verily Amin hath appeared before the Countenance and made mention of you. We have remembered you in a perspicuous Tablet and have sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the ear that hath heard My verses, and the tongue that hath uttered My praise, and the hand that hath taken hold of My wondrous Book.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God wherever they may be found in any town or city. By the life of God! Every heart that hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon hath been and will ever be mentioned in the presence of the Throne. O people of the cities and regions! Give thanks unto your Lord for this most great favor. Verily He created you and aided you to turn towards Him on a Day whereon every heedless one who was far removed and every learned one who harbored doubts turned away.

Praise be to God, your traces are manifest and visible in this land. Your morning trips to the garden and your evening returns are mentioned by all. They tell of how you were occupied with labor during the nights and days, evenings and dawns, twilights and early mornings. The grace of God has transformed these labors into mercy. The purpose is that these traces have not forgotten and will not forget you. Rather, at every moment they mention the devotion, sincerity and steadfastness of that beloved one. These are heirs who have surpassed all other heirs. Today, whoever has attained unto a single word of the words of God, exalted be His glory, is a true heir. This heir has ever been and will ever be a righteous and pure successor, and throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven will speak in remembrance of the Father. How excellent is this lofty station and this transcendent bounty! Would that the servants were adorned with the ornament of justice and fairness and would not deprive themselves of this precedent mercy and this enduring, eternal blessing.

Regarding the matter of the Greatest Hill which was discussed between this servant and you, make no mention of it until such time as it may come to pass or God may bring about another matter. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter: As commanded, obtain a very fine, desirable and distinguished cloak, either from the superior cloaks of Nain or Ahsa, and give it in the name of God to the children's teacher, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. For some time ago he sent to the Most Holy Court the handwriting of the children who were studying with him, and he was promised a robe of honor. Repeatedly it was stated that the cloak must be distinguished. Some tablets and papers that had arrived were sent previously, and this time they will also be sent. God willing, they will arrive and be delivered.

At this moment, these supreme words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of mankind, exalted be His glory: "O servant in attendance! Write to Amin that in all conditions you must be mindful of the exaltation of the Cause of God and move according to His will." And likewise They said: "To Jinab-i-Afnan, that is Haji Mirza Aqa, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, make no mention of any matter and reveal no affair. Whatever he himself may say and do of his own accord, accept it; otherwise, no. O Amin! The Cause is mighty, mighty. Know its station and in all conditions observe its sanctity. The ornaments of the world and what is with the people have been and will be transient. Ask God to grant His servants that which is worthy of His days and befitting His Cause. The Afnan have ever been and will be mentioned. We beseech God to assist them and grant them success in what He loves and is pleased with." End quote.

This evanescent servant ever beseeches God to grant success to all in what has flowed from the Pen of His Command. The mention of today is different from other mentions, and the deed of today is different from other deeds. Verily our Lord is the Commander, the All-Informed, and the Wise Helper. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 26 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1304

Another petition: A barker from Kazimayn named Shaykh Muhammad, residing in Kirmanshah—that wretched one, according to some souls who were heedless and unaware of the Cause and had not even seen the chief manifestation of vain imaginings—has strayed from the straight path and is striving to lead the helpless people astray. Muhammad Ibrahim Qazvini, despite claiming steadfastness for years, harbored between himself and his son the fire of hatred and malice. The late Aqa Mirza Habibullah, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, supported the son, and this support became the cause of the father's withdrawal. Now he is occupied with deception, trickery, and schemes. At present, a knowledgeable person of dignity and composure should proceed to that land, and it would be well if at first he were to associate with some of the notable people of that place, so that gradually he may become aware of the truth of the matter—that is, recognize both the sincere believers and the hypocrites.

Thereafter, with wisdom and eloquence, he should invite people to the Law of the All-Merciful. He must conduct himself with great wisdom so that nothing may be obtained from him, such as a letter or writing. Whatever he has with him should be kept in a secure and safe place. It is not necessary for all the believers to know the location of the trust; one trustworthy person is sufficient, for guarding the tongue is most difficult. As soon as multiple people become aware, it will inevitably become known. As commanded, five tumans monthly should reach him while he resides in that land. His Holiness the Name 66, J.M., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and His Holiness the Beloved of Hearts, Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, should consult with that beloved one in the land of Ta. Whomever they designate should be sent. Glory and remembrance and praise once again upon you and upon those with you.

BH02496: O handmaidens of God! The honored Trustee is present…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O handmaidens of God! The honored Trustee is present and hath made mention of the maidservants of God, especially those handmaidens who in the Days of God have attained to service. This Wronged One in the Most Great Prison hath determined to make mention of each one.

O mother of Muhammad-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. My Most Exalted Pen testifieth to thy patience and steadfastness in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall call out thy name throughout the duration of My mighty and exalted Kingdom.

O sister of Abbas-Ali! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One and thou hast attained to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of utterance of the All-Merciful.

O Khayru'-Nisa! The Lord of Names calleth thee from the prison of the enemies and counseleth thee with that which is befitting. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained to the mention of God.

O Sakinih! Thy name was present before the Wronged One and thou hast attained to this most exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen. By the Ancient Beauty! The queens of the world died in their longing to recognize this station yet attained it not, while thou hast attained and achieved it. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous.

O Fatimih! Reflect a little: whence cometh this call that hath been raised, and from whom hath it come? If thou shouldst discover the sweetness of the blessed words "O My handmaiden," thou wouldst find thyself detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein.

O wife of Muhammad-Husayn (H.Y.)! The divines are shut out while the handmaidens of God have attained. This is from God's favor unto thee and unto My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One.

O wife of Muhammad-Husayn (H.S.)! The True One, while in the hands of His enemies, maketh mention of thee. The purpose of this mention hath been and is the enkindling of the handmaidens throughout the earth. By My life! Nothing among all things profiteth Me, nor doth any matter harm Me.

And all other handmaidens of God have in this moment attained to grace, and the mention of each one is recorded and inscribed in God's Book. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return.

And whatsoever ye sent of cloth and other items hath arrived. The honored Trustee, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath made and continueth to make mention of the believing men and believing women, the devoted men and devoted women, and hath sought and continueth to seek bounty for all. Thus doth the Wronged One testify in this moment.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon My handmaidens who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and whom the clamor of the world hath not held back from the Most Great Name—they who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, the Station from which hath shone forth the Day-Star of this Great Announcement.

BH02850: The True One, glorified be His majesty, is aware…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

The True One, glorified be His majesty, is aware and the kingdom of earth and heaven bears witness that this Wronged One arose for the sake of God and guided the servants of earth to the highest horizon. The tyranny of oppressors, the power of the deniers, and the croaking of the ravens did not prevent Him nor hold Him back from the Will of God. At every moment the ocean of utterance flowed from the Pen and the Kawthar of inner meanings streamed forth from the Tongue of Grandeur. However, the recompense of their deeds deprived the people from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Blessed are the souls whom the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings did not prevent from the choice sealed wine. They held fast to the Most Great Name and set their faces toward the ultimate goal. These are the souls whose mention hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the books of the past and future.

Praise be to God that thou didst rend asunder the veils and in the earliest days attained recognition, acceptance and understanding. This is the most exalted station and the highest summit. We beseech God to aid thee in that whose fragrance endureth and lasteth. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to thy relatives, and likewise to the friends in that land.

Say: O people of God! These days have no peer or likeness. Strive that perchance ye may succeed in that which causeth the exaltation of the Word of God amongst His servants.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the highest horizon and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. O Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll and by the Ark which Thou hast specially ordained for the people of Baha, to assist me in all conditions to remember Thee, to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then forgive those who are related to this servant of Thine. Verily Thou art the Lord of grace and bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy Command which hath encompassed all contingent beings, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy grace the reward of meeting Thee. Then make me to arise in service to Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and gazing toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation. Verily Thou are 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. And praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of all seekers!

BH03177: Praise be to God that thou hast attained, both…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

Praise be to God that thou hast attained, both before and after, unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. The pen and the tongue are powerless to describe this station. The entire world was brought from nothingness into being specifically for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, and was adorned with the ornament of existence. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Sun of Revelation, all were found to be deprived save whom God willed.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message, for having made known to me Thy proof, for having aided me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and the Dawning-Place of Thy attributes, O Thou Lord of Names, and for having preserved me on the path until I arrived at Thy Most Great Prison. Thy favors and gifts have encompassed me, such that Thou didst cause me to hear Thy most sweet call and didst show me the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, O Creator of the heavens. Through Thy grace and bounty I attained to that which the near ones attained, and through Thy loving-kindness and bestowals that which the sincere ones attained.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over both the unseen and the visible, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names and didst guide the people of the realm of creation to the most exalted summit, to render me in all conditions empowered to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Do not deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity, the ocean of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge Thy unity and Thy singleness, and that there is nothing like unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, by the stations which Thou hast honored with Thy footsteps, and by the verses which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will, to make me in all conditions hold fast to Thy cord, cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, be detached from all else but Thee, and speak forth Thy praise. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou pleasest by Thy power and ordainest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

BH00716: All praise, sanctified above what is witnessed and seen…

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

All praise, sanctified above what is witnessed and seen, befitteth the Lord of earth and heaven, Who, through the mighty, conquering, powerful, and masterful hosts of the Supreme Pen and its treasuries, hath conquered the cities of hearts and minds of the people of understanding, and hath bestowed fresh life upon a dead world. Whensoever existence contemplates His generosity, His hosts, His grandeur, His sovereignty, and that which hath appeared from Him—His signs and His evidences—it findeth itself bewildered, wonderment upon wonderment. Without arrayed armies, visible means, or penetrating weapons, from the beginning of days until now, with a steadfastness that hath shaken the foundations of the world, He hath summoned all with the most exalted call unto that which God hath willed, until the light of His Cause hath shone forth and radiated from the horizon of every land according to its measure. Glorified be His greatness and exalted be His sovereignty! There is none other God but Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of all contingent beings and Educator of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy power, at whose manifestation the might of the world and the strength of nations were enfeebled, to assist Thy loved ones to attain unto such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the world and the learned among the peoples to tremble. O my Lord! Thou seest how they have interposed themselves between Thee and Thy servants, and have prevented them from the river of Thy mercy and the ocean of nearness unto Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty, which the heedlessness, disobedience, rebellion and denial of Thy servants in all lands have not withheld, to assist Thy creation to turn unto Thee, to hold fast unto the cord of obedience unto Thee, and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letters have arrived continuously and successively. Praise be to God, their characters gladden hearts and their words bring joy to souls. The letters of God's loved

ones are, in truth, in the first degree, the supreme remedy for the world of existence, the manifestation of grace amongst the servants, and the banner of remembrance for all in the lands, for they were adorned with the sweet fragrances of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Each was presented and received its answer, but the greatest task, which is known and evident to that beloved one, has been the cause and reason for the delay in replies, and this matter is clear and evident to that beloved heart.

At the time of presenting them, the radiance of the Sun of loving-kindness was manifested in such wise that this servant was truly incapable of describing it at that moment. May my spirit be a sacrifice for His loving-kindness, for His remembrance, for His tenderness! However, this servant had begun the reply to your honor some time ago, and I beseech God for assistance in sending it soon. And now, on the twenty-fifth of Rabi'u'l-Avval, your new noble letter dated the fifteenth of Safar has arrived. Praise be to God, it attracted the heart and brought joy to the spirit; from its delight a complete effect was manifest, and after reading and observing it, I approached the presence of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, it was presented before His face and was honored to be heard. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! In the highest Paradise the Ultimate Tree hath spoken forth this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of the Kingdom of Names hath come. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which He hath. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of His Manifestation, His appearance and His sovereignty. Soon will His irrevocable Cause encompass all who are in the world, and the Herald will cry out from the right side: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained!" Blessed is the soul that hath attained and acted, and woe betide every heedless doubter.

O Leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned thee through that which causeth the light to shine forth, as a favor from Us unto thee, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto steadfastness and art occupied with His mention and praise. The ocean is manifest, the light is radiant, verses are being revealed, and evident signs are shining forth. The Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Manifestation, and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the shrill voice of the Pen are raised high, yet the people are in evident error.

Say: O servants! Deprive not yourselves. Soon shall all cry out "We turn unto Thee, O God of the worlds" and "We have returned to the court of Thy grace, O Beloved of them that know." Strive that perchance ye may receive your portion from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen and take your share. At all times the pearls of wisdom and utterance are manifest therefrom. Beware lest ye make yourselves to be of the deprived ones.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land. Verily We make mention of them through My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and give them glad tidings of My grace which hath encompassed all in the kingdom of earth and heaven. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be

upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this irrevocable, this wise Cause and this Great Announcement.

In truth, one is bewildered as to how to render thanks and in what manner to fulfill this duty. Were all things, the particles of the world of creation, the drops of the seas, and the leaves of the trees to become tongues, they would fall short, and this servant, with utmost lowliness, hath offered and continueth to offer thanks before that Beloved One, and since permission hath been granted, it is surely adorned with acceptance and illumined with the light of grace.

The petition of Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah Khan, upon him be the glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply—The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O ʿAbdu'llah! Give thanks unto the Object of all the world's adoration, Who hath made thee aware through the breezes of the dawn of His Revelation and guided thee. The whole world was created for the recognition of this Day and the service of His Cause, yet when the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Ultimate Tree were raised high, the entire party of the Shi'ih arose in opposition, save a few among the companions of Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i—upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are on earth and in heaven. Would that they had been content with mere opposition! They issued the verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood. When thou attainest unto the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and strengthened me to recognize Thy Day which Thou hast adorned with Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. All glory be unto Thee for having made known to me Thy mighty Announcement and Thine ancient Cause, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance until I turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy most glorious station. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Creation, by the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, to forgive me and my parents and those who have believed in Thee and Thy signs. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and hath taken no lord except Thee. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgent lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant of God! The Truth hath appeared for the purpose of attaining His presence, but the idolaters stand as barriers and the deniers as obstacles. We beseech Him to record for thee the reward of attaining His presence and whatsoever beseemeth His might, His sovereignty and His power. Glory be upon thee.

Praise be to God that his honor A' and Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, have attained unto the effulgent traces from the horizon of the Pen of the Beloved of the worlds. This servant also conveyeth his greetings to them and beseecheth confirmation from the Truth on their behalf. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful, worthy to answer prayers. I end these words declaring that there is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. I convey greetings, praise and salutations to all the loved ones in that land, and I beseech for all that which is the

cause of the reformation of the world and the education of the nations. It is hoped that in these days replies to the various letters will be sent. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of the Exalted Seat.

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BH01101: This servant beareth witness unto his own weakness, helplessness…

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

This servant beareth witness unto his own weakness, helplessness, and shortcoming, and beseecheth the one true God—glorified be His Name—that He may not deprive the peoples of the earth of the traces of the Pen and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. May He adorn the world of ignorance with the ornament of knowledge, and the world of darkness with justice. The days are His days, and the servants His servants; and change and transformation, and strength and power, are all held within the grasp of His might. He is the Sovereign, the Almighty, Whom no potentate's dominion hath hindered from His purpose, and no learned one's learning hath turned aside from His will. Let not the turning away of all who dwell upon the earth prevent the potency of the Most Exalted Pen.

Glory be to God! The world is astonished at the heedlessness of His servants. The Call is raised, the cry is uplifted; the Sun of Truth is risen, the Ocean of utterance surgeth, the Euphrates of mercy floweth from the right hand of the throne of the All-Merciful—yet the servants remain without portion and without share, save those whom our Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, hath willed.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word through which were enraptured the people of Baha, and by Thy Most Glorious Name through which hearts were drawn to Thy Most Sublime Horizon, and by that Name through which Thou didst transform darkness into light and tyranny into justice, and through which the ships of Thy Cause did sail upon the sea of Thy will—to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to direct themselves towards Thee. O Lord! Withhold not Thy creatures from hearkening unto the call of the Tree planted in the Most Exalted Paradise, nor from beholding that which hath appeared from the horizon of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, and through Whose grace all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. He desireth for himself naught but what Thou hast desired, and he, despite his weakness and poverty, wisheth to make mention of one of Thy Afnans who hath arisen wholly to serve Thy Cause, who hath turned to Thy horizon time and again, and who didst aid Thee when the Seat of Thy Throne was in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the nations had wrought. Verily, all grace is in Thy hands and bounty is within Thy grasp. Thou ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou

pleaseth. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy tribulations and by what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the enemies of Thy Self, to ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Daysprings of Thy Cause. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleaseth. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

My spirit be offered up for your detachment, and for your steadfastness and service. The trace of thy most elevated pen which was adorned with the love of God and illumined with the lights of supreme steadfastness was received, and with its two wings it soared until it was presented before His presence and was read, and when it was completed and concluded, the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, spoke:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Responding

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who uttereth My praise, who standeth in service to My Cause, who holdeth fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and who drinketh the choice wine of My love! Give thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of distinction among His friends and for having accepted from thee that which proceeded from thee. Verily, He desired thee and loved thee from the earliest days. O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy.

Praise be to God that thou hast been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Today the preamble of the Book of Divine Favor is adorned with this blessed word that was revealed aforetime: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." The Wronged One beareth witness that thou hast attained unto this most exalted station and this supreme summit. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

We have accepted what thou didst offer purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings unto My Afnan and remind them of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, and illumine them with the lights of the Orb of My loving-kindness. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To the honored ladies of the Afnan—the sister, her daughter, and her granddaughter—we convey greetings and glory. Praise be to God that they have attained unto that which was mentioned and recorded in God's Book, both past and future. May the glory that shineth resplendent from the horizons of the heaven of grace and bounty be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you, and who hearken unto your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Though your honor is not physically present, you have been and are mentioned in a remembrance that hath surpassed all remembrances of the world. The honored Mr. Haji Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, arrived with your letter. All that was written therein attained the honor of being heard and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. By command, each of the mentioned Afnan of the Blessed Tree attained unto that which hath no likeness or parallel. This evanescent servant also conveyeth greetings and glory to the honored and esteemed masters—may my spirit be sacrificed for their love—and I beseech from the True One for them that which beseemeth His grace, favor, generosity and bounty. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who hearken unto your words concerning God's momentous Call, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant 4th of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1304

The Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—convey their greetings and glory, as do the dwellers of the pavilion of chastity and grandeur. All remember your honor with utmost love, mercy, joy and delight.

BH02754: Say to the divines on behalf of Baha: According…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Say to the divines on behalf of Baha: According to your claim, We are at fault. Why did you turn away from the Seal of the Prophets? What error appeared from the Spirit? What crime was manifest from Moses? Be fair, by God, and be not among the wrongdoers!

If you say "We were not present in that age," We say that those who arose to revile, curse, turn away and object were like unto you. The divines of Egypt objected to Moses, the divines of the Torah and the idolaters to the Spirit, and the divines of the idols, the Gospel and the Torah to the Seal of the Prophets, bringing forth that which caused the Mother Book to lament. The divines of every age have ever forbidden people from turning to God and commanded them to turn away. Were you to reflect even less than that, you would testify to what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

Say: O concourse of divines! The path is clear, the proof manifest, the Book revealed and the Tree raised up. Fear God, glorified be His majesty, and act according to that which ye are bidden. Deny not the grace of God and deprive not the luminary of justice of light. By the life of God! This Day hath no peer or likeness. Cast aside idle fancies and turn to the horizon of certitude. Today there is no refuge or shelter for anyone except God alone.

Say: O concourse of the ignorant! Soon shall ye witness that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. This is the truth, there is no doubt about it. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive His servants of the ocean of His bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from God, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names.

Wisdom hath forbidden Us to reveal to the divines. We have revealed and said what must be said. If the world should say it beareth no fruit and leaveth no trace, it increaseth naught for the wrongdoers save loss.

BH03050: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Yusif, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God that thou hast been made to attain, through the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, unto the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing—and these are the acknowledgment and recognition of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed upon Sinai and of that which hath come from the presence of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

It behooveth you in all conditions to arise, in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory, to make mention and give praise and to serve the Cause with such arising that neither the opposition of the oppressors nor the turning away of the deniers shall hinder you. And you must, through the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, become so enkindled with the fire of the blessed Tree that its effects shall become manifest in the world. This is that mighty announcement wherewith all divine Books have been adorned and whereof all the Prophets and Messengers have given glad tidings to the peoples of the earth.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land, that perchance the mention of the Most Exalted Pen may assist the people of Baha to achieve that which befitteth this blessed Day. Say: Today, triumph and service have been and are through goodly character and pure deeds. By these hosts must assistance be rendered. We counsel all to fear God and to wisdom and utterance, and We beseech God to assist and enable thee and those who have believed to stand firm in His Cause and to act in accordance with that which will exalt His mention in His lands amongst His servants.

When thou dost find the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors from the Tablet of thy Lord, the Lord of all names and attributes, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear and to know and to learn and to be guided in a Day wherein the seat of Thy throne was the Most Great Prison, due to that which the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the workers of sedition among Thy creatures have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and the Ruler of the realms above, by Thy Name through which the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee were attracted and the hearts of them that have recognized Thee took flight, and by the lamentation of the sincere ones in their separation from Thee and their cry in their remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with.

Then ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of attaining Thy presence, O Lord of all humanity and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Then ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH03240: The Wronged One testifies in the Most Great Prison…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

The Wronged One testifies in the Most Great Prison that you have turned to the Supreme Horizon and heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and you bore hardships in the path of God, the Lord of all beings, and aided His Cause with your tongue and heart and all that you possess. All things bear witness to what has been sent down from My Pen at this hour. Verily your Lord is the Faithful Witness. In truth you have attained to that which most of the people of the world are deprived. You heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and were set ablaze by its fire, and turned to the lights of the countenance and held fast to the straight path and the mighty announcement.

There befell you in His path that which is known and recorded with God. All that has befallen you—trials and hardships and other matters from the taunts of the heedless and the deception and schemes of the transgressors and Bayanis—all is mentioned before the Wronged One and recorded by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you the reward of each of your deeds and to strengthen you hereafter as He strengthened you before, and to protect you with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Your letter which you sent in the name of Jud has been received in the presence. Whatever you mention is acceptable before the Face. Joy and gladness and expansion and delight are in His mighty grasp—He gives and withholds, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, the Hearing, the Seeing. We testify that you were as a piercing flame against the enemies of your Lord.

Sufficient for you is this supreme word whose light has shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen in this Most Great Prison and this exalted station. The glory from the heaven of My kingdom be upon you and upon those whom God has related to you and upon those who remember you with goodness for the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. Jinab-i-Amin has in these days repeatedly mentioned you in the presence […]. Upon you both be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy.

BH03696: The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy drawing nigh, thy presence, thy hearing, thy beholding and thy revelation. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which was mentioned and inscribed in the Book of God. Thou didst set thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and through the grace and assistance of God, exalted be His glory, thou didst reach it and enter therein, and didst hearken unto the Call. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed, and to ordain for thee that which shall cause thy exaltation and elevation.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the rain of Thy mercy was shed from the clouds of Thy grace, and by the Luminary of Thy bounty which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will, to ordain for me that which shall solace mine eyes, tranquilize my soul and gladden my heart. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the conditions of men nor the obstacles of those in the lands can frustrate. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and putting my trust in Thee. Leave me not deprived of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou hast power to do what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thou hast met the friends of God in every land. Convey to them the greetings of this Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. Say: This is the day of service and assistance, and assistance hath been and shall ever be through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Strive ye, that perchance those who thirst in the wilderness of utterance may attain unto the ocean of inner meanings, that the listless may be quickened and the dead may attain everlasting life. The glory

from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have quaffed the wine of mystic knowledge from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH04209: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned…

In the Name of the One Who remembereth, the All-Knowing

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned and attained unto the Day of God, the Lord of all worlds, and who hath heard the call of his Lord when it was raised in truth, and hath testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but I, the Single, the All-Informed. We make mention of those who have believed, with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the mystics who heard the call and answered their Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate, were attracted. We have remembered thee before, and at this time with a perspicuous Tablet. When thou attainest unto it and findest the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that seek! Blessed art thou and thy father who attained, recognized, heard and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter when seated upon the throne of His Great Name. His it is to say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, speaking Thy praise, and standing to serve Thy Cause amidst the enemies of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy grace, the ships of Thy power, and the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Name the Healer, by Thy Name the Sufficient, and by Thy Name the Helper, to purify me from every disease and malady and from all that hindereth me from drawing nigh unto Thee and arising to serve in Thy days. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who was mentioned before the Throne. We send Our prayers and salutations upon him. We beseech God to ordain for thee and for him what He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH05213: He remembereth from His Most Glorious Horizon

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O thou, My exalted Khalíl! He declareth, and beareth witness, to thine acceptance, thy turning unto Him, thy steadfast adherence, and thy firm grasp of the hem of the mercy of the Well-Beloved of all mankind. Praise be to God, thou art adorned and enkindled with the light of manifestation and the fire of the Sinaitic Tree—an enkindlement whose effects are manifest and evident.

Thy mention hath ever been made in the Most Holy Court. Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud and Samandar, upon both of whom be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, have mentioned and continue to mention thee.

O Khalil! We call to mind the days when thou wert beneath My shade and under the canopy of My glory, standing before My face, hearkening to My call, gazing toward My horizon, soaring in My atmosphere, attracted by My verses and holding fast to My strong rope. The wine of thy Lord's utterance so inebriated

thee that thou wert detached from all creation and didst speak His praise amidst the religions on a day when bodies took flight through their attraction to the verses of God, the Lord of all beings.

We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful at all times in that which will draw thee near unto Him. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful in the beginning and in the end.

The splendor shining from the heaven of My will be upon thee and upon those with thee and thy family who have witnessed and heard and said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

BH06164: I am He Who speaketh from Mine all-highest horizon

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A remembrance from the One Who remembereth unto him who hath turned to the Manifestation when the Call was raised from the Mount that there is none other God but Me, the Lord of the unseen and the seen, that the remembrance and praise may draw him unto the most exalted Summit and aid him to serve this Mighty Announcement whereof God's Messengers have aforetime given tidings and to which His perspicuous Book hath borne witness. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of them who have broken God's covenant and His testament and have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. Be ye not perturbed by the might of them who have denied God's Cause and His proof and have perpetrated that which hath caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. When the breezes of revelation take hold of thee, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge to aid all who are on earth to turn unto Thy horizon and to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He Who, O my God, through Thy grace hath testified unto all created things, and through Thy bounty unto all beings. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me and Thy servants from that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones who have cast the world behind them, turning unto the horizon of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09716: O My Leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree calls unto thee…

In the Name of the Lord of Days!

O My Leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree calls unto thee from the prison quarter. Today the Mount is filled with supreme joy, for it hath attained unto its Interlocutor, and the Lote-Tree speaketh: "Verily, I am God." Blessed are the hearts of those who advance, the eyes of the knowing ones, and the ears of them that draw nigh. Today […] of meanings is adorned with the ornament of remembrance and utterance. Every atom proclaimeth and giveth glad tidings […] but riches and hopes have deprived the servants from the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, and from the outpourings of this wondrous Day. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who assisted thee and granted thee sustenance from the fruits of the Tree of existence. We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad tidings of God's special favors.

BH03601: Today the clouds of oppression have veiled the rays…

In the Name of God, the Beneficent

Today the clouds of oppression have veiled the rays of the Sun of Justice, and outward means have so deluded the heedless that they have risen up to contend and dispute, and with utter tyranny have arisen, vainly imagining they can extinguish the light of the Divine Unity and quench the fire of the Divine Tree. Far, far from it! After all the strivings and endeavors of Pharaoh and his people, Moses appeared from his very household, despite his will. The hand of God is above their hands, and He is the Subduer over His servants, and He is the Mighty One whom neither the might of the world can weaken nor the clamor of the nations frighten. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who remembereth thee—verily for him is a station with God, the Lord of the worlds. And blessed art thou for having heard and turned and responded to thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O friends! We counsel all to that which is the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. The hosts which have been and shall forever be victorious and triumphant are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed are they who with these hosts have conquered the citadels of hearts. Beseech ye God to protect His friends from harmful deeds and to confirm them in that which befitteth His days. Verily He is powerful over all things.

We have indeed mentioned thy father in numerous Tablets with a mention that nothing on earth can equal. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in every state that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned and attained unto this Mighty News. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00521: Praise, sanctified above the mysteries of the pen…

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

Praise, sanctified above the mysteries of the pen and the eloquence of the tongue, befitteth the Lord of all mankind, whose mercy and grace have reached such heights that the tongues of them that are nigh unto Him are powerless and fall short of their mention. Like unto a tender and loving father, He hath guided and trained these servants as children, causing the pearls of His hidden counsels to stream forth from His Pen by night and by day, and manifesting from the Tongue of His grandeur blessed admonitions at all times, that perchance His servants might be delivered from the wilderness of error and turn towards and enter the realm of guidance. He hath sent down verses such that every just and discerning soul hath testified to their loftiness and greatness. He hath revealed evidences whereby every fair-minded one hath proclaimed “with Him is the knowledge of all things.” Through the hosts of verses He hath triumphed, and through the banners of clear proofs He hath encompassed the world. The might of the world hath not weakened His power, nor hath the strength of the nations altered His resolve. Glorified be His majesty, abundant be His favors, exalted be His station, pre-existent be His mercy, and manifest be His verses.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who orderest all things and Who art established upon the throne of Revelation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of light and by the Word through which was manifested the

decree of Sinai, to aid Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones in such wise that the doubts of the people shall not withhold them from the bounty of this Day, nor shall the signs of the transgressors debar them from the outpourings of this Day of Judgment. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward Thee and circling round the court of Thy will. I beseech Thee to disappoint them not through Thy generosity, nor to withhold from them through Thy grace. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power, then preserve them with Thy hosts. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Protector, the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

The letter you sent to the beloved presence of Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, may the Most Glorious Glory of God be upon him, was forwarded to the Most Holy Court. Every letter thereof was a clear book testifying to that beloved one's devotion, acceptance, humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of the Worlds. Its fragrance bore tidings from the garden of inner meanings, and its melody made known the songs of the spiritual nightingale. Glory be to God! Everything that appears from the world of love is complete and perfect. The world may perish, but the ignorant one will not remain ignorant, for even if he does, despite him, the Word of God descends and penetrates, the Cause of God appears and prevails.

The power of the ignorant ones—meaning the clergy—cannot prevent the penetration of God's Will, nor can the might of princes become a veil. All the oppression and transgression that has occurred has been from the source and manifestation of the world's clergy. By the decree of those heedless souls, the rulers have risen in oppression and caused confusion in the Cause. Consider how a group of meaningless turbaned ones and senseless headgear-wearers in the land of Kaf raised the banner of opposition and spread calumnies in all directions. However, after the matter was presented before His Majesty the Sultan, he delivered the oppressed from the evil of the oppressors, protected them, and of his own accord released the prisoners of Ta.

In short, despite the despotic government, overwhelming power, absolute authority, and the harm inflicted by the ignorant ones at the beginning of the Cause, nevertheless he showed favor and granted freedom. I swear by the Point of Power that had any of those ignorant ones been sultan, they all would have agreed like the Jews to crucifixion. Repeatedly this exalted word was heard from the Master of all beings, saying that the Sultan's heart is very tender and sensitive, changing with minor things. Always has every sultan been superior to those beneath him, except for times when God, exalted be His glory, due to the various oppressions and transgressions of the servants, supports the Manifestation of the Name "the Compeller" and seats him upon the throne. In any case, most people, according to the saying, are depressed from lack of means. Ask God not to deprive His Majesty the Sultan of the lights of the sun of justice and fairness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

And regarding what was written about His Honor the Khan, may the Glory of the All-Merciful be upon him, mention of him and his devotion became cause for remembrance, for when your letter was presented before the face of the Lord of all beings, those present were repeatedly observed to be regretful and saddened at the devotion of His Honor the Khan, and when the letter reached its end, the Master of all beings spoke, saying exalted and holy is His Word:

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory, and upon thy brethren and thy sons be My loving-kindness, and upon My friends and loved ones be My mercy. Thou hast ever been and art still favored with the signs of the

Most Exalted Pen. Thou hast perceived the fragrances of the Days of God and hast turned unto His horizon. Thou hast drunk of the choice wine and held fast unto the Self-Subsisting. Your rewards have been and are preserved with the trustworthy, mighty One. We give glad-tidings of the favors of the Divine Lote-Tree to the friends in that land and its surroundings and ʿIshqabad. This is the day of service and of praise and remembrance, the day of deeds. Blessed are they that act! O Kazim! At all times doth the blessed Tree in the wilderness proclaim with the most exalted call, and at this moment uttereth this word:

> "O people of God! Abandon this day what the people possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of the worlds."

We beseech God to assist His loved ones and grant them such steadfastness that all the peoples of the earth shall be powerless to prevent them. Remember them on My behalf, remind them of My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, illumine them with the lights of My utterance and draw them nigh unto that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Pen. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall adorn them with an ornament that the happenings of the world shall not change, nor the centuries and ages alter.

The burning of the heart of him who sought Me and was gladdened by that which shone forth from the Dawning-Place of permission from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen on this dark and gloomy night hath grieved Me, that he might rejoice in the loving-kindness of his Lord and turn with such turning as shall cause all faces to turn unto the Face of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God! The Sun of bounty is shining, the Ocean of grace is surging, the Heaven of generosity is elevated, and permission for the presence of his honor Kh. A., upon him be the glory of God, manifest, evident and radiant, is granted. However, as commanded, they must observe wisdom. If wisdom permits, they may attend; otherwise, He verily ordaineth for him the reward of His presence and recordeth for him what He hath recorded for those who attained His presence, heard His sweet call and beheld His most glorious horizon. This servant also congratulates him, sends greetings and seeks divine confirmation.

As for the mention made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and attained the hearing of the Lord of Names, and in response these supreme, decisive verses were revealed from the Source of Glory. He, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof, saith:

In My Name, the Counselor, the Trustworthy

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka. Verily He mentioneth thee with verses that all the books of the world and all that the nations possess cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, as He sitteth upon the throne of His Great Name. When thou art illumined by the lights of thy Lord's utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having brought me into being in days the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor the vision of invention beheld. I was heedless, Thy call made me aware; I was ignorant, Thy bounty and gifts taught me; I was seated, the hand of Thy generosity raised me up, O

Possessor of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the traces of Thy Pen and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to ordain that I may remain steadfast in Thy Cause and be enabled to speak Thy praise in such wise that neither the wretchedness of the wretched nor the doubts of the learned shall prevent me. My Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Ye have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. All atoms bear and have borne witness unto this truth. This servant beseecheth God to bestow His confirmation upon them and grant them a portion from the ocean of utterance. Verily, He is the Strong, the Mighty.

They also mentioned Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God. After being presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the One Who dominateth all names

O Ibrahim! Verily the Sacrifice set forth towards the Ultimate Goal with such detachment as amazed the Concourse on High. When he reached the station of sacrifice, he offered up his spirit in My straight path. We sent him as a sacrifice for the guidance of the servants. The Lord of creation beareth witness to this, yet the people are in ancient error and manifest doubt. They make mention of the sacrifice of old in the mosques and from the pulpits, though We redeemed him with a sacrifice from Our presence and a ransom from Our side. They have forgotten the mention of those who have offered up their souls, their spirits, and their children in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. O Ibrahim! When thou hearest the call of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and art overtaken by the intoxication of utterance, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, drawing nigh unto Thy horizon, and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee by Thy power and might, Thy grandeur and sovereignty, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The ocean of bounty is surging—what more can this servant say or what trouble should he give? I convey greetings and praise to that honored one and the friends of God, and I beseech God to open a door of grace for every soul and withhold not His mercy in any condition. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have preceded and who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and earths.

At the end of the letter, as commanded by that Beloved One, they must strive diligently for the unity of the friends. Repeatedly hath He said that unity and harmony are the mightiest pillars for the exaltation of the Word of God. Through God's grace—exalted be His glory—the horizons must be illumined with the light of unity and the world adorned with the ornament of harmony. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to

assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and in that which He hath willed. Verily, He is the Lord of the servants and the Sovereign of creation.

BH01199: Hearken to the call of the Wronged One…

In the Name of God, Who is Exalted in His Wisdom and Utterance!

Hearken to the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison. Verily, He standeth before the faces of the world, summoning all to the supreme horizon—that station wherein is heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Yet most of the people remain behind a thick veil. The Light hath dawned from the horizon of Manifestation. Verily, He is the Interlocutor of Sinai, Who was promised in the Books of God, Lord of the worlds. He hath come from the heaven of proof with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and with the finger of power hath rent asunder the veils of glory—a bounty from Him, and He is the Ancient Bestower.

Say: O concourse of divines! The Creator of the heavens and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names hath come. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless. This is the Day wherein the Herald proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the All-Praised."

O Abraham! Hear once again the call from the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, raised up on the blessed white land, the shore of Oman—the mercy of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Great. Say: O people of the Furqan! Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. By God! Your books and what ye possess will profit you not except through this Book which speaketh the truth and calleth all to the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the Most Merciful and oppose not Him but for Whom the Point would not have appeared and the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, would not have been revealed. This is the Day wherein the Sun proclaimeth and the Sea announceth:

> "The Lord of Destiny hath come and every hidden secret hath been revealed."

Say: Behold the Supreme Scene! By God! The Hour hath come, the Resurrection hath appeared, and the moon hath been cleft asunder, if ye be of those who know.

O people of the earth! Your sciences and your arts will not save you except through this Cause, before which all things have bowed down. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, while seated upon His mighty throne. The Trumpet hath been blown—and it is My Most Exalted Pen—and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those who have inhaled the fragrance of Revelation and turned toward My luminous horizon.

O Abraham! Say: O party of God! Take the chalice of steadfastness from the hands of bounty and bestowal, then drink therefrom despite those who have denied this Momentous Announcement, which was heralded by Moses, and after Him the Spirit (Christ), then Muhammad the Messenger of God when He came with the standards of signs from One Mighty, Ancient.

This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and the Mother of the Bayan calleth out, and those nigh unto God circle round the Throne morning and evening. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the greatest steadfastness, whom neither the might of princes, nor the doubts of divines, nor the violence of those swine who have broken God's covenant and His testament and have led their people to the fire, could deter.

O party of God! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow what hath been sent down from the heaven of Command in My perspicuous Book. We have counseled you, and do counsel you, with that which will exalt the Cause of God and your stations. Verily, your Lord, the Most Merciful, [is the Faithful Counsellor. Through deeds] and character is revealed the station of men. Blessed is he who hath done what he hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Thus have the breezes of Revelation wafted, and the Sea hath manifested its waves, and the Sun its radiance. Blessed is he who hath found and known, and woe unto the heedless. O Abraham! The names of My loved ones have been presented before the Wronged One. We have mentioned them with a mention that shall endure as long as the Kingdom endureth. The Kingdom and the Glory and the Power bear witness to this, as doth He Who speaketh in every station that there is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. From this station We send Our greetings to their faces and remind them of that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and I am the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Whoso hath clung to My robe, verily he is of the people of the Crimson Ark, the mention of which hath been revealed in My Preserved Tablet. O My loved ones in all lands! We counsel you once again to perform deeds from which the fragrance of holiness may be wafted, and to be faithful to that which God hath made as a sun in the heaven of His justice and a light unto His lands. He, verily, is the All-Compelling over what hath been and what shall be.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned that ye may drink from the Salsabil of divine meanings and turn unto the most exalted horizon. O Abraham! The veil of heedlessness hath prevented the people from beholding the most exalted horizon. All things at all times are speaking, yet ears are deprived of hearing them. Convey My greetings from this Wronged One to the party of God. We beseech God to aid them in that which befitteth this Great Announcement and to set them ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that its heat may influence the world, that all may thereby find their way to the True Lote-Tree. The hosts of God have ever been and shall ever be goodly deeds and character, and the commander of these hosts is righteousness. We counsel all to wisdom; all must hold fast unto it. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth all to His straight path. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have not been kept back by anything from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01223: O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Today…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Today the Blessed Tree of Divine Utterance in the midmost heart of contingent being speaketh forth with this most exalted Word:

> “O peoples of the earth! Turn with illumined hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon. By God, the Truth! The Day hath come, yet the people are in evident obscurity.”

O thou who gazest! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who from the horizon of the Prison turneth toward thee and maketh mention of thee, that perchance through the assistance of the Goal of all existence thou mayest preserve the people of that land from vain imaginings and guide them to the horizon of certitude.

Say: O company of the heedless! Purify your hearing and sight from what ye have heard, become illumined by the lights of the Luminary of proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, and understand that for which ye were brought from nothingness into being. Throughout ages and centuries the previous people reckoned themselves the most learned of mankind and the most excellent of nations, yet on the Day of His Manifestation they were found to be the most abject of all. From the beginning of time until now, not a single one of the divines of Persia hath attained unto the Purpose, being tormented in the wilderness of idle fancies. Yet the heedless ones have afflicted the helpless servants with vain imaginings, and these imaginings appeared on the Day of Resurrection in the form of a sword, descending upon the Truth and His companions.

Now the people of the Bayan are engaged in forming a party like unto the previous one. All the divines, throughout nights and days, would beseech God, glorified be His majesty, for the appearance of the Promised One, and would utter from their pulpits “May God hasten His relief.” Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all were inflamed with the fire of hatred and perpetrated that which caused the denizens of the all-highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven to lament and wail. Until now they have not lifted their heads from the couch of heedlessness.

It is incumbent upon that soul and those who are illumined with the light of recognition and enkindled with the fire of the Tree to arise for the sake of God and preserve souls from doubts and idle fancies. The heaven beareth witness, and the sun and moon testify, that from the first days until now this Wronged One hath stood before the faces of the world and called out with the most exalted call, in such wise that neither the opposition of rulers nor the tyranny of divines could deter Him from the Will of God. And when the fragrance of the musk-scented Shirt was diffused and the world was illumined with the dawning light of the Most Great Luminary, certain souls emerged from behind the veil and assailed the Wronged One, whereupon befell that which pen and ink are powerless to describe.

We beseech God to confirm and assist that soul in serving His Cause and guiding His servants. Hear thou the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, raised upon the radiant earth on the shores of ʿAmman through the providence of thy Lord, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee before in a Tablet that shone from the horizon of God’s loving providence, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! The mention of Me surpasseth all the mentions of the world and whatsoever is with the nations. To this beareth witness the Supreme Pen of God from Its exalted station.

Say: O concourse of divines! Be fair, by God! By what proof can ye establish that which ye possess, and by what evidence do ye object to Him Who, when He came from the horizon of power with the standards of His signs, before Him bowed the Books of the earth? Be fair, and be not of the oppressors. This is He Who hath not preserved Himself for less than a moment, and spoke before all faces that which He spoke in the earliest days. To this testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the Cause of God and His sovereignty were made manifest, and through Whom the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the highest branches. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We have not entered any school. I was seated when the hand of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, raised Me up, and I was silent when He caused Me to speak that which draweth you nigh unto Him. Be grateful unto your Lord for this supreme bounty.

O people! Cast aside idle fancies and vain imaginings, then turn ye unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Ancient of Days, or the greatest veils prevent you from this Momentous Announcement, concerning which God took covenant with His Prophets and His chosen ones. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon the souls of men, and be not of the transgressors.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Leave Me to Myself. Sufficient unto Me are the peoples of the earth and their evil ones. By God! I desire naught but your reformation, your life, your salvation, and that which draweth you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: Know ye Who calleth you, and recognize ye Who mentioneth you? By God! The Mother Book mentioneth you, yet ye are among the heedless. Thus hath the Sun of Meanings shed Its effulgence and the Supreme Pen revealed Its traces. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath witnessed that which God hath witnessed. Woe unto every remote denier.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the divines nor the signs of the learned have prevented, who heard the Call and responded, saying:

> “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Desire of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Adored One of them that have recognized Thee!”

BH01657: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree—a bounty from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who gazeth upon the Face! Hear the Call from the precincts of the Prison—verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thy letter hath arrived and been presented by the servant in the presence of the Countenance. We have answered thee with this Tablet, inscribed, from whose horizon shineth the light of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and deny not Him from Whose Most Exalted Pen hath flowed the Kawthar of utterance and every ordained matter hath appeared. Know ye Who calleth you and recognize ye Who remembereth you? Come ye, come ye, that I may show you the Most Exalted Horizon and cause you to hear the most melodious Pen and acquaint you with Him Who in every state proclaimeth:

"Verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Lord of the visible and invisible."

By God! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come from the horizon of power with the banners of verses. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned toward Him, and woe unto every heedless doubter. This is the Day which God's Books have announced aforetime and afterward. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before the faces of the world and from whose waves is heard that which the Interlocutor heard. Fear God and be not of those who denied God's favor and His signs, and committed that which caused the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

Thus have We showered from the heaven of grace upon the earth of existence the rains of wisdom and utterance, as a mercy from God, the Lord of all men. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My knowledge be upon thee and upon those whom the veils of the divines have not withheld from the Lord of Names, nor the allusions of the mystics from Him Who hath arisen before all faces and summoned the servants unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Now hear in the Persian tongue: Today is the springtime of mention and utterance. Blessed is the one whom the veils of the people of the world have not deprived of this supreme bounty. Praise be to God, thou hast been confirmed and attained unto that whereby existence itself came into being through its recognition. Today the Divine Lote-Tree in the midmost heart of contingent being proclaimeth this most sublime Word:

"The King hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

Beseech ye God to make the ears of the servants ready for that for which they were created and brought from nothingness into being. Say: Strive that ye may attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. By the life of God! One word thereof cannot be equaled by all that is seen and visible. The ocean of bounty is surging, the sun of grace is shining, yet the servants are heedless and veiled. Say: Strive and, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the All-Sufficient, the Exalted, for that which is the cause of eternal salvation. Beseech thou God to kindle all with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illumine them with the light of recognition. He is powerful and mighty.

Glory be to God! At all times hath the Pen of the Most Merciful, without veil or concealment, called the kings and subjects of the world and guided them to the Most Exalted Horizon. Until now they have not arisen from the couch of heedlessness. All have testified and do testify to its transience, yet they have deprived themselves of the eternal life and everlasting bounty.

Say: My God, my God! Regard not Thy servants and what they have wrought in Thy days, but rather their poverty and Thy riches, their weakness and Thy power. Aid them, O God of existence and Lord of the visible and invisible, to hearken unto the rustling of Thy Pen and to behold the horizon of the heaven of

Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Purify them with the water of inner meanings and utterance from that which hath withheld them from turning toward Thy Name, the Most Merciful. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to know Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH01719: Hearken, hearken! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Hearken, hearken! The Most Exalted Pen calleth aloud from the most exalted station of the world. Behold, behold! The Luminary of proof shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of possibility, that It may bestow strength and grant spiritual wings, that thou mayest soar in the atmosphere of the love of the One Friend and purify those who tarry—souls whose wings are besmeared with the clay of idle fancies—through the Name of the True One, and teach them to fly.

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In these days His Holiness Moses hath ascended, and this servant lay upon his bed while the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth verses and the Hand of the Kingdom of all things bestoweth and taketh away. Say: O people of God! Ye must needs be so steadfast in the Cause of God that neither the onslaught of the mighty nor their ascendancy may weaken you. Stand ye for God's sake and speak for God's sake. The Truth hath been and will be with you, and neither the clamor of the divines nor the outcry of the jurisprudents hath prevented or will prevent the influence of the Most Exalted Pen and the power of the Most Great Word.

O Son of My Name! Were the whole spiritual realm to be transformed entirely into the power of hearing, one might say it would be worthy of hearkening to this utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Otherwise, these outward ears have not been and will not be capable of hearing this call, save for a limited few. Beseech thou God to grant insight and bestow the power of hearing, that perchance His poor servants may not remain deprived of the sweet fragrances of the divine Day. The people of the earth are heedless and regard the Cause of God as they regard other matters. Woe and perdition betide them! Soon shall they witness that which they now deny, and turn towards that from which they now turn away.

Say: O ye ignorant ones! Turn ye toward Zawra that ye may behold the palace of the King of Kings. Perchance ye may take warning and become somewhat aware. Let not the pomp and riches and majesty and glory of two days prevent you from everlasting glory and abiding bounty and heavenly sustenance. By the Ark of Proof which saileth upon the sea of utterance by the command of the All-Merciful! This Wronged One hath spoken only for the sake of God. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and arise to redress what hath passed away. Yesterday is gone and today too shall pass. This impermanence is God's herald, informing all and giving tidings, that they may arise with complete determination to seek their goal and station. The Herald calleth continually from the direction of the Throne, counseling with perfect loving-kindness and grace, that perchance the servants may turn from oppression to justice and from tyranny to equity.

O Son of My Name! We beseech divine confirmation for thee, that thou mayest spend the remainder of thy days in service to the Lord of all mankind in a manner befitting this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement. Thine acceptance and devotion and steadfastness have ever been mentioned before the Divine Countenance. This time requireth a different effort and a different steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt be adorned with the new robe of divine favor and illumined by the lights of the Throne. Convey My greetings to the loved ones, that they may become enkindled by the Word of God and arise as beseemeth His days. That which is obligatory and essential today, and hath been repeatedly revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, is the unity and concord of the known souls who have been honored with special distinction, as well as the other loved ones. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to the divine call and held fast unto His will. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02068: O Ali! Today from the rustling of the Divine…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Ali! Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree this most exalted word was heard: “O concourse of kings and subjects! Cast away idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God! From the horizon of power hath appeared your Lord, the Chosen One, with manifest sovereignty.” Praise be to God that you have turned to Him and drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. This is God’s grace upon you. Thank your Lord and say: “Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the glory, O Desire of them that know!”

O Ali! There befell the Wronged One in the previous year that which caused the Pen to weep and the Tablet to lament. A tyrannical person sat upon the seat of authority and committed that which caused the rocks to cry out and the Concourse on High to wail. Yet the conditions of the world and the might of rulers and peoples did not prevent the Wronged One from the divine Command. In the midst of tribulations, before the faces of enemies, He spoke the Most Exalted Word. Earth and heaven bear witness, the sun and moon testify. Ask God not to deprive the world of the fragrances of His days and to bestow upon it a portion from the ocean of His knowledge. The Truth is distinguished from all else by all aspects and deeds, and His Cause is more manifest than the sun at its zenith. Yet eyes and ears are deprived of witnessing and hearing.

Reflect a while on the affairs of the previous community. For thirteen hundred years, ranks upon ranks of divines appeared and occupied themselves with mentioning and speaking of the Intended One from pulpits. Yet when the Divine Lote-Tree grew from the blessed and holy ground, all attempted to cut it down, and finally there befell the Essence of Being that which caused the eyes of grandeur to weep. Such was their heedlessness that not a single one of the divines discovered the presence of the Intended One in the loins. They were worshippers of fancy yet counted themselves among the believers. Their station on the Day of Reckoning became evident to all in earth and heaven.

Now again the people of the Bayan are occupied with forming a party similar to that party. O Ali! It is incumbent and obligatory upon you and the friends of God to protect people according to your capacity, that they might not be afflicted with new idle fancies. Arise for God’s sake and speak for God’s sake. We

beseech God to assist you in all conditions with such assistance that its effects will become manifest throughout all horizons.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and say:

> "Where is your enthusiasm? Where are the lights of your faces? Where are the fragrances of your mention in the days of your Lord?"

Know the value of this Day and occupy yourselves with service, that there might appear from you that which will endure through the eternity of My names and attributes. Thus hath the ocean revealed its waves, the Book its verses, and the Treasury its secrets, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the world have not prevented from God, the Lord of the Ancient Days, Who hath come with the standards of verses and hath spoken before all faces—the Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Wise. We make mention of My leaf and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to elevate her station and to send down upon her mercy from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02121: O son of Attar! Praise be to God…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O son of Attar! Praise be to God that thou art perfumed with the sweet-scented breezes of the verses of the Goal of all the worlds. Thy mention hath often been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and the glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. Today the Ancient Beauty gazed from the Most Great Prison upon the mansion, making it the greatest vista, and after partaking of tea, We make mention of thee in this Blessed Tablet, each letter of which is a door among the doors of divine favor. We beseech God to aid thee, that thou mayest drink a cup from each letter and offer a chalice to others, that perchance the slumbering may awaken and the heedless may be adorned with the ornament of awareness.

That which thou didst send in the name of Ali, upon him be My glory, was presented before Us and the glance of Our loving-kindness was directed towards it. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament. Praise be to God that thou hast perceived the fragrances of God's days and attained unto that for which the world was created.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, presented thy petition before Our presence. Verily We heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with thy Lord and supplicate thy Master. He hath repeatedly mentioned thee and thy services. Blessed art thou and blessed are thy father and mother. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We send Our greetings from this spot to all who have attained Our presence, and have been blessed, and have heard and witnessed the greatest signs of their Lord. O Rahim! Be not grieved. Be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. This world and all that is mentioned therein shall soon return to

nothingness. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure through the perpetuity of the Kingdom. We make mention of thy other brother and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey to all the household My greetings. The station of each one is visible before God. Verily He is with you, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The deeds of all on earth are visible before His face, and the words of all are heard. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of My Kingdom and My dominion. Convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Kind, the Mighty, the Great. Glory be upon you and upon those who have not denied what hath appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and guided me to Thy path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation which was hidden in the eternity of eternities. I beseech Thee by it and by its sovereignty to make me adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and crowned with the crown of Thy remembrance and love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power through Thy power and dominion through Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

ʿAyn, Ta Ismu'llah mentioned the feast of the two leaves and it was accepted. Tonight, which is the twenty-first of Rabi'u'th-Thani, the feast is being held. Well done to those who eat and blessed be those who serve! Give them both the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained the choice wine on this Day of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH02230: Your letters arrived one after another, and most were…

He is the One Who observeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

Your letters arrived one after another, and most were blessed with the outpourings of the True Bestower—that is, were honored to be seen, were graced to be heard, and were adorned with a reply. In these days Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was present before Me and was gazing toward and beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the Most Truthful One who turned toward My Most Exalted Horizon, detached from all else, until he attained the presence and stood before the Gate, and heard what the Beloved heard during the Night Journey and what the Interlocutor heard on the Mount of Knowledge. We have mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance, his glory and his deeds shall endure throughout the duration of My earthly and heavenly dominion, and throughout the continuance of My sovereignty and power. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. When he mentioned thee, We mentioned thee with this luminous mention.

Likewise, Ghulam-Qabl-i-Ha, upon him be My Glory, attained Our presence. For a few days he was occupied with praise, glorification, turning toward Us and circumambulation. Praise be to God, he was blessed with the choice wine of the Merciful's utterance and received his portion of that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Books. Thou didst mention the friends in the lands of A and B. We have mentioned them in such wise that nothing in existence can equal it. By the life of God! That which

no eye hath seen and no ear hath heard hath been ordained for them […] Thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings to each one on behalf of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the cup of eternity and have been sustained by the heavenly food which is the knowledge of God. We beseech God to assist them and grant them success that all may attain to that which beseemeth His days. Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for Thy loved ones there that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Then write down for them the reward of attaining Thy presence and the good of this world and the world to come. I moreover beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, by Thy most sweet call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Fire kindled in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and to ordain for those who have outstripped in Thy Cause that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. In the previous year there befell the Wronged One that which opened the gates of sorrow to the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the most sublime Heaven. Verily, the people are in evident drunkenness and grievous wrong. We beseech God to assist all to mention and praise Him, that ye may all arise to serve this most great Cause and most exalted and most glorious station—which is the station of teaching the Cause of the Lord of all beings—or that ye may hold fast to those means which comprise this station. Whosoever attaineth unto it is accounted among the people of Baha by the Pen. Blessed art thou and My loved ones, and upon thee and them be glory from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02470: Thy letter hath been received and the servant…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger!

Thy letter hath been received and the servant in attendance before His countenance hath read it. We have answered thee with a Tablet that no tablets of the earth can equal, and with a mention which, when it dawned from the horizon of the Tablet, caused all remembrances in the world to bow down before it. To this doth testify the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison. Yet most of the people are heedless. They hear the call and turn away from it, they behold the signs and deny them. Verily they are companions of the Fire.

Blessed be thy face for having turned to the lights of the Countenance, and thy heart for having turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It behooveth thee today to detach thyself from what the people possess, standing firm in service to the Cause that hath caused the limbs of the world to quake, save whom God willeth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! The Day hath come and there hath appeared what was hidden and treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the ocean and its waves, and of the sun and its effulgence. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Clear Book. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book proclaimeth with the most exalted call, were ye of them that hear. He hath come from the kingdom of utterance with a proof before

which all the evidences of the world have bowed down. To this doth testify the Most Exalted Pen of God in its lofty station.

Be not grieved by the world and its happenings. Confine matters to serving the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and standing in service to Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust. I beseech Thee by the sighs of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee and the tears of the sincere ones in Thy days, to aid me to stand firm in the Most Great Steadfastness that I may arise to remember and praise Thee amidst all people. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the signs of Thy grandeur to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of the first life. Then open before my face the doors of grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

I know not, O my God and my Master and my heart's Desire, whether Thy grace will bring me nigh unto Thee that I may stand before Thy face and see what Moses desired from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity, and hear what the Beloved heard when He ascended unto Thee and turned to the station of Thy nearness and meeting, since Thy firm decree and Most Great Command prevent me. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the conditions of creation do not frustrate and the doubts of the people of the earth do not weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

BH03009: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

In the name of My Most Exalted Pen.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath beheld the proof and believed in the All-Merciful when He came from the heaven of utterance with manifest sovereignty, that he might be assured of his Lord's loving-kindness and render thanks for this bounty, to whose greatness all created things and every discerning mystic have testified.

O Baqir! There hath appeared before the Most Great Scene what thou didst compose in remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the Resurrection was established, the moon was cleft asunder, and every hidden matter was revealed. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy tongue, for having spoken My beauteous praise. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet every letter of which testifieth to the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and in the remembrance of My loved ones whom the veils of the world have not hindered from this shining horizon. Glorify their faces, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and illumine their hearts with the light of My wondrous utterance. From the horizon of the Tablet there hath shone forth the light of utterance from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones.

When thou hast attained unto the breezes of revelation in thy Lord's Book, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, given me to drink, and caused me to hear Thy path, the fountain of Thy utterance, and Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, by the rustling of Thy Lote-Tree, the lights of Thy countenance, the murmuring of the fountain of knowledge, and the stirring of the breezes of Thy bounty—O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all creation—to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy grace and clinging to the hem of Thy loving-kindness. Write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I testify that Thou knowest what is with me and what profiteth me, and I know not what is with Thee. Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. Nothing can frustrate Thee, nor can any matter prevent Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the clamor of nations shall turn me aside. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant my prayer.

BH03063: Today all things proclaim “The Truth hath come!” Blessed…

He is the One dawning from the Supreme Horizon!

Today all things proclaim “The Truth hath come!” Blessed is the soul that hath attained to hearing the Call. The desires of self and passion have deprived most of the people of the world from the Lord of Names.

The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the Speaker of the Mount is seated upon the throne of Revelation, the Cry hath been raised, the Light hath shone forth, and the proof is resplendent—yet the greatest veil hath prevented the people from the bounty of this Day. This veil hath been and continueth to be the divines of the age.

Blessed art thou who hast, through the Name of the Divine Omnipotent, rent asunder the veils and attained unto the lights of the Sun of Certitude which hath shone forth and is manifest from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Tablet. This station is great and mighty—know thou its worth and preserve it through the Name of Truth.

Glory be to God! The Shi’ih sect counted themselves the most excellent of all people, yet they were witnessed to be the most lost. It is incumbent upon all the friends of God to protect these helpless people lest they become again afflicted with the vain imaginings of the former party and remain deprived of the recognition of the Purpose.

Convey My greetings to those who have turned towards Me and illumine them with the lights of the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds. Blessed art thou and they, and blessed is he who hath attained unto this firm and mighty Cause and this Great Announcement. The Glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: My God, my God! By Thy might, I love to hold fast to all things by virtue of their connection to Thy Name, the Creator. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heaven of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the seat whereon hath been established the throne of Thy grandeur, and by Thy Call which hath been raised amongst Thy servants, and by Thy Will which hath dominated all things, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded earth and heaven, to assist me in that which befitteth Thy Manifestation and Thy days. Then ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones who have offered up their spirits in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the might of the world and the power of the nations cannot withhold. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou are the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH03433: In My Name that overshadoweth all names

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O Muhammad! Make your ear ready to hearken unto the call of the One, the Single, and your hem extended to receive the pearls of wisdom and utterance which are cast upon you from the sea of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus does the Wronged One command you from the prison precinct, that you may be of them that act. If you were to discover the fragrance of loving-kindness and favor, you would arise and say:

> "Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the grace, O Dawning-Place of Justice, and Thine be the glory, O Lord of all things, and Thine be the bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

He who bears My name hath appeared before Us, and We make mention of thee through this perspicuous Tablet which summoneth the world with the most exalted call and guideth them to My straight path. We make mention also of My loved ones there who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him and have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings on this Day whereon the All-Merciful hath seated Himself upon the throne of His mighty Name.

O people of God! Know your stations and follow not every ignorant remote one and every iniquitous doubter. This is the Day wherein We have revealed the treasures of inner meanings and utterance and have summoned all unto the All-Knowing One. Among the people are they who have hearkened, heard and hastened, and among them are they who have shown pride before God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O people of Kaf! Beware lest ye follow your divines who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have pronounced judgment against Him through an injustice that hath rent asunder the heaven of equity and justice. To this beareth witness every discerning scholar. By God! The horizon of possibility hath been illumined by the Luminary of certitude, were ye of them that know. Say: Behold, behold, the ocean is before your faces—advance toward it and follow not every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed the pearls of divine knowledge from the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that are with thee in this Mighty Announcement and this firm, unshakeable Cause.

BH03776: You had previously attained to the mention of God…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

You had previously attained to the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, and now My servant Asdaq, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison, and this most mighty, most holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will […] that thou mayest inhale its fragrance and partake of the true heavenly food. Praise be to God that neither the overwhelming power of the oppressors nor the clamor of the barking ones prevented thee from the Most Exalted Horizon or deprived thee of the Most Great Ocean.

The divines, mystics and jurists of the earth, by night and by day, besought God, glorified be His majesty, for the meeting with His Manifestation and Speaker. Yet when the ocean of hope surged and the horizon of divine purpose dawned forth, all turned away—especially the Shi'ih sect who, with their tongues, uttered curses and, with their pens, issued verdicts for the shedding of His most pure blood, and with their hands wrought that which causeth the company of the Prophets and the chosen ones in the most exalted paradise and supreme station to weep and lament.

The faithful and steadfast must know their station and at all times give voice to praise and thanksgiving, for He hath confirmed them, guided them and bestowed upon them that which hath no likeness or peer—and that is the recognition of that sanctified Being on the Day of His manifestation. Thy call, from beginning to end, hath attained unto the honor of being heard.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's Covenant and His Pledge. Woe unto every heedless and remote one. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of His loving-kindness. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04114: O Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God!…

In His Name that overshadoweth all names

O Ali! Upon thee be the Glory of God! In His Name, the Dominator over all names! O Ali! Thou hast previously been blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen. The glance of loving-kindness hath turned from the direction of the Prison towards that direction, and He hath made mention of His loved ones. Today the Euphrates of utterance is flowing from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful and the waves of the ocean of divine knowledge are manifest before all faces. Blessed is the soul whom the means of the world have not prevented from the Causer of causes, and whom the veils of the world have not deprived. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Goal of the worlds and hast partaken of the fruits of the blessed Tree. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to that which is worthy of His favors.

And We make mention at this time of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have previously mentioned him in verses wherein the Fire appeared in the trees and the Tree spoke as it spoke

unto Moses, son of ʿImran, on the Mount of Knowledge: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” We beseech God to assist those who are related to him and to make them among those who are steadfast in serving His Cause, the Unassailable, the Firm, the Strong.

We convey greetings to all the loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, exalted be His glory. They must arise to aid the Cause of God with perfect unity and harmony. Say: Let not time slip away. Strive that ye may attain unto the eternal bounty and the everlasting food and the perpetual mention. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

Glory be upon those who have aided the religion of God with their wealth and their souls and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of all things: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Dominator, the Self-Subsisting.”

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BH04260: Say: O my God, my God! How many sighs…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Say: O my God, my God! How many sighs have ascended in Thy days, and how many tears have fallen in separation and remoteness from Thee! O Lord, Thou hearest the cry and lamentation of those who long for Thee in Thy days—they whose hearts have melted from the fire of Thy love and whose souls have burned in their distance from Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy reunion and the power of Thy Cause which hath encompassed Thy lands and realms, to ordain for those who hope the attainment of Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy mercy. O Lord, Thou hast created them to hearken unto Thy call and witness the lights of Thy beauty. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence not to withhold them from that for which Thou didst create them. O Lord, Thou seest those who have turned with radiant faces toward Thy most exalted station, and the women who have entered Thy house, O Lord of all beings and Master of the hereafter and the former times. If Thou shouldst deny them, O my God, from the gate of Thy grace, to what gate shall they turn?

I beseech Thee, O Master of Eternity, by the Most Great Name which is established upon the Throne of Utterance in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for Thy male and female servants that which will solace their eyes, gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Thou art He through whose Name was raised the banner of “He doeth what He willeth” and the standard of “He ordaineth what He pleaseth,” and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Lord, Thou seest the believers among the idolaters, and what hath befallen them at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the transgressors among Thy servants. I beseech Thee to preserve them through the hosts of Thy power and the legions of Thy might, then ordain for them what beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04836: Your letter arrived and was honored by the glance…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

Your letter arrived and was honored by the glance of favor. We heard your call. You have been and are ever before Our gaze. In the Tablets mention of you has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. He has not forgotten and will not forget His loved ones. At all times the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which have appeared from the Most Exalted Pen, were sent. We beseech God to assist you in remembrance and praise and service to His Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things. When you attain unto My utterance and find the fragrance of My garment, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the heaven of meaning and utterance, and by the rustling of Thy Pen, O Merciful One, by Thy Name through which Thou didst unite the hearts and reveal what was hidden in the treasuries, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have acknowledged Thy oneness and I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy bounty and the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause to ordain for me in all conditions that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee. I testify that I know not what profiteth or harmeth me, and Thou knowest what […] my soul, and I know not what is within Thyself. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all beings to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy religion and a servant of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH05619: O leaf of My Lote-Tree and O leaf…

He is God, exalted be His glory in remembrance and utterance

O leaf of My Lote-Tree and O leaf of My Paradise! Thou hast ever been and art still favored with divine grace. This, My servant whose name is Asdaq, upon both of whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, appeared before the Wronged One and mentioned the friends of God. Therefore each one hath been remembered with the mention of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto God and His verses, and woe unto the heedless ones. O My leaf! The greatness of the Cause hath become a veil unto it. Say: In this day, in every moment, the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear and shine forth from the treasuries of the Pen of the All-Merciful. They have not been and are not concealed. Beseech thou God that He deprive not the leaves from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and forbid not the servants from hearkening to the flowing of His Pen.

We have remembered and continue to remember those who are related to Us and those who have turned towards Us, and We give glad-tidings to each one. I swear by the Sun of proof which shineth from the most exalted horizon of possibility—were the peoples of the world to become aware of even less than can be numbered of the fruits of the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, they would all turn with heart and vision towards the Most Great Prospect. By the life of God! The people are in a strange sleep and behind a thick veil. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee

and upon those with thee and upon every assured believer whom vain imaginings have not withheld from turning to the Lord of the worlds.

BH06325: Every handmaiden who in this Day hath attained unto…

In the Name of God, the Peerless Lord!

Every handmaiden who in this Day hath attained unto the wine of divine bounty is reckoned among the men and numbered with the chosen ones in the Book.

O daughter of Samad-ʿAli who is present! He hath made mention of thee and from the Dayspring of loving-kindness hath caused to shine forth a Light that shall never set. It forever shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet. Know thou the favor of thy Lord and the station of Him Who hath mentioned thee. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and be thou detached and free from all else but God.

Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived of the ocean of knowledge and hath not remained bereft of the divine Call. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath beheld.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for His turned-towards handmaidens that which He hath ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the Throne by night and by day, and to decree for thee from His Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The glory be upon thee and upon all My handmaidens from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06032: The Mother Book from the horizon of the Prison's…

In His Name, the All-Compelling over all names!

The Mother Book from the horizon of the Prison's heaven calls out and says: O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and have broken His Covenant, and have pronounced against Him with manifest injustice. Say: By God! The shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen has been raised up, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Fear God, O people, and be not of the heedless ones. The ocean of utterance has surged before your faces, and the fragrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, has been wafted. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Turn with radiant faces and illumined breasts unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

This is the Day wherein the Desired One has appeared and wherein the Most Exalted Pen moves in the arena of divine knowledge. Hearken, and be not of the wrongdoers. Hear My call, for verily it has been raised from the direction of the Prison, and I remind you of the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Day of which God's Messengers have spoken aforetime. Blessed is he who has turned unto the Truth when it was established upon the throne of His Great Name. Thus has the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing spoken, as a grace from its presence upon you, that ye may hear and be of those who are firmly rooted.

BH06344: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Praise be…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Praise be to the Goal of the world Who assisted thee to turn to and recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause in days when the divines and princes of the earth were seen to be debarred and veiled. Throughout ages and centuries they beseeched and implored from God, glorified be His majesty, to attain the presence of this Day, yet when the horizon of the heaven of Revelation was illumined by Him Who conversed with the Sinai, they did that which caused the eyes of grandeur to weep and the trees of the most exalted Paradise to lament. He did not deprive thee of His grace and guided thee to the straight path. Hold fast unto the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His mercy. Verily He is with whosoever desireth Him—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Be thou assured in all conditions and fix thy gaze upon His horizon. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee as a token of favor from Him. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty whose light hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. The glory of God be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned unto and believed in God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH06886: O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory!…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord.

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! The grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath granted thee confirmation and bestowed success, and through earthly and heavenly means hath rent asunder the veils until thou didst attain unto the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. Most of the men of the world, whether kings or subjects, are deprived and forbidden from this exalted station and lofty summit, but thou didst turn thyself and through the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen didst attain unto the fruits of the uttermost Tree. All have been created out of nothingness for the recognition of this Revelation.

Blessed is the soul whom the turning away of the peoples of the earth did not prevent from attaining that which was the purpose of creation. And regret be unto those servants who are forbidden from the Dayspring of lights and the Dawning-place of signs. The leaves of that household have been and are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed is My handmaiden and My leaf who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion, through the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have heard and turned themselves unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07266: The tongue is bewildered what to mention…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

The tongue is bewildered what to mention and the pen is perplexed what to write. One who never attended schools nor witnessed debates, yet with the most exalted call proclaimed and continues to proclaim before the faces of the divines and princes:

> "The Promised One has come and the Intended Lord has appeared! He is the hidden mystery and the treasured unseen One Who has ever been concealed from eyes and sight. Now He has dawned from the horizon of will—to His right surges the ocean of knowledge and to His left flows the Kawthar of utterance."

Yet the people remain heedless, veiled and deprived. Render thanks unto God for having aided thee and delivered thee from the world's factions and guided thee to His straight path. This is the most great bounty and the supreme benevolence. We beseech God to aid thee in preserving this station. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle in the days of God, the King, the Just, the Wise.

BH07332: Reflect upon the grace and loving-kindness of God. He…

In the name of the Desire of the world

Reflect upon the grace and loving-kindness of God. He has bestowed upon you the supreme gift and enfolded you in His greatest mercy. That gift was Ali, upon him be My Glory, who was bestowed upon you, and His mercy is now being sent down upon you from the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen.

Give thanks to the All-Bountiful Lord that in days when the people of the earth were heedless and veiled, He made you aware and gave you a portion from the cup of recognition.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land. Say: All that befell you and all the good deeds that were manifested have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in God's Book. Know the value of this station and preserve it through His Name. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Glory from Us be upon you and upon them and upon those women who have turned to and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH07843: Praise be to God that thou hast turned thyself…

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names!

Praise be to God that thou hast turned thyself unto Him and attained unto that which the divines and notables of Iran are deprived and forbidden. God, exalted be His glory, did confirm thee, and the hosts of His grace and favors did assist thee, until thou didst attain unto the straight path and become aware of the Great Announcement. O my handmaiden! Thou hast been and art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Thy turning unto Him, thy sincerity and thy service are evident before the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for thee a reward from His presence. He, verily, is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. How many princes and divines who waited but did not attain, while thou hast attained unto the days of God and drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. This is among the great bounties of the One intended by the worlds. We beseech Him to preserve thee and enable thee to achieve the most

great steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the Supreme Ruler over all names. The splendor of God rest upon thee from the presence of God, the Lord of Lords.

BH09264: The Prophets of God and the divine Books have…

The Prophets of God and the divine Books have all been for the guidance of humanity, that perchance they might attain unto the station of true liberty and spiritual freedom. For years they bore hardships, and throughout their lives they were the targets of tribulation and adversity. For all that befell them and all that they purposed, they sought no recompense, nay, they desired not even gratitude. For the sake of God did they speak, and for His sake did they arise. Upon those sacred gems and Manifestations of the light of divine unity they visited such things as turned joy to sorrow, and their hardheartedness and hatred reached such a pass that they denied whatsoever proceeded from the Sources of the divine Cause and the Daysprings of His celestial decree….

BH02387: The signs of power are manifest from all things…

In the name of the one true God!

The signs of power are manifest from all things, and the breathings of utterance are wafting from every direction. His hand of power took thee and brought thee from the land of K to the radiant spot. A hundred thousand means appeared so that He might lead thee to the Most Great Bounty and the Mighty Announcement. For such a Lord befitteth praise and glorification, mention and laudation, grandeur and glory.

In all the books He gave glad tidings to the world that the time would come when He Who conversed on Sinai would repair to the Sinai of manifestation. But when the effulgences of the morn of truth illumined the world with its rays, all were deprived and prevented—some were held back by learning, some by ignorance, some by wealth, and some by pride and vainglory. In any case, most of the people of the world remain heedless of that for which they were created and brought from nothingness into being. But thou hast attained. Give thanks unto thy Lord through the continuance of His dominion and His kingdom, His might and His glory, His bounty and His generosity, His mercy and His grace.

Thy letter arrived some time ago and from it wafted the fragrance of steadfastness, acceptance and devotion. Praise be to God that the veils of prevention did not hinder thee and the clouds did not intervene. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions in such wise that thou shalt be gazing toward the horizon, speaking His praise, and standing firm in His Cause.

Convey My greetings to the friends and say:

> “Remembrance and glory be upon you, O My loved ones! We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God and your stations among the servants may be exalted. Verily He is the Wise Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.”

We make mention of the honored aunt, upon her be the Glory of God, and the Greatest Holy Leaf and her sister, and give them the glad tidings of divine favor. They have ever been and continue to be beneath His gaze. Likewise We gladden the hearts of their relatives with the favors, bounty and mercy of God.

In these days the letter of the leaf who is the daughter of the aunt, upon her be the Glory of God, and Aqa Siyyid Faraj'u'llah who had written in the name of Mihdi, upon him be My glory, attained the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist them both in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Likewise Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah hath ever been and continueth to be remembered before the Wronged One. We send Our greetings upon him and beseech God to assist him in His remembrance and praise and service to His Cause, and to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH03187: The heaven with the most high call crieth out…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon!

The heaven with the most high call crieth out and saith: The Promised One hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered the realms of meaning and utterance, and with a power before which no power in the world can stand. To this beareth witness the Ancient of Days in the Most Great Prison, but most of the people are heedless.

The Sun proclaimeth and saith: O people of the earth! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the key of the bounty of the Lord of Names. Cast aside what is with the people and turn ye unto the splendors of the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds. Nothing among all things shall profit you, nor that which is with the divines and the mystics. Break asunder the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings in the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

ʿAyn, Ba: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee with that which causeth the near ones to perceive the fragrance of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and orientation toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou hast drunk the choice wine sealed through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast turned toward the horizon of revelation with such turning that neither the clamor of the divines nor the oppression of the princes hindered thee. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Lord of the sincere ones. The Faithful Spirit hath appeared and mentioned thee time after time. We have remembered thee again and again. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou dost find the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, arise and say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detaching myself from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy grandeur and the banners of Thy power and the mysteries of Thy Book and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me a standard of Thy remembrance in Thy lands and an ensign of Thy utterance amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy bounty and turning

toward the lights of Thy countenance. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy of answering prayer. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Crimson Scroll and the Ark which hath sailed in Thy name upon the sea of names, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for the near ones among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03830: A remembrance from Us to him who was attracted…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

A remembrance from Us to him who was attracted by the verses of God and turned to His horizon when the people were in manifest denial. Hear the call from the Most Great Ocean:

> "He hath appeared in the temple of man and calleth out in the heart of contingent being that there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. I have come for the life of the world, but the peoples are in grievous doubt."

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and attained unto this Cause before which, when it appeared, the verses bowed down in submission. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the conditions of those who have denied God, disputed His verses and turned away from His luminous countenance shall not prevent thee. When thou hast drunk the sealed nectar from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the dayspring of Thy manifestation and whatsoever was hidden in Thy Tablets and Thy Scriptures, to make me firm, steadfast, unwavering and upright in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art verily the Potent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O thou who hast drawn nigh! The entire world hath been created for the recognition and meeting with God, but the hateful ones, the transgressors and the heedless have become a barrier between the Truth and His loved ones. In these days the most ignorant among the people of the world have risen in opposition, therefore turning to the Most Exalted Horizon is not permitted. We have commanded all to wisdom—thou too must observe this, hold fast to wisdom and act wisely. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which will bring comfort to thine eyes and gladden thy heart. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH04102: O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! We saw…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! We saw and heard thy letter which attained the presence of the Purpose of the world. Give praise to the Ancient King Who guided thee and showed thee the way.

Say: O my God, my Adored One, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful! Thou art He Who was not prevented from His Cause by the might of the world, the clamor of the nations, the tyranny of oppressors, and the opposition of the pharaohs. Thou didst arise before the faces of rulers and divines, and called all to the supreme horizon. Thy generosity was not prevented by the doubts of the world, nor was Thy bounty hindered by the misdeeds of nations. Thou art He Who bestowed the ornament of existence upon absolute nothingness, and conferred the robe of being upon sheer non-existence. I beseech from Thee Thy abundant grace and Thy mighty bestowal. O God, O Single One! Grant Thy handmaidens a portion from the ocean of Thy knowledge and deprive them not of the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Through Thy name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is raised, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" is unfurled. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We make mention of another handmaiden of God, whom thou mentioned in thy letter, and We beseech God to strengthen her in supreme steadfastness and to nourish her with the choice sealed wine.

O handmaiden of God! The beginning of the Cause is belief in God, and its end is steadfastness in His love. The barkers are spread abroad like satans. We beseech God to protect His party from the evil of those heedless, deceitful souls. He is the Protector, and He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

BH04669: O leaf! We heard your call and your petition…

He is the Speaker and He is the All-Seeing

O leaf! We heard your call and your petition attained the hearing of the Goal of all the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that speaks His praise and blessed is the heart that has attained His love.

Today the Maid of Paradise on high proclaims this most exalted word:

> "O handmaids of God! I give you glad tidings of the light through which the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is the handmaid who has turned to Him and attained the traces of His Most Exalted Pen and acknowledged that which His Tongue has spoken from the most exalted station."

Give praise to the Lord of Eternity Who assisted you and caused you to speak His mention and praise. The entire world cannot compare with this supreme bounty. We beseech God to set you ablaze with the heat of His love in such wise that it shall never be extinguished.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaids in that land and beseech God that He may adorn all with the ornament of sanctity and detachment and aid them to be steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness.

Say: "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the breezes of Thy Revelation and the potency of Thy Will and the all-encompassing nature of Thy Desire, to make me one of

the leaves of Thy Tree which neither the winds of Thy earth nor the tempests of the idolaters among the people of Thy realm can cause to fall. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaids who circle round Thy Will and act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer."

BH05826: Your letter was received and the servant in attendance…

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the world

Your letter was received and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One presented it. We answer you with this Clear Book which calleth out to the world saying: "By God! The Lord of Eternity hath come with mighty sovereignty." Let not the events of the world sadden thee. Put aside what is therein, holding fast to the cord of thy Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. Say:

"My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me know Thy Cause which is manifest and all-compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, and by the power of Thy supreme Word and the lights of Thy Throne, O Lord of all humanity, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid and benefit me. Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

> "Moreover I ask Thee to decree for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and Lord of the exalted Seat. O Lord! Disappoint not the one who hath turned to the lights of Thy countenance and drawn nigh unto the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and earth."

BH06298: Your letter arrived and was honored to be read…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

Your letter arrived and was honored to be read and heard. Praise be to God that the clamor of the peoples did not prevent you from the Ancient Lord and the Most Great Name. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being to serve the Cause, yet when the Luminary of God's Command shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, all turned away save whom God willed—your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. From your letter wafted the fragrance of love. We beseech God to assist you in His remembrance, praise and service to His Cause. We make mention of the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. O people of God! Strive that perchance you may receive your portion from the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge and succeed in performing such deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. The path is from Him, success is from Him. He guides whom He wishes to His straight path. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have recognized this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06813: O handmaid of God, reflect upon the grace…

In the name of the One All-Knowing Lord!

O handmaid of God, reflect upon the grace and favor of God, exalted be His glory. He confirmed thee and granted thee success in days when all were heedless and veiled. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion.

Praise be to God, thou didst purpose to attain the Most Sublime Vision. He aided thee with a hundred thousand means until thou didst arrive. Thou didst hear that which most of the servants are deprived of hearing, and thou didst behold a horizon for the beholding of which the power of sight was created and brought from nothingness into being. Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. We beseech God to preserve all from that which is unseemly and to adorn them with the ornament of chastity. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We counsel all to steadfastness and to conduct and deeds that befit the days of God. The glory that proceedeth from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon thee and upon them.

BH07556: O My handmaiden and the daughter of My handmaiden!…

In the Name of the Peerless Friend!

O My handmaiden and the daughter of My handmaiden! The Tongue of Grandeur and tender Mercy maketh mention of thee from the realm on high and beareth witness to thy banishment and thy journey in the path of God, to thy presence and thy visitation in the days when the Most Great Prison was the seat of His Throne. In the estimation of God this testimony is greater than all things. Recognize its station and appreciate its value.

In this Day whosoever from amongst the handmaidens turneth unto and attaineth His Presence, is reckoned in the sight of God amongst the leaves of His Tree and is thus referred to by the Pen of the Most High. Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to the handmaidens of the One true God and give them the tidings of the splendours of the rays of the Sun of Truth. We admonish all to uphold sanctity and purity and beseech God to cleanse them from defilement, and confirm them in upright deeds and a praiseworthy character. He is the Giver and the Kind.

BH07910: O My handmaiden! Thy letter was received and attained…

In the Name of the One God

O My handmaiden! Thy letter was received and attained unto the divine favors. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the choice wine of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and hast turned toward the most exalted horizon. Thou art among the leaves who have attained the presence of the Divine Lote-Tree and hast drunk the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of the Self-Sufficing Lord. This station is most great—preserve it in the name of Truth. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Say: O handmaidens of God! The greatest adornment for women in this world hath been supreme chastity, and

the most excellent of all deeds is mighty steadfastness. We beseech God to adorn all with these two most exalted attributes. O My leaves! Upon you be My glory! This Wronged One remembers you in the Most Great Prison and counsels you to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Cause of God. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory from Us be upon those women who have turned unto God and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH07739: Thy emigrant sister, upon both of whom be…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

Thy emigrant sister, upon both of whom be the Glory of God. Thy sister hath appeared before Our presence and We have heard mention of thee from her. We make mention of thee in this Most Great Book. Say: My God, my God! Aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, and the Ruler of the last and the first. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the ordinances of Thy Book, by the fragrances of Thy verses and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur, to make me in all conditions to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, to speak Thy praise, O Lord of all names, to be detached from Thine enemies who have violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have disputed Thy signs and denied Thy proof and Thy evidence.

O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy laws, who have circled round Thy will and Thy purpose. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08573: O Ali! Thy letter hath attained unto the presence…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O Ali! Thy letter hath attained unto the presence of the Ancient King in the Most Great Prison and been heard by Him. The fragrance of divine love was wafted therefrom. We beseech God that He may illumine and gladden the hearts of them that inhabit Nun and Ra with the lights of the Morn of His Revelation, that all may occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings in complete unity. O people of God! Illumine the horizons of the world with the light of concord and, guided by the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, attain unto the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. The world hath never been, nor will it ever be, faithful. Aid the Cause of God through the hosts of goodly character and refined conduct. O Ali! Convey My greetings to the kindred who have turned from creation unto the True One. This is the Day of mention and service. Blessed are they that have attained! The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them that have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08030: Today the Tree of Knowledge in the highest paradise…

In the Name of the Mighty, the Powerful

Today the Tree of Knowledge in the highest paradise uttereth this most exalted Word: Today He Who conversed with Moses is seated upon the throne of Revelation. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened

unto His call and hath arisen to serve Him. O leaf and O fruit of the Divine Lote-Tree! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy remembrance was made mention of before the Wronged One, and this most holy, most sublime Tablet hath been sent down especially for thee from the heaven of God's Will, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Today the Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to that which beseemeth His Day. The pilgrims have attained the honor of visiting the true House and have been blessed with loving-kindness, bounty, presence and reunion. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens to preserve that which He hath bestowed upon them. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08615: O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory!…

In the Name of the One God.

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My Glory! The Glance of Divine Providence has ever been turned towards that direction. Today is the Dawning-Point of Days and the Dayspring of Times. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto the Purpose and perceived the fragrance of the Divine Verses. Existence has come forth from nothingness into the realm of being for the recognition of this Day. Whosoever has attained unto recognition is reckoned with God and is mentioned by the Supreme Pen in the Book of God.

Praise thou the Purpose of all worlds that thou hast attained unto His signs and art adorned with His kinship. Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life.

We convey Our greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His Glory. The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned, hearkened and responded in the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08485: The leaf, daughter of that honored lady, intended…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

The leaf, daughter of that honored lady, intended the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon. Praise be to God, divine grace assisted her and His will granted her success. She arrived at the station which had been the hope of the chosen ones, heard the divine call, and attained the presence of the Horizon. We beseech God to assist her in preserving that which He has bestowed. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise thou the Goal of all beings, that thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and been sent down from the heaven of will. This is the most exalted station and the most glorious rank, and this greatest bounty and mightiest grace depends on that which hath been revealed in God's Book of commands and laws. Blessed is the maidservant who hath done what she was bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon every maidservant who hath believed in the All-Knowing, the One.

BH08614: O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Today…

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

O My Leaf! Upon thee be My glory! Today the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have illumined the world. The Most Exalted Horizon hath appeared, the Ocean of Knowledge is surging, the Heaven of Revelation is upraised, and the Speaker on Sinai is giving utterance. Blessed is the soul whose hearing hath been blessed with the ability to hearken and whose sight hath been honored to witness these days. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land and give them all the glad-tidings of the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. Perchance they may turn from what they possess to that which is with God and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Every leaf that hath held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree on this day hath attained unto all good and is recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed are they that have attained, and joy be to them that are steadfast. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee, O My Leaf, and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH09599: The leaf is present and sought thy mention…

In the name of the one true God!

The leaf is present and sought thy mention from the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. The mention of God, exalted be His glory, is like unto a lamp that exists before the face of its possessor in all the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and acteth as beseemeth the days of God. Today the Great Announcement and the Lord of the Day of Judgment summoneth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the soul whom the events of the world and the doubts of the nations have not deprived of the Most Great Sea. O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto the Book of God. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. Blessed are they that hear and blessed are they that act.

BH00149: How excellent that the letter arrived, diffusing the fragrance…

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

How excellent that the letter arrived, diffusing the fragrance of love throughout all worlds. Each of its letters was a volume, and each of its words a book—volumes upon volumes of the righteous and books upon books of lovers. Blessed be the people of the Covenant, through whom the horizons were illumined. How excellent indeed! In truth, the mystic garden of inner meanings is the book of the loved ones. Every flower exists therein and every nightingale warbles upon it. The nightingales of the world are powerless to describe it, and the pens of nations fall short in its mention. Who can adequately give thanks for this supreme bounty? He guided, He showed the way, He conferred strength, He tested with knowledge, He bestowed vision, He granted wisdom. His is the praise and glory, beyond count and beyond reckoning. Blessed is our Lord Who hath made known to you that from which every possessor of smell perceiveth the fragrance of grace and favor.

Glorified art Thou, O Desire of the world and Manifest One through the Most Great Name! How can I mention Thee after Thou hast taught me that remembrance cannot draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory

and utterance cannot soar into the atmosphere of Thy nearness? And how can I remain silent when I witness that my life was suspended by it, enduring through it, and standing by it? I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to assist me in mentioning Thy loved ones who have aided Thy Cause in Thy lands amongst Thy servants, who have arisen to serve Thee, and who have spoken Thy praise. Thou knowest, O my God, and seest, O my Desire, him who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon in days wherein the limbs of all names trembled and the fear of the oppressors seized all in the kingdom of creation.

Thou hearest, O my God, his mention and praise, and Thou witnesseth, O my Lord, his steadfastness and constancy. I beseech Thee to assist him with the ocean of Thy utterance and to aid him with the angels of Thy Cause, and to protect him from the evil of Thine enemies, that he may mention Thee with wisdom and eloquence amidst the concourse of religions. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart, the letter which was adorned by the effect of the pen arrived—an arrival whose mention cannot quench the thirst of love even after one, two, or three times. In truth, this arrival can be attributed to eternal life, for it is the joy of heart and soul; its rising from the horizon of the heart knoweth no setting nor decline. All this is from the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord, and the Lord of His firm and impregnable Cause and His mighty News. And when the maidens of utterance were beheld from the chambers of words, they directed themselves toward the most exalted horizon and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names, attaining the honor of being heard. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

In My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, We make mention of thee with a remembrance before which all remembrances bow down in humility. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou the Lord of the beginning and the end!”

We have stood before all faces with such steadfastness as could not be prevented by the hosts of the world nor by the might of days. Verily, the seas testify to My power, and the waves to My utterance, and the heaven beareth witness to My sovereignty that hath encompassed all horizons. The trees cry out in My Name while men are in strange doubt. We remember Our loved ones in the morning and in the evening, at nightfall and at dawn. The tongue speaketh and the Pen We behold moving in such wise as to attract the hearts of the possessors of understanding. Let nothing whatsoever grieve thee. Be thou confident in the grace of thy Lord. He is with whomsoever desireth Him—to this beareth witness the Mother Book in the most exalted station. We have aided thee to make mention of Me and have exalted thee amongst My servants that thou mayest thank thy Lord at morn and eventide. Be thou in such a state that neither what hath happened nor what will happen shall prevent thee, nor shall the power of the wicked weaken thee. We have remembered thee over successive years with verses that testify to thee in every world of My worlds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

O Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory! Now open thy Persian ear that thou mayest hear the Persian call. Today the Blessed Tree in the midmost heart of the most exalted Paradise uttereth this most sublime Word: O people of the earth! Know ye the value of this time and act as behooveth you. O Ali! This Tree uttereth a word at every moment—its fruit is meaning and its leaves are utterance. Yet most of the followers of religion are deprived and kept back. At every instant the Sun of wisdom and utterance shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, yet vision is clouded and understanding veiled. Beseech thou the True One that He may rend asunder these dark veils by the finger of power and may not deprive the heedless servants from the ocean of knowledge. Have they not witnessed the manifestations of power and heard the divine words?

Say: O people, be fair! By the life of God, all the movements of the Truth, exalted be His glory, whether in mention, utterance, verses, evidences, arising or sitting—all have been and are distinguished from all who are on earth. Every person of insight hath testified and every informed one hath borne witness. Blessed is the soul that hath spoken with justice and fairness and whom doubts and idle fancies have not deprived of the fragrances of the divine days. Convey on behalf of the True One greetings to the loved ones of the land of Ta and its surroundings. Say: The fire of the Tree is ablaze and the lights of the Countenance are manifest and radiant. Strive that perchance ye may be enkindled by this fire and set the world aflame. The companions of Sh and S and M are all mentioned in the Most Holy Court and each hath been honored with divine mention. Remember them all on behalf of this Wronged One and convey greetings to them and give them the glad tidings of His grace and bounty, that perchance through the divine glad tidings a celestial power may be manifested in each one. Verily thy Lord counseleth and commandeth the servants with what profiteth them. He is indeed the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

Some time ago the chief of this city, that is the governor, was enkindled with the fire of hatred and did that which caused the book of joy and the scroll of delight and gladness to be erased and disappear from this land. Each day a new oppression was manifested from him and a calumny made evident. Nevertheless, the Supreme Pen ceased not from mention of the friends. A hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for this supreme bestowal and mighty favor!

His honor Aqa ʿAbdu’s-Samad with [his companion], upon them both be the Glory of God, attained and were among the chosen friends of that land. Multiple Tablets were requested and in these days were bestowed and sent. Give him the glad tidings of his Lord’s favor that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

The prison-city, praise be to God, has become filled with the friends, and this gathering has become the cause and reason for talk. Some words have been spoken, yet in all conditions power is manifest and the Pen is in motion. On one occasion these blessed words were spoken, the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

“O servant present! The people are weak, nay even kings are seen to be disturbed and fearful at the slightest thing. Otherwise, We would have assigned a specific place for a group of the friends in these lands and would have summoned them from all directions. But in consideration of the weakness of the servants We have held back. Glory be to God! For nearly twelve years We were in Iraq, and five years in the Land of Mystery, and eighteen years in the Prison Land in the domains of the Sublime State, and not

so much as a needle's point of harm was manifested from the souls present, nor was any corruption evident. Nevertheless, they did what thou hast seen and art aware of. Ask God to grant capacity of heart and breast and to strengthen the faculty of understanding, that perchance they may discover the purpose and find themselves freed from their vain imaginings." End quote.

In truth, this ephemeral one is astonished at what could be the cause of their agitation and the reason for their lack of assurance, when in the Ottoman domains this community was subjected to killing and all manner of tribulation, yet they held fast to beautiful patience. In no way was any corruption manifest nor any opposition seen. The world is bewildered as to what cause and reason they have arisen in opposition, objection, oppression and transgression. In any case, forgiveness has been and is befitting to the station of man, and likewise prayer and seeking divine confirmation from the Presence of the Creator, exalted be His mention. Verily He is the Generous, the Possessor of Great Bounty.

And regarding what was written that some of the matters of that beloved one were not mentioned—this evanescent servant had previously submitted detailed accounts of all affairs. It is strange that that beloved one has again complained. Last year in this land the fire of corruption was so intensely ablaze that all writings were gathered and sent to a special place, and whatever was at hand and seen was answered and sent, especially regarding the letters of that beloved of hearts. Whatever was received was not neglected in reply, rather responses were written and dispatched on the very day of receipt. It seems to have escaped the blessed notice, as in this exalted letter much displeasure has been expressed. In truth, such expression was not warranted. In any case, this evanescent one acknowledges and confesses his shortcomings and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist him in making amends for what was missed. Verily our Lord is the Helper, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At this moment, another letter from that beloved of hearts was observed. Much complaint was made about not receiving replies and mention was made of certain names. This servant, after reading it, found himself bewildered, for if that beloved one were to gather the Tablets specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Lord's Will, as well as the responses submitted by this servant, surely multiple books would be observed. At this point, this exalted word was revealed from the Lord of all beings, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "O Ali! The heavenly feast and divine enduring bounty has rained upon you from the atmosphere of the Lord's mercy to such an extent that you are unable to count it. Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks to your Lord and say: Thine is the praise, and Thine the bounty, and Thine the gratitude, and Thine the glory, and Thine the favors and gifts, and Thine the bestowals and kindnesses. There is no God but Thee, the Giver, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Generous. O Ali! You have had and have no right to complain whatsoever. Even if nothing were to be revealed to that soul in these days, they should not be saddened, for from the beginning of the Cause until now, they have been and are blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen. Now the glance of favor should turn to new souls, that perchance they may be purified and sanctified from the doubts and allusions of the people of the earth through the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and may find themselves firm, steadfast and upright in the Cause of God."

Thus did He bestow purely out of grace, favor, kindness and mercy that which in all conditions wafts the fragrance of hope. If we reflect even briefly on His favors, until the endless end we would continue to say: "Thine is the praise, O Beloved of hearts."

O Ghulamrida! Upon thee be the Glory of the All-Glorious! Thou hast borne countless hardships in the path of God, endured reproach, experienced imprisonment, chosen exile from thy homeland, been made the target of oppression, tasted the cup of torment, and drunk the goblet of tribulation. Such is the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Yet since these were endured in His path, they were and shall ever remain beloved. By My life! Tribulation is fleeting but its reward is everlasting—the former setting like the sun, the latter knowing no decline. This is of thy Lord's mercy upon thee. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. However, return to thy former station is acceptable and beloved for the sake of God and in His path.

Thou must at all times hold fast unto wisdom and counsel the friends in that land with wisdom, that all may be adorned with the ornament of divine commandments and become the cause of drawing people nigh unto God. O servant! Upon thee be My glory! The people of the world are weak and sick—both strength and healing are needed. God willing, thou wilt kindle with the fire of wisdom those who are cold, and awaken those who are heedless. Pass through the regions like the morning breeze. All must be educated according to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will in the Holy Books and Tablets, that all may drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Section 2: "My God, my God! I am Thy servant…"

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. My outer and inner tongue, and the tongue of my heart bear witness to Thy unity and oneness, and that there is none like unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace, by the lights of the daybreak of Thy manifestation, by the kingdom of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me under all conditions to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then cause to appear from me, O my Best-Beloved, that which shall be a light before the faces of Thy servants and a spirit for the revival of the hearts of Thy creatures.

Then enable me, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, to perform such deeds as shall cause all deeds to shine, and to do that which befitteth Thy days and Thy manifestation. Thou art He Whom the clamor of the divines hath not deterred from the operation of Thy wisdom, nor have the doubts of the theologians prevented the power of Thy Pen. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O servant! Strive, that perchance the loved ones of God may drink from the mystical ocean that lieth concealed within this blessed Word—and this blessed Word is "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth." By the life of God! Whosoever attaineth unto this Word will behold himself firmly established, seated upon the throne of certitude. We beseech God that He may aid thee to enlighten His servants, guide them, and direct them to the straight path. Convey to the people of God in that land greetings from the Wronged One. Say: From the earliest days, this Wronged One hath

proclaimed before the faces of all men—kings and subjects, divines and princes—the Most Great Word, a Word which no possessor of hearing can deny, and to which every person of insight beareth witness.

Nevertheless, the opposers have uttered that which no opponent had ever uttered. They have drawn the sword of opposition, and instead of rendering service, they have clung to calumnies. They have turned away from the Mother Book and the Ocean of Utterance, occupying themselves with murmurings and shallow pools. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Omniscient Commander, the All-Informed.

This evanescent one hath ever been occupied with the mention of that spiritual friend. I have beseeched and do beseech God that He may aid them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. In this night, at the time of revelation, when the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of thee, from every direction was witnessed the dawning of the sun of grace, favor, kindness and mercy. That which was specially revealed for thee is such that none save the Revealer Himself, in His true station, can comprehend its significance. I convey greetings and salutations to the friends in those regions who have quaffed the choice wine and who are gazing toward the Most Sublime Horizon. It is hoped that each one may be illumined and enkindled by the light of God's mention and the fire of His blessed Tree of Providence. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He is the Hearer Whom nothing preventeth from hearkening, and the Witness Whom no affair hindereth from witnessing and perceiving. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding what was written about Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, that some friends are displeased with him—that is, they are not satisfied—even though he is engaged in service, this matter was presented to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His blessed words, exalted be He:

> "Let all look to My Most Exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My glorious and wondrous utterance. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Indeed, the matter is as that beloved one hath written.

In any case, he has arisen to serve the Cause and they must consider the service itself and must not object. The people of God must ever fix their gaze upon the blessed words "He doeth what He willeth" which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mouth of Will. He is one newly come to the stream of recognition and engaged in service. Even if some of his actions are not seen to be satisfactory, they must conceal this and pray for him. It is hoped his service will enable him to do what is befitting. This is not difficult for God. In truth, he is mentioned before God and hath attained the verses of the Supreme Pen.

It is clear and evident to all that not an atom of deeds that are not pleasing are or ever have been acceptable in the Most Holy Court. However, repeatedly hath this exalted word flowed from the Supreme Pen, blessed and exalted be He:

> "Today Our gaze is fixed upon the horizons of hearts and what love lieth therein, and whatever is mentioned is in view of the service and love manifested by those souls."

But alas, a hundred thousand times alas, for in these days unseemly deeds prevent one from the spiritual fragrances and meanings and deprive one thereof. With utmost humility I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones and sanctify them from that which He loveth not nor is pleased with. We must all beseech God that those souls who in the early days were adorned with the ornament of His favor and attained His divine tablets may hold fast to deeds that cause the purification and sanctification of God's Cause among His servants. If justice were to be applied, we would all be ashamed and abashed.

One day a person came before Christ—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—and said: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" He said unto him: "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." I beseech God to aid all to return and hold fast to His will. These are days of grace, the ocean of mercy is surging, the sun of bounty is manifest, the heaven of generosity is raised up. Through the mere act of returning, all have been and will be adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. His bounty hath preceded, His mercy hath preceded, and the sun of loving-kindness shineth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty and generosity. Blessed are the peoples who have attained unto this mighty Cause in this mighty Day. Whatever that honored one undertaketh in these matters to promote harmony and remove ill-feeling is acceptable before God, nay rather, it is necessary and obligatory upon that beloved one—but with wisdom, forbearance and patience.

At one time these exalted words were uttered by the Lord of all being. His words, exalted be His glory: O servant present! Ali-Haydar, upon him be My glory, is enkindled and stands ready to execute whatever is commanded. God willing, the Hand of Divine education shall adorn him with the ornament of what He desires. Nothing is hidden from His knowledge and He is the Witness, the Ever-Present, the All-Knowing. However, they must hold fast to wisdom, for perchance publicity may cause disturbance. All must seek his protection. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and praise to the friends of God, and states: Arise for the sake of God and in His path to remove estrangements between souls. If this deed be done for the sake of God, it will surely prove effective and everyone's aims and purposes will be achieved without harm befalling anyone. Verily our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. This evanescent one submits with the utmost humility and supplication unto all that which is the cause of exaltation and glory. Verily my Lord is witness to what I say.

Concerning what was written about the kinsmen and friends of that land, praise be to God, all have been blessed with special favors. After presentation at the Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses—thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified: "O Ali Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny. Thou hast mentioned the friends of that land. Blessed art thou and well is it with thee. Each has been honored with the tokens of the Most Exalted Pen. All have been and are beneath the glances of God's favor.

Say: O people of God! Strive ye and know and recognize your worth and station. For a time, occupy yourselves with creating harmony, unity and removing estrangements. With the utmost joy and fragrance, turn to purifying the hearts and souls of the heedless servants. Ere long will the effulgences of the Sun of Justice become manifest and evident to all the worlds. Be occupied with refining nations and

improving the world. Make your resolve great and arise in the name of Truth to educate the saplings of the divine planting, and be foremost in good deeds. The deeds of all are clear and evident before God and their reward is preserved in the treasuries of infallibility. We beseech God to aid all to achieve that which hath been revealed and made manifest from the Most Exalted Pen at this time.

We make mention of the handmaidens of God in that land and bid them observe the Most Great Chastity. Praise be to God, each is mentioned in the presence of the Divine Countenance and is blessed with favor. We send greetings unto them from this near yet far Station, and We send peace unto them from this luminous Horizon. Any handmaiden who today has attained the recognition of God is regarded before God as among the men, nay rather among the heroes—those concerning whom He has said: ʻNeither trade nor commerce distracts them from the remembrance of God.' Blessed are they, both men and women, and theirs is a goodly reward."

As to their mention of the honored Leaf, member of the Holy Family, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors—after it was presented before His Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, a Blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of His Will specifically for her. Praise be to God, she attained that which hath no likeness or parallel. It is hoped that every letter of the divine Tablet's words may, like the Most Great Luminary, illuminate all beings and cause to shine forth from the horizon of the heart that which befitteth His Day. This servant also conveyeth greetings and salutations to the honored Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, and beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to ordain for that Leaf that which shall cause eternal mention and everlasting life. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, hath commanded us to pray and hath promised to answer. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

As to conditions in the Land of Desire, as before, the source of evil is deposed and defeated, though some movement is observed. Although this Cause hath never opposed anyone past or present, still they regard these servants as heretics. Until now they have not inhaled the fragrance of holiness and sanctity of this blessed Cause. The Shi'ih acted in such wise as caused the Concourse of the Spirit and Moses to weep, and the Sunni acted in ways unprecedented. They remain caught in vain imaginings and idle fancies. Leave them in their idle discourse. The Command is in the hand of our Lord, the Master of all mankind.

The devoted female pilgrims have arrived—the honored mother of H and S, upon them be the Glory of God, known for months residing in the house, and other honored ladies who arrived forty days ago and have been blessed to hear the divine verses. They have repeatedly mentioned you. The rays of the Sun have so brilliantly shone upon them that this servant and others are unable to describe it. We beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to grant them success to spend their days with perfect steadfastness in remembrance of the Lord of all beings. The Beloved hath repeatedly expressed satisfaction with them.

His honor Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, hath labored greatly and demonstrated from that Presence that which proved his faith and certitude. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and bestowed specifically for him. At this moment, in the presence of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His grandeur, He commanded: Write to Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My glory and favors, that which is regarded by God as the most excellent of deeds and upon which depends the exaltation of the blessed Word—unity and concord. In this matter they must strive and become the cause of unity, especially those

men who are numbered among the near ones in God's Book as recorded by the Supreme Pen. The world must find the straight path through the certitude, assurance, orientation, devotion, sanctification, detachment and dedication of these holy, content and well-pleased souls, and must gaze toward the Supreme Horizon, detached from all directions, regions and horizons. End.

Indeed, were they to hold fast to that which is befitting, God's Cause would encompass all and all would comprehend that of which they are now heedless and turn to that from which they now turn aside. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon your honor, upon those with you, and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant 9th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1304

BH00674: Praise and glory befit those souls at rest…

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

Praise and glory befit those souls at rest and those hearts of strength whom neither the swords of the wicked prevented from the traces of the Chosen One nor did the ranks of oppression hold back from manifesting justice. By their steadfastness the feet of the heedless were shaken, and by their arising the manifestations of power were brought low. They are the dawning-places of might among the servants and the manifestations of what God has willed in the lands. All created things offer prayers upon them when the lights of attributes shine forth.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest my weakness and my impotence. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the chosen ones among Thy servants, and by the breath wherewith Thou hast given life unto Thy creation, to assist Thy friends and loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that I desired to make mention of one of Thy servants from whom and from whose son numerous letters have come in Thy praise and glorification, but the abundance of writing before Thy presence has prevented me from responding. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom, to grant me time not bounded by hours and minutes that I may make mention of Thy loved ones and give them glad tidings of Thy favors and bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant submits that the letters of your honor and your son—upon you both be the Glory of God—arrived one after another like daily sustenance. In truth, they were strengthening nourishment and a joy-giving elixir, for each was adorned with the mention and praise of the Goal of all the worlds. However, the delay in responding was not due to negligence or lack of attention and shortcoming on the part of this servant, but rather due to the abundance of writing before the Throne and lack of opportunity and time. God suffices as witness. The Truth, exalted be His glory, is witness and testament that you have ever been remembered before this evanescent servant and your remembrance and mention have never left my heart, let alone my tongue. At one time, after your honored brother and cherished companion's letter was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these brilliant verses were revealed from the King of earth and heavens. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Informed

Ever has the Pen of the Ancient King been engaged and astir in remembrance of His friends. At times the Euphrates of mercy hath flowed from it, and at others the perspicuous Book hath been revealed therefrom. He is the Unique One and the First Speaker of the world. Ever hath He been established upon the throne of transcendence, uttering sufficient counsels and beneficial admonitions.

God is witness and mankind doth testify that He hath not for a moment concealed or hidden Himself. He hath arisen before the faces of all the peoples of the world and commanded whatsoever He desired. His purpose hath been the reformation of the world and the tranquility of nations. This reformation and tranquility shall not appear except through unity and harmony, and this shall not be achieved except through the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen. His utterance doth illuminate the horizons with the light of unity. His mention kindleth the fire of love and consumeth the veils that intervene and the barriers that separate. One pure deed shall transcend the heavens; it shall loose the bound wing and restore departed strength.

The Shi'ih sect, through their ingratitude and failure to recognize the truth, are accounted as the basest of all sects in the sight of the Lord of all mankind. For thirteen hundred years they cried "O Truth!" and then martyred Him with the swords of hatred. Such was their recompense on the Day of Retribution, and from that station their deeds are manifest and evident unto this time. The people of Divine Unity are not aware of the cause and reason for the humiliation that hath befallen them. They were the most powerful of all sects, yet now they are seen as the weakest of all sects. Power hath been transformed into weakness, wealth into poverty, glory into abasement, and profit into loss.

By the life of God! All this hath been and is the recompense of their deeds. And now, like unto Qarun, they sink into the earth the measure of one measure every moment, yet they perceive it not. Ere long they shall witness in the visible realm whatsoever hath been revealed in the Tablets from the Most Exalted Pen.

O people of God! Sanctification, sanctification! Fear of God, fear of God! Be ye like unto the free cypress, and like unto the heart of Baha, detached and free. Say: O people of God! The Helper and Succourer and the hosts of God are, in the Scriptures and Tablets, manifest and evident as the sun. These hosts have ever been and shall remain goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Whosoever today rendereth assistance through the hosts of righteous deeds and character, and ariseth to serve for God and in the path of God, assuredly shall his traces become manifest and evident in all regions.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its influence, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and provided for me, and thanks be to Thee for having made me to know Thee and drawn me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Ancient Days, by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy firm and decisive Command whereby Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty and to cling to the hem of Thy generosity. My Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by that which hath flowed from Thy Pen to aid me in that which beseemeth Thy days and from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure is wafted. Then ordain for

me and for those with me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Who can reckon the lights of the luminary of His grace, and who can attain unto the highest pinnacle, the station of His remembrance and utterance? He is the One through Whose word appeared the seas and their waves and what lay concealed therein, and the trees and their fruits and leaves and branches and what was hidden within them, and the mountains and what lay therein of minerals and their mysteries, and the earth and what was treasured therein and appeared therefrom, and the heaven and its suns and stars and creation.

This is the station of but one word from the divine words that hath been mentioned with utmost brevity. Should man reflect even briefly upon the ocean of power, he would find himself bewildered. In truth, no tongues, pens or tablets can fulfill or reach its end. Exalted be His grandeur, sublime be His signs, perfect be His favors, and abundant be His bounties and blessings.

How often during nights and days doth this servant observe himself bewildered and deep in thought, for on one hand the signs of power, grandeur, loftiness, loving-kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory, are witnessed, and on the other hand the people are seen veiled, forbidden, deprived, heedless and bereft. Glory be to God! What heedlessness hath encompassed the hearts and minds! After witnessing and observing the world of power, might, mercy and bounty, they pass it by and occupy themselves with matters unworthy of mention.

This servant and your honor and other friends and loved ones must supplicate the Self-Sufficient with utmost lowliness and imploring, that perchance He may refresh His dispirited servants through the rains of mercy and grant them awareness from the ocean of grace. He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and He confirmeth whatsoever He desireth.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and seek His aid that I may make mention of the apple of your eye, Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the glory of God, and fulfill this task. Indeed this word is mentioned by way of apology, for his letters were received repeatedly, but this servant's pen found not the opportunity to reply. However, God is witness and aware that you and your relatives have ever been and are before our eyes and have ever been mentioned in the Most Sublime Vision. It is hoped that complete fruit may be yielded and enduring traces may appear, for any deed—whether it be remembrance, utterance, or action—that is performed for God's sake shall not be without effect. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and verily He is the Gracious, the Merciful, and the Manifest Forgiver. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon your son and upon those whom the fire hath not prevented from drawing nigh unto the light. And praise be to the Lord of the Manifestation.

BH02968: Praise be befitting unto the Object of all desire…

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

Praise be befitting unto the Object of all desire Who raised up from the name of Abu'l-Hasan the name of Amin and adorned him with the ornament of manifest truth. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and

ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. And blessings and peace and glory and radiance be upon His loved ones who have not broken His covenant and testament and who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. These are servants who have recognized His oneness and singleness, whom neither the veils of the world nor the coverings of the nations have hindered. They have bowed down before every word of the words of God their Creator and have raised no objection to any matter in what hath appeared from Him Who conversed on Sinai. These are the dawning-places of the light of submission and contentment in the world of creation and the daysprings of steadfastness and dignity among all beings. Upon them pray the Concourse on High, the companions of the Crimson Ark, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, at morn and at dusk.

Thereafter, the successive letters of that spiritual beloved arrived. The fragrances of their mention gave fresh life to the soul and the glad tidings of his health bestowed new spirit and delight. Praise be to God that the messenger of love is ever journeying and the pen of affection ever moving in joy and gladness. This is the fourth response being submitted. God willing, whatever was previously sent has arrived. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that beloved one to be manifest and upraised like a standard among the peoples in the name of Truth. May He deposit in his words the effect of spirit and in his utterance the radiance of light, that he may bestow life and illumine all things.

What you wrote regarding the friends in Tiflis has all been accepted, and from the heaven of the Supreme Pen there was revealed especially for each one that which every word thereof is a clear book for the fair-minded. It was sent to the spiritual beloved Haji Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, that he may deliver it. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 9 Jamadi'l-Avval 1304

BH00201: True praise and spiritual commendation befits 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

True praise and spiritual commendation befits the people of Baha, who have turned to the supreme horizon through the guidance of the Most Exalted Word and have drunk the sealed wine in His Self-Subsisting Name. These are the souls from whose steadfastness the essence of steadfastness is made manifest, and from whose knowledge the reality of recognition shines forth. These are the dawning-places of divine praise and the treasuries of the wisdom of the Eternal. The lights of the world shine from their radiance and the acceptance of nations appears through their acceptance.

These are the souls whom neither the might of the world nor the power of nations could deter, and whom neither doubts, insinuations, commerce, the wealth of servants, nor whatsoever is in the lands could deprive. With the finger of detachment they rent asunder the veils and tore away the shrouds. With celestial power they arose to serve the Cause—an arising that caused the ungodly to sit, and with an assurance that caused the transgressors to tremble. The ornaments and colors of the world neither

barred nor hindered them. With illumined hearts and radiant faces, on the Day of Recompense they set forth for the place of sacrifice. They offered up the crown of life in the path of the peerless Friend. These are they whose mention hath flowed from the Pen of God in the Books of both past and future. The All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God." And one of the people of the Qur'an hath said: "Blessed are we, and blessed are the companions of our Qa'im, and their blessedness exceedeth our blessedness."

David saith: "Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name." By "priests" are meant those souls who are assured and at peace with this Most Great Cause and Mighty Message. In specific books they have interpreted "priest" as "servant." He saith that on that day Moses and Aaron were mentioned among His servants. These are the mighty ones whom the power of princes did not weaken, and whom the oppression of tyrants and pharaohs did not prevent from mention and praise in the realm of creation. These are the surging sea and the cause of success and salvation. Previously, one sacrifice was mentioned and the books of the world bear witness to its description. But now thousands of sacrifices, aflame with divine love and the light of merciful grace and passion for the Divine Lord, have set forth to the most distant goal and attained the supreme martyrdom. Not one of those holy souls returned alive. Nevertheless, the people are unaware, and in complete heedlessness strive to extinguish the light of the Lord of all beings.

The signs have encompassed the world, and the power of God, exalted be His glory, shineth like the sun at the zenith of the heaven of meaning and utterance. From the first day, without pause or silence or stillness, He hath stood manifest before all faces, calling out with the most exalted voice, and commanding all to what God hath willed. Behold the Tablet to the Sultan, and likewise the Tablets to the kings. O My loved one! The world is bewildered. If man remaineth veiled from this Revelation, to what can he cling, and how can he enter the arena of certitude and recognition? At every moment a perspicuous Book descendeth from the heaven of will, and at every instant the Sun of proof shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Our Lord, our Goal, our Beloved, and the Purpose of all in the heavens and earth speaketh the truth.

Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He: O servant in attendance, the recompense of the people's deeds in the Day of Reckoning hath deprived them of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O Manifestation of Light and Speaker on Sinai! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy celestial dominion and the mysteries of Thy kingdom, and by the trees which Thou hast planted with the hands of Thy loving-kindness in Thy most exalted Paradise, and by the fragrances wafting through Thy supreme Garden, to rain down from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace upon those who have turned toward Thee that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and adorn them with the robes of Thy favors. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. They are those who, when they heard Thy sweetest call, turned to Thee with radiant faces, and when Thy most exalted horizon appeared, declared:

> "We believe in Thee, O Lord of Names and God of the throne on high and of earth below, Master of the hereafter and of the world of old!"

O Lord! Thou seest him who hath rent asunder the veils through Thy Name and Thy power, who hath turned toward Thee in Thy days, who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and who hath confessed what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the oceans of Thy favors to assist him under all conditions to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service. Then ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world, and that which will profit him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs, both hidden and manifest.

There is none other God but Thee, the One Who speaketh from Thy praiseworthy station and Thy frequented House. O God, my Lord, my Goal, my Master, my Support, and my Hope! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have arisen and remained steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, such that neither the doubts of the people nor the oppression of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs and have disputed Thy proof have deterred them. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

I submit that the flowing pen of that honored one, which was mingled with love and affection, perfumed this ephemeral gathering, for it was adorned with the mention, praise, glory and thanksgiving of the Goal of all the worlds. God is my witness that this servant has ever mentioned and continues to mention the loved ones of God, day and night, appearing before His presence and engaged in the revelation of verses. While writing, I beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord with utmost humility and supplication to protect His loved ones and assist them, that they may attain unto everlasting stations in this transient world. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. After reading the letter and becoming aware of its contents, I soared with the wings of longing and detachment until I attained the presence of the Lord of Creation. When I appeared, the Ancient Beauty turned toward me and asked about what was in my right hand and commanded me to read. I presented it to its end, and when it was complete, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying “the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He”:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

A Book revealed by the Creator of the heavens and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of eternity unto him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon when the people of the earth and their princes and divines turned away from Him. To this testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, that His call may draw him unto the kingdom of My utterance and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O thou who holdest fast to My cord and cleavest to the hem of My robe! Hear thou My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it announceth unto thee My bounty and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. This is a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the luminary of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, and a Book wherein hath been set down that which delighteth the eyes of them that are near unto God.

We have made mention of thee aforetime with a mention that no other mention can equal, and We make mention of thee at this moment when the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. That which was hidden in the knowledge of God hath been manifested, and He Who was promised in the Books of the Messengers hath come. Blessed is the soul whom the books of the world have not withheld from the Most Great Name, who hath arisen before all faces and taken the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and hath read what is therein despite those who have denied the Day of Judgment.

We were seated upon Our seat when the servant who was present entered with thy letter and read it before the Wronged One. We heard it and have answered thee with verses before which all verses have bowed down, and with an utterance around which every wondrous utterance hath circled. Be thou vocal in My praise and mindful in My remembrance and soaring in My atmosphere and steadfast in the service of My Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and for not having been hindered by the doubts of the divines who have committed that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise to lament and the Most Exalted Heaven to weep, and then those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and in the morning and at sunset.

We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God and have found therefrom the fragrance of thy love. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He is with him who loveth Him and desireth Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not those who have denied the Proof. Follow Him Who hath come from the horizon of power with a perspicuous command. From the Pen of the All-Merciful hath flowed the Water of Life. Draw ye nigh and drink thereof in His Name, the Sovereign over all names, and by His command, the firm, the unshakeable.

We have stood before the faces of the world and called all unto that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. They have turned away from the Truth, having followed every doubting scholar. Thus hath the Ocean of inner meanings revealed its utterance and the Sun of bounty its evidence, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful.

Now hear the divine verses in Persian: From the inception of this Cause until now, We have summoned all on earth—kings and subjects, learned and ignorant—without any veil or barrier to the Lord of all beings. The path has been made clear and the proof manifest, verses have been revealed and evidences made apparent. Yet the people cling to vain imaginings and remain heedless of the truth, save whom thy Lord willeth—they are the ones who turn away. Though they have witnessed the former people who considered themselves the most excellent of all creation, and have seen what befell them on the Day of Retribution for their deeds, yet in this Revelation they again busy themselves forming a party like the party of old. Say: Fear God and follow not the ways of the heedless. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the Kingdom of utterance and manifest sovereignty.

Throughout ages and centuries, various sects occupied themselves with cursing one another from pulpits, each following a path according to their own fancy. When the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the

horizon of God's will—exalted be His glory—all arose in opposition and protest. The supreme cause and greatest reason for their rejection was the opposition of the divines and religious leaders of the age, who in the early years arose with hypocrisy and issued the decree for the shedding of the most pure blood. The divines of Iraq and other lands committed that which caused the eye of the world to weep and the Tablet and Pen to lament.

Glory be to God! Even one like Shaykh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, who was the pivot of Iran's divines, was observed to be the first to turn away. The actions of other divines are clear and evident—they understood not even a needle's worth of the truth of the Cause. Now the words of that party have emerged anew. Say: O heedless ones! This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Turn from the west of idle fancies to the east of certitude. Return from that which is with creation to that which is with God. Let not the opportunity slip away; count these moments as precious. A single instant of these days cannot be equated with centuries and ages.

Section 2: "Hearken to the call of this Wronged One…"

Hearken to the call of this Wronged One. Turn from oppression to justice, from tyranny to equity. Days pass like lightning—strive that you may attain the true lights of unity. The slaves of idle fancy deemed themselves believers, and the worshippers of their own conjectures counted themselves detached. Yet when the sun of divine testing shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful's will, all were found in manifest loss.

The children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses, whom they had considered the lowliest of parties, rent asunder the veils and partook of the choice sealed wine from the hand of bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord. Yet the notorious divines known as Shi'ites remain to this day hesitant and opposed. By God's life! Such oppression was manifested from these souls as hath not been witnessed from the beginning of creation until now.

You must, with wisdom and utterance, give the glad tidings of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai to the people of the world according to their capacity, that they might drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the Ancient of Days, which floweth from the right hand of the Most Great Throne, and thereby be quickened and attain eternal life.

We convey Our greetings to the party of God and give them the glad tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and mercy. Say: O party of God! Aid ye the one true God with the sword of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, that perchance the fire of hatred and animosity kindled in the breasts of the followers of religions may be quenched by the rain of divine mercy and the living waters of celestial counsel. O people of God! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who is wronged. Perchance the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen may cause you to attain your true purpose and lead you to the highest summit. The splendors shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon My loved ones whom neither the ascendancy of the divines nor the clamor of the foolish deterred from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Through the attraction of the words of the Desired One of the worlds on this blessed night, all things are witnessed to be in a state of rapture. The sealed wine hath taken hold of them. They possess a world

other than this world, and experience such joy and ecstasy that the perceptions of those who dwell in the dust are powerless to comprehend or describe it. In all conditions we hold fast to the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His favor, beseeching Him to guide the heedless servants to the ocean of wisdom and to bestow His grace upon them. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer, and worthy to respond.

Concerning what was mentioned about the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, the word of forgiveness hath been revealed and made manifest from the mouth of the Will of the Desired One of the worlds. Blessed and welcome tidings be unto her.

And concerning what was mentioned about the handmaiden of God, Fatimeh, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: We have heard her call and witnessed her turning unto Us. We make mention of her with a clear mention. God hath forgiven her and the letters Ha and Sin which ascended unto Us, and I am the All-Knowing Bearer of Glad-tidings. We make mention of every servant who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Nothing whatsoever escapeth God's knowledge, no affair preventeth Him, nor doth the oppression of the aggressors frighten Him. He alone hath arisen in the world with such steadfastness as hath shaken the foundations of the edifice of the idolaters, and with such constancy as hath caused the feet of the heedless to slip. The glory from Us be upon her and upon him who hath ascended and upon her who hath ascended and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

Praise be to God! The ocean of forgiveness hath encompassed all and the sea of bounty is manifest at its utmost height. Would that the people of the world were aware and would not deprive themselves of everlasting grace and eternal glory through occupation with two fleeting days. However, the recompense of the deeds of the people of earth hath prevented and deprived them. In all conditions, authority and judgment belong unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, in the end, meaning these days.

Mention was made of the Leaf, the wife, upon her be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, these verses were revealed from the divine Kingdom of utterance. His word, exalted and mighty be He: O My handmaiden and My leaf! We have made mention of thee before, and at this moment with such mention as hath attracted the hearts of those who are endued with understanding. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment and attainest unto the breezes of the verses, say:

My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and thanksgiving, and unto Thee be gratitude and bounty, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made me aware of Thy Great Announcement, the recognition of which hath been forbidden to the people of Thy realm. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thy most exalted horizon, and Thy leaf clinging to the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy manifestation, to make me in all conditions attracted by Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause, speaking in Thy praise and glorification, and steadfast in Thy knowledge. Ordain for Thy handmaiden, O my God, through the Pen of Destiny, that which shall profit her in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Grace hath encompassed all things and mercy hath taken precedence and taketh precedence over the entire world. None hath ever been, nor shall ever be, capable of limiting the outpourings of a single word from the words of Truth, or one letter from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Man is bewildered, nay the dwellers of the highest Paradise are bewildered at what intoxication hath overtaken the world and prevented it from drawing nigh unto God, exalted be His glory. Wonder upon wonder, amazement upon amazement! The servant beseecheth God, his Lord and the Lord of the Throne and earth, to aid His servants to know Him, to turn unto the lights of His countenance, to gaze toward His horizon, and to hold fast unto His firm cord.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God. After it was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, a blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will and sent forth. God willing, may they drink from the fountain of its letters the Kawthar of utterance and circumambulate the Ka'bih of its words with true circumambulation. By the life of our Purpose and your Purpose! That for which the eye was created hath appeared, and that for which the ear was brought from nothingness into being hath been raised up. What more can the servant say or mention? He beseecheth God to aid him in remembrance, praise and service to His Cause. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Seeing Witness.

Likewise mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, at the Most Holy Court. Another Tablet was revealed especially for him from the Most Great Scene and sent forth, that he might be illumined by the lights of the divine Tablet and perfumed by the fragrances of its verses.

Praise be to God that each of these mentioned souls hath in truth attained unto the Mother Book, and there hath been revealed that which hath been and shall be the cause of eternal mention and everlasting life. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to aid in preserving that which He hath bestowed, for many are the thieves, countless are the treacherous ones, and the deceivers lie in wait. I beseech God to preserve them all and aid them in that which He desireth.

As for the mention made of the leaf, the other consort, upon her be the glory of God, after it was submitted at the Most Holy Court these verses were revealed. The Lord, blessed and sanctified is He, saith: O Muhammad! We wish to make mention of thine other consort and adorn her with the ornament of thy Lord's remembrance, and give her glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for her from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call. Verily He hath made mention of thee in such wise as nothing can equal. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in My remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful.

And We make mention of thy daughter at this moment with such remembrance as, when it flowed from the Pen of Revelation, caused all mention in the heavens and earth to bow down before it. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace, and made mention in such wise as shall cause your remembrance to endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent attributes. This is attested by a clear Book which is with Him. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon her from God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Call is continuous, the mention unceasing, the thanksgiving eternal. This station requires continuity, but how can the mention of creation compare with what hath been manifested by the Creator? We are all lame and mute, yet since we are reckoned as His and are turned toward Him, His grace and favor have encompassed and will continue to encompass us. He is the Bestower, He is the Kind. In brief, all the souls mentioned, whether men or women, are remembered in the presence of God and have attained unto the divine verses. Happy are they, blessed are they! Glory and praise and mention be upon you and upon those whom no matter hath deterred from God, the Mighty, the Forgiving. And praise be unto Him, for He is the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

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At this moment, access was gained to the presence of the Most Exalted, the Goal of the worlds. His blessed and exalted Word: O servant in attendance! Write to the friends of the Truth that they should in all conditions hold fast to wisdom, lest the clamor of the divines and the commotion of those servants who have denied God and His signs be raised, and who have disbelieved in Him after He came unto them with a manifest Cause and mighty sovereignty. In some of the revealed verses it hath been enjoined that the friends should engage in mention and praise before the faces of the world, as in the blessed verse revealed specifically for M.H.:

> "Blessed is the soul whom the books of the world have not kept back from the Most Great Name, and who hath arisen before all faces and taken the Book of God with a power from Him, and read what is therein, to the shame of those who have denied the Day of Judgment."

At this time, to act upon this verse would be unwise, for it would cause the fire of hatred to blaze in the breasts of the transgressors and oppressors. But its time will come. Mention of this verse and other verses is beloved when the people show some measure of acceptance and partake of the choice wine of revelation. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that are patient!

BH01846: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor!…

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

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor! Your esteemed letter arrived—sorrow fled and joy took its place. It was very good. The matters were presented in detail. They said that his honor Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah, is mentioned and honored with His grace.

As for his honor Shaykh Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah, he has been and is mentioned. We have asked and continue to ask for divine confirmation and assistance for him.

Regarding what was written about the letter which is with your honor and should reach this servant—if it is the letter specifically for the steadfast women of that land, it is sufficient that your beloved honor should send it.

The day before, they sent the letter of his honor Haji Muhammad-Ali Ammih, upon them both be Baha'u'llah. It was presented. As commanded, they should write a reply. There is one Tablet specifically

for him—send it, and write again about receiving the funds, but it should be written in such a way that his honor Haji Muhammad-ʿAli is assured it has arrived.

Likewise they had sent the letter of one of the handmaidens of God, Khadijih Bigum, upon her be Baha'u'llah. Write her reply as well.

His honor Salmani, upon him be Baha'u'llah, this journey gained inner profit but outward loss. Whatever loss occurred should be counted as Huquq, and surely God will compensate, for He is the Generous, the Bountiful. As commanded, convey greetings to him and express the divine favors.

Likewise mention was made of the sons of ʿAmmih, upon them be Baha'u'llah, in the letter of the handmaiden of God. The sons and he are all at this time honored with mention, as this servant was present and each matter was presented and received a gracious response. The grace and thanks are His.

Likewise the letter of his honor ʿAttar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was presented. They expressed their favor.

Mention was made of her honor Hudhud, upon her be Baha'u'llah. They said:

> "O Hudhud! God willing, may you hold fast to the will of God and cling to that which He loves and is pleased with. Your name was present, we mentioned you. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions."

Likewise the daughter of his honor Mulla Muhammad-Husayn, upon them both be Baha'u'llah, is honored with mention and graced with favor. Give glad tidings to Ibn-i-ʿAttar, upon him be my glory. All the names mentioned in his book are blessed with favor. This year repeatedly the people of that household, young and old, have been honored with mention of the Wronged One. Likewise write about the feast and its acceptance.

The letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-Ali, son of his honor Dhabih, upon them both be Baha'u'llah and His grace, was presented in the Most Holy Court. A few days ago a Tablet was graciously revealed specifically for him. God willing, after this, along with the reply to his letter, this evanescent servant will write and send it. Your honor should write and give the glad tidings of the blessed Tablet. And in the letter of his honor Attar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, mention was made of his honor Buzurg and his honor Abu'l-Hasan and his honor ʿInayatu'llah and his honor Shaykh Hasan, upon them be Baha'u'llah—all are blessed with favor and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Blessed and congratulations to them. Greetings, praise, mention and glory be upon your honor and those with you.

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BH00511: Praise, sanctified beyond the mention and comprehension of all…

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

Praise, sanctified beyond the mention and comprehension of all peoples, befitteth the Lord of Eternity, Who hath illumined the world through the effulgences of the Day-Star of His Most Great Name, and

through countless proofs hath made manifest before the faces of all the Mighty News that was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. The river of His all-merciful bounty hath flowed from the Pen of His Will, and the lights of the Sun of inner meanings have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of His Purpose. A single revelation from the lights of the Sun of His knowledge, falling upon the Mount, caused Moses to be wonderstruck and enraptured, and guided him to the truth. And when a single ember from the fire of His love touched the Tree, the voice proclaiming "Verily, I am God" was raised therefrom. The Tongue of Grandeur hath in this station previously uttered these sublime verses:

O Baha'u'llah! Come forth from behind the veil, That from the West the sun might rise and sail

O Beauty of God! When Thy fire blazed bright, The harvest of lovers' being burned in sight

One spark of that flame upon our souls Thou threw, And on a thousand Sínais countless Sidrihs grew.

Glory be to God! Such proofs and evidences have been made manifest that man is utterly powerless to reckon them. Verses have been sent down and clear signs revealed; divine encompassment exists and heavenly power is visible; the ocean of knowledge surgeth and the sun of utterance shineth forth. Yet despite this, some among the peoples of the world remain hesitant, others turn away, some deny, and still others stand bewildered and perplexed. Nevertheless, the heedlessness, ignorance, denial and estrangement of the peoples of the world cannot prevent the penetration of the Most Sublime Word, nor can all the powers of the world compare with the might of the Most Exalted Pen.

When the Desired One of all worlds first arrived in the City of Peace, mention of no one was heard, as the might of oppression had left none remaining. Then one day, by God's irresistible command, the trumpet blast was sounded. He said: "O servant, this is the meaning of the blessed verse which states And the trumpet shall be blown a second time."' And after this, these exalted words flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur—glorified be His majesty: "Say: O people of the world, know with absolute certainty that God's Will encompasses all and His Purpose prevails. The opposition of the divines, the plotting of the jurisprudents, and the world's might neither prevent Him nor hold back His power. Soon shall the banners proclaiming Verily He is God' and the standards declaring ʿSovereignty belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting' be raised in cities and lands. The buzzing of flies shall not hinder, nor shall it prevent the people from reaching the Lord of all humanity."

In those days no trace appeared from any quarter. the ungodly rejoiced, thinking they had annihilated the party of God, heedless that God's protecting hand was preserving and safeguarding His Cause. Thereafter, by night and day, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke and the Most Exalted Pen moved, dispatching to all corners of the world that which gave life and bestowed light. Finally, all the kings of the earth were summoned, without veil or barrier, and commanded to that which He loves and is pleased with. Even now the heedless ones, some divines in their own estimation, write refutations and forbid people from the pulpits, unaware that soon the horizons of all lands shall be illumined with the light of the Luminary of His Revelation. Though now some have realized that extinguishing this light is impossible, for in every land and city the party of God exists. Alas, alas, how the heart burns to see how people, through their vain imaginings, have deprived themselves of eternal life and everlasting sustenance.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm! Thou seest the burning of my heart and hearest my cry and lamentation at all times. I behold the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the heaven of Thy generosity, the sun of Thy grace, the stars of Thy favors, and the moons of Thy bounty and kindness. And I see the heedlessness of Thy servants, their remoteness from Thy court of nearness, their turning away from the heaven of Thy Revelation, and their denial of Thy proof and evidence. I beseech Thee, O God of the Seen and Unseen, and Educator of all existence, by the Dawning-Places of Thy revelation and the Manifestations of Thy Self, and by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones were attracted and the hearts of Thy loved ones were set ablaze, to aid Thy servants to return unto Thee, to turn repentant to Thy gate, to humble themselves before the revelations of Thy grandeur, and to acknowledge the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance.

O Lord! Thou seest their powerlessness, poverty, ignorance, weakness, and heedlessness in Thy days. I beseech Thee not to deprive them of the lights of the Sun of Thy pardon and the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The clamor of men deterreth Thee not, nor doth the might of those who have disbelieved frighten Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thou seest, O God of all possibilities and Manifester of all beings, that this servant desires to make mention of Thy Afnan whom Thou hast related to Thyself and adorned with the ornament of distinction among Thy servants, though I acknowledge my incapacity and lack of qualification for this most exalted station and most glorious rank. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst deliver Thy Prophets and chosen ones and preserved them from the evil of Thy servants and the tyranny of Thy creatures, to accept what hath proceeded from me and aid me to make mention of that which befitteth Thy days and beseemeth Thy Afnan. Verily, Thou art He by Whose command the Letter Kaf was joined with the Letter Nun, and all that exists appeared through Thy word “Be,” and it was.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your arising, your service, your steadfastness and your remembrance! Your letter was like the spring breeze in the realm of meaning, refreshing heart, soul, body and limbs. It was a manifest glad-tiding and a brilliant herald. Its intimations conveyed spiritual joy and its words were the cause of victories, for each letter thereof was adorned with the praise and glorification of the Lord of the seen and unseen. After its perusal and reading, and the manifestation of joy and delight, We proceeded to the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of hearing these words from the presence of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He: “O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness.”

We spent the morning at the Mansion of Bahji. The honored Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, offered hospitality which We accepted. From Bahji We proceeded to the garden with a group. Upon arrival, We summoned the attending servant with pen, paper and ink. After closing the door, We engaged in the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, and likewise mention of you flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God, you have been quickened by the divine breeze and made fresh by the breathings of revelation.

The attending servant read before the Wronged One that which you addressed to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Possessor of the Exalted Seat. We heard your call and perceived from it the fragrance of your sincerity, detachment and orientation toward God and unto God. We have answered

you with this clear Tablet and ordained for you what you desired from the depths of your Lord's mercy, the Most Merciful. We have sent down for you that which has attracted the hearts of the Concourse on High, the Supreme Paradise, and those who have turned to the Face with such detachment as nothing in all creation could hinder. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. Give thanks to God for this supreme bounty. The Tree desired its branches. He is indeed possessed of great bounty. You turned to Him in the early days when all on earth turned away save a handful who were letters of the Countenance. Thus was it revealed before and in this exalted station which has attained the presence of its Lord and been overtaken by tranquility from Us—otherwise it would soar into the air from the intoxication of reunion. We have recounted this unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

O Afnan! The earth has been honored by the footsteps of the Lord of all beings, yet the people are in grave doubt. All things have been blessed by the mention of the Lord of Names, yet the various factions among the divines, mystics and jurists have been prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that you have spoken in your letter that which befits the Days of God and acknowledged therein that which the Speaker of Sinai uttered when He was established upon the throne of manifestation. We have aided thee, prospered thee, and reinforced thee with hosts of angels. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

Today the world—that is, humankind—is heedless. By the life of God! If they were to find even less than a needle's eye of the divine fragrance, they would cast down the idols of fancy and imagination with the hand of certitude and, detached from all else, would arise to mention, praise and serve the Cause. Today the ocean of light is manifest, the Tree is speaking, and the Sun of bounty is shining and present. Blessed is the one who has not deprived himself of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord nor remained bereft of the ocean of generosity. If thou shouldst observe one who has turned to the Cause, convey greetings from the Wronged One and give him the glad tidings of God's grace and favor. The glory shining from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee!

Upon thee and upon those who are with thee and love thee and hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below, and the Lord of the last and the first. His bounty hath no end and His favors are sanctified above enumeration and limitation. Every hearing ear hath testified and every seeing eye hath perceived. Nevertheless, the people remain sunk in the sleep of heedlessness, unaware and oblivious of this most great bounty. They have made the Cause of the Lord a plaything and a sport. Soon shall they behold the consequences of their vain lives, and they shall cry for help but none shall help them.

The supplication of your honor which was presented at the Most Holy Court—the Sun of favor hath dawned from the horizon of will in such wise that this servant is powerless and incapable to make mention of it. That which I had intended to present to your honor was transformed into these words: "Blessed be your honor and congratulations be unto your honor." When mention was made of your greetings, glorification and praise in the Most Holy Presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—all of them expressed greetings, glorification and demonstrations of favor and love. And all those who circle round about send their greetings and glorification.

Praise be to God, the manifestations of favor from the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility are evident, and likewise the expressions of sincerity, humility and submissiveness of the loved ones of this land in service to your honor have been and continue to be beyond all measure and count, and each one presenteth greetings and glorification. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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BH00027: Praise befitteth the Desired One, for Whom the clamor…

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 befitteth the Desired One, for Whom the clamor of the opposers, the uproar of the transgressors, and the might of the oppressors are but as the buzzing of a fly. The power of the world could not prevent His rising, nor could the might of nations hold back His call. Before the faces of all humanity did He raise His voice and summon all to the straight path and the mighty announcement. No harm could the raging winds inflict upon the pavilion of His will, nor could the storms of these days cause upheaval to the tabernacle of His purpose. Before the power of the Supreme Pen, the Manifestations of Names stand powerless. His Cause encompasses all, and His Word penetrates all. He is the sovereign Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

He is the Generous One Whose tokens of generosity are manifest and evident from every direction. His mercy hath preceded all, and His bounty hath encompassed all being. He hath forbidden His servants from conflict and contention, from strife and combat, that the world might be illumined by the light of assurance, and mankind might repose upon the couch of peace and security, passing from tribulation to tranquility. In these stations and ranks there hath been revealed from the Pen of the Desired One of all worlds that which causeth the atoms of all created things to cry out "May my life be sacrificed for Thee!" Indeed, were one to navigate the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, one would witness that which is today veiled from hearts and eyes. Verily, the ocean is great, great, and the Cause is great, great.

Glorified art Thou, O Master of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou seest Thy servant who desireth to make mention of one of Thy loved ones who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and hath traveled through the lands to exalt Thy Word, and who desired naught in his days save Thy remembrance and praise and the promotion of Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. O Lord! Aid him through Thy confirmations and assist him through Thy grace, then open before his face the doors of Thy bounty and mercy. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of my heart! The letter arrived, yet it was not a letter but a musk-laden fragrance of inner meanings, for from it wafted the sweet scent of the love of the Desired One of all worlds. It transformed

sorrow into joy and grief into gladness. Well is it with the pen and utterance that have been dedicated to the mention and praise of the Beloved of all creation. And since this evanescent one had not for a long time been blessed with the traces of that beloved heart's pen, this time it added to joy beyond the measure of understanding and intellect, and diminished grief. No word or expression comes to mind that could adequately convey the hidden meanings within the heart, unless boundless grace bestoweth success and His favor lendeth support.

In any case, after boundless joy, we proceeded to the presence of the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. After gaining admittance and permission, the entire letter was presented and was honored to be heard. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the most exalted station—the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the Hearer and I am the Answerer.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Most Great Word—that is, contentment—both before and after, and hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of divine favor. By night thou speakest and by day thou makest mention, thy purpose being the exaltation of the Word of God and the promotion of His Cause. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thus: All the pens of the world and tongues of nations are powerless to describe the station of this testimony. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! At all times the pearls of wisdom, knowledge, inner meanings and utterance have been manifest and visible from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen, yet the seeker is nowhere to be found and the discriminating one, like the phoenix, doth not exist. In the Hidden Words this passage was revealed from the Supreme Pen, addressing the divines of the age:

> "O ye that are outwardly fair yet inwardly foul! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is crystal pure but of which, when tested by the divine Assayer, not a drop is accepted. Yea, the sun's rays fall alike upon the dust and the mirror, yet differ in their reflection as the star-studded heaven from earth—nay, immeasurable is the difference!"

O Haydar! Insight is rare and discrimination absent. Beseech God to grant the ears and eyes of His servants the power to perceive, that they may become worthy to behold and qualified to hear. This year thy mention hath repeatedly fallen from Our tongue, and each of the souls mentioned hath attained unto the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. For each one hath been revealed that which hath no peer or likeness. By the life of God! They have attained unto an everlasting distinction and eternal remembrance. Beseech God that what He hath bestowed may be preserved and remain unaffected by the vicissitudes of the world and all that is therein.

Whensoever thou meetest the people of God in any land, be it in cities or villages or on the highways, make mention of them on behalf of this Wronged One and remind them of the divine verses. Praise be to God that steadfast souls who are content and well-pleasing have attained unto the Most Great Favor and Supreme Gift. In accordance with wisdom, names have not been mentioned but are preserved in God's protected treasuries. Blessed is he whom the doubts and allusions of the world and the vain imaginings of the nations have not debarred from the lights of certitude.

Say: O people of God! Know ye of a certainty that whatsoever hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets shall come to pass and appear in the realm of manifestation. Know ye your station before God and be not heedless of remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. He is the Counselor, He is the All-Knowing, He is the All-Powerful. Were the people of the world to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of understanding, they would regard all else save God as non-existent and would hasten to the court of the Friend.

Boundless grace and infinite favors—the Sun of generosity is shining and the Luminary of bounty is radiant. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, who hath turned away from the world's retreats, advancing toward the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. And blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of his Lord's tender mercy, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former generations.

The glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the kingdom of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance hath seized and attracted the realms of the seen and unseen, and every possessor of smell, sight and hearing hath attained supreme joy. Through His mention one becometh independent of all other mentions in the world, and through His grace, free and detached from all that the peoples possess. What can this servant say and what can he mention? That Beloved One, through His infinite bounty and supreme grace, hath with His own eyes beheld the Most Exalted Horizon and with His own ears hearkened unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. How excellent is this most exalted station and this supreme rank! Consider the baseness and contemptibility of the servants: deprived and forbidden from the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen, yet occupied with and delighting in the buzzing of flies.

One is bewildered as to what they cling to and what hem they grasp. In any case, His mercy hath preceded all and the sun of His grace hath shone forth. This servant, that honored one, and the other loved ones must beseech and implore from the ocean of generosity that which will assist all and lead them to the horizon of revelation. In truth this servant is sorrowful, for he observeth that the days which were the hope of those near and sincere have appeared, yet the servants are heedless of them, occupied with nothing, and unaware.

Assist, O my God, Thy servants, and deprive them not of the manifestations of Thy grace and the breathings of Thy days, and disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and sincere ones. Verily Thou art the Most Generous of the generous, the Most Merciful of the merciful, and the Most Powerful of the powerful, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And as for what thou didst write concerning M.Q., upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith: O Haydar! Upon thee be the light of the luminary of My grace. We have ever made mention of him who is denoted by M and Q, upon him be My glory. The hand of grace took hold of him and the Pen of Destiny ordained for him manifest glory and beyond that. We hope that through God's grace he will remain steadfast and will not alter his ordained

blessing. Convey My greetings unto him. We beseech God to assist him to be steadfast in His Cause, to aid him and reinforce him with the hosts of the seen and unseen, to manifest that which hath been written for him from the Most Exalted Pen, and to send down upon him a blessing from the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Today this blessed word was heard from the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: O people of God! Be not grieved, soon that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken will appear in the world and ye shall witness God's power and His greatness, and God's revelation and His sovereignty. O Haydar! Convey greetings to the loved ones of God. In every place thou meetest them, make mention of them on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings. As for the loved ones of A and B whom thou didst mention, each hath been blessed with the tokens of the Pen. There hath been sent down for them from the heaven of grace and bounty that which the pens of composition are powerless to describe. The names that were recorded in the leaf, each attained to that which hath no peer or likeness, and likewise the loved ones in the land of Sh. In truth they are gazing toward the horizon, arising to serve, holding fast to the cord, speaking in remembrance, and likewise the loved ones in other lands—all have attained, but We have preferred some above others as a command from Us, and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

As to the honored servant M.Q., upon him be the Glory of God, that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen makes unnecessary any mention or description from this evanescent servant. And that statement which he wrote was quoting from the objectors among the people, for he says that since the Cause of these people has not yet been officially recognized by the government and religious leaders, they therefore oppose it. This being a quotation, divine forgiveness has encompassed it—if He wishes, He changes bad deeds into good ones. This matter was not considered among bad deeds from the beginning. Also convey greetings and salutations on my behalf and make mention of him. It is hoped that divine favors will encompass him. I have beseeched and continue to beseech from God confirmation, assistance, bounty and glory. Verily He has power over all things. All that your honor wrote regarding the levels of meeting and mentioning to each person, as well as the wisdoms mentioned, was entirely acceptable in His presence. Words must always be spoken in measure and revealed wisdom must be observed. It is hoped that all will follow your example.

At this time, after attendance, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this supreme word: Write to J.H. that what you mentioned about dealing with people in measure and proportion—that it must be done in such a way as to increase friends and calm or draw near those who are not friends—this is a great and good word. One of those endowed with wisdom was Alexander. When asked how he conquered most regions in such a short time, he said that he preserved his friends and did not let them become enemies, and strived to make his enemies into friends. This word is acceptable. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

And regarding what you wrote about the assured souls in A. and Y., upon them be the Glory of God, and their success—praise be to God their deeds have been accepted. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist them, confirm them, draw them near to Him, and ordain for them that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. And mention was made of Mirza Ahmad Kh., upon him be the Glory of God, and Muhammad Kh. and Aqa Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon

them be the Glory of God. After being presented in the Most Holy Court, this supreme word was manifested from the Dawning Place of Grandeur—the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified: O Haydar A., the first name has been mentioned before the Wronged One in the past and present and has attained to grace, and at this time these verses have been revealed from the Dayspring of Names and Attributes that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

Section 2: "Hearken unto the call from this most exalted…"

Hearken unto the call from this most exalted station, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him. His are the bounty and the giving, His are the grace and the glory. He hath come from the heaven of Command with the Kingdom of verses, and through Him hath been raised the banner of ʻHe doeth what He willeth' upon the highest standards. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and hath spoken before the faces of all peoples. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from Him, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour with verses that all the treasures of earth cannot equal, whereof the Mother Book with Him doth testify. That which thou seest today shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down for thee from My Pen shall endure. When it moved, the limbs of all names trembled, and when its scratching was raised, the hearts of the learned were troubled, and the faces of those who denied the Beginning and the Return were darkened. They awaited the days of the Manifestation, but when the One Who conversed on Sinai came, they turned away, following suppositions and idle fancies.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Wronged One and uttered His praise, when the transgressors who broke God's Covenant and His Testament turned away from Him, and denied Him Whose days they had awaited throughout centuries and ages. When the sweetness of My call and the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen enraptured thee, say:

"My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known unto me Thy Great News which was recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets by the Pen of Thy Command. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity, and by Thy Command through which Thou hast subdued the world, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book, to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise and mention, who turns toward the horizon whence shineth the Sun of Thy Revelation, who stands firm in the service of Thy Cause, who holds fast to the cord of Thy grace and clings to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity.

> "O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the direction of Thy grace, hoping for what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, nor to deny me from drawing nigh unto Thy threshold, nor to deprive me of the breathings of Thy days. I know not, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for me by Thy command. I beseech Thee by those who have arisen to exalt Thy Word, whom neither the influences of the pharaohs nor the might of the oppressors could deter from turning toward

> Thee and standing firm in Thy service, to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, and Thou art worthy to answer."

Praise be to God, they have attained unto the Most Great Favor. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist them and illuminate that lineage with His light. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Powerful, the Mighty.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Muhammad Khan, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Muhammad! He Who loveth Me and is loved by Me hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee from the Most Great Prison with a remembrance through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath perfumed all creation, that it may draw thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all men!" Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor the might of the wicked hinder thee. This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Dayspring of Grace when every heedless doubter turned away. Be thou vocal in thy Lord's praise, steadfast in His Cause, and soaring in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds can be heard: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

How many a prince hath this day been debarred from My sealed wine, and how many a pauper hath heard and hastened and taken and drunk, exclaiming:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all mankind!"

How many a learned one hath been veiled from My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and how many an ignorant one hath turned and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of lords!

When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of Mine utterance, say: "My God, my God! I testify that Thou didst create all things for Thy knowledge and Thy meeting, and didst show them Thy path and send down for them Thy proof. Yet when Thy testimony was fulfilled and Thy bounty perfected, they turned away from Thee and denied Thee and Thy signs, and disputed Thy proof, and committed that which caused the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm to lament. Alas, alas! O my Lord, my Support, and my Goal! I know not what thing hath kept me from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and standing before Thy face, O Lord of all men! I testify that Thou knowest what is within me, while I know not what is within Thee. Ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will make me among those whom the affairs of men have not kept back from Thy Greatest Prospect, who have turned with radiant faces and illumined breasts unto Thy most exalted horizon.

> “O Lord! Thou seest me awaiting the manifestations of Thy grace and that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal. By Thy might, O Possessor of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! My heart findeth no rest save in Thy remembrance and praise and service and obedience. I beseech Thee to aid me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to arise to serve Thee and Thy loved ones. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Who answereth the distressed and art the Ultimate Goal of the sincere, by Thy Name through which the hearts of those near unto Thee have soared, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou art He through Whose power all things have testified and through Whose might all possibilities have been proven. No force in the world can weaken Thee, nor can the hosts of nations render Thee powerless. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou willest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Furthermore, I beseech Thee to forgive me and to send down upon me from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy that which shall make me rich through Thy riches, detached from all else save Thee, and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Abdul-Karim, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Give thanks for the Most High Pen hath called thee from the most exalted horizon and commandeth thee to that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say:

“O my God, my God! Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, and unto Thee be grace and bounty, for having shown me Thy signs, caused me to hear the scratching of Thy Pen, guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty message, made me speak Thy praise, acquainted me with Thy station, and revealed unto me Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power in Thy dominion to make me in all conditions severed from aught else save Thee and holding fast unto the cord of Thy grace. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of Thy heaven and earth—that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom and the realm, and in Thy right hand are the reins of might and power. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. None can resist Thy command, none can frustrate Thy wisdom. Every discerning one hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness, and every informed one to Thy greatness and power.

> “I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, by the lights of Thy countenance and the traces of Thy Pen, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint not him who hath turned to the ocean of Thy bounty, and deny not him who hath answered Thy call when it was raised between Thy heaven and earth. Decree for me what I desire from the sun of Thy bestowal and the horizon of Thy grace. Then forgive me and those who have recognized Thee and inhaled the fragrances of Thy days. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and Whose power is not

frustrated by the clamor of the servants who have risen in opposition. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days."

We wish to mention at the end of this Tablet thy companion who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised. She heard and responded and turned towards Him on a day wherein every learned one was remote and every knower was in doubt.

O My leaf and My handmaiden! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison quarter and giveth thee glad tidings of the favors of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Blessed is the handmaiden whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of all creation. She hath testified to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison and made me a leaf among the leaves of Thy divine Tree. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Cause and the potency of Thy Will, and by those who circle round the Throne at eventide and dawn and hear Thy most sweet call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise among Thy handmaidens. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

As regards what was written about the honored leaf, the mother of Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Rida, upon them both be the glory of God—after it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, a blessed Tablet descended from the heaven of Will specifically for them and their mother. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them that they may receive their full portion from the effulgent lights of the Luminary of proof and from the waves of the ocean of the utterance of Him Who is the Desire of all worlds. How wonderful! The fragrance of divine favor hath encompassed the world. Man is bewildered, the tongue is bewildered, the pen is bewildered, understanding is bewildered—what to mention and what to express!

Our mentions and sounds are like dried leaves which the wind lists and from which a rustling is heard. How then can this dried leaf be capable of mentioning the tree and its fruits and leaves and branches and what hath been ordained therein? Verily, powerlessness is a good wing and a good cord whereby we may soar and whereby we may hold fast, inasmuch as He hath loved and loveth the powerlessness of His servants. Were the people of the earth to discover less than a needle's eye of the sweetness of powerlessness before that Presence, they would desire and seek none other than Him. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this.

Section 3: "This is what hath been sent down…"

This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

He is the One dawning from the horizon of Revelation

O ʿAli-before-Rida! The Speaker of Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation and, without any veil or barrier, hath summoned and continueth to summon all the peoples of the world—be they divines,

jurists, princes, kings or sovereigns—to the straight path and the mighty announcement. Neither the fire of rancor and hatred and the clamor of the divines, nor the might of princes hath deterred Him. The power of the Most Exalted Word is evident and manifest like unto the sun. The purpose is that the horizons of the world may be illumined with the light of unity and be adorned with reformation, and that they may likewise discover for what purpose they have been brought from nothingness into being. However, the conjectures and idle fancies of the divines of the age have debarred the servants from the divine Egypt and deprived them of the light of certitude. Blessed is the servant whom the vicissitudes of time have not withheld from the Luminary of proof.

The leaf, the mother, hath been mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and hath attained unto His grace. O My leaf and My handmaiden! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One Who addresseth thee from the direction of the Prison, saying: The eyes of the world and the ears of the nations were created to behold and hearken in these days. However, veils have prevented most from beholding and hearkening—and this veil is the most great veil, meaning the divines of the earth.

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon when the divines of Thy earth turned away from it, O Lord of all beings, and for having assisted me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens, and the Source of Thy revelation and inspiration, Who was mentioned and recorded in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and Thy leaf holding fast to the Tree of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy handmaidens, and to cling to the hem of Thy wisdom. Then ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Praise be to God! The rain of bounty pours down continuously from the heaven of grace. At every moment a blessing appears and at every instant a heavenly table is made manifest. Who is capable of offering thanks for this station, and what tongue is worthy unless His grace takes hold of it and His generosity accepts it? Likewise mention hath been made of Muhammad-Qasim Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, through Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, who hath mentioned him, and he hath also sent a petition to the Most Holy Court. Now, after his name was presented before the Presence, one Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet was revealed especially for him. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him and to adorn him with that which befitteth His days.

The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaketh:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing above all names

O Muhammad-Qasim! Upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One with such attention as will aid thee to perform that which beseemeth the Day of God. Know thou the value of these days. Neither the sun nor the moon hath witnessed the like of this Day. This is that Day which hath been mentioned in the divine Books of the past and of the future. Today the ocean of grace is surging, the river of mercy is flowing, and the Sun of Truth is shining. We beseech God to illumine thee with the effulgences of the Day-Star of Revelation and to set thee ablaze with the fire of the Blessed Tree—a blaze whose

effects shall become manifest. For this is the Day of deeds, not words. One pure deed soareth beyond the heavens and transcendeth them. We beseech God to assist thee in such wise that the fleeting occurrences of the world and its transient riches and pleasures may not withhold thee from its everlasting bounties.

Haydar hath mentioned thee, and previously we heard thy call through the Arab and made mention of thee. The people of God who have quaffed the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting must arise to mention, praise, and serve the Cause. The hosts of victory and triumph have ever been and shall ever be goodly character and pure and holy deeds. Say: O people of God! Fear God! Fear God! All must be adorned with the ornament of love, kindness, faithfulness and trustworthiness. Whosoever attaineth unto these attributes, his words will have influence, his deeds will have influence, and his mention will have influence. The Divine Lote-Tree of the most exalted Paradise now speaketh this most sublime word: "Whoso turneth to God, verily God turneth unto him." The glances of grace have ever been and shall ever be directed towards His loved ones. Blessed are they who have clung to deeds. They are indeed of the people of Baha in the Tablet of God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. He Who speaketh in every state beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of all thy relatives and convey Our greetings. Each one is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hath attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Say: Know ye the value of these days and recognize your station. Night and day occupy yourselves with the praise and glorification of the Goal of all creation. By the Sun of utterance which shineth from the highest horizon of possibility! All that is visible shall soon perish, and that which endureth and lasteth forever is but a word that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen. This is the most great bounty, the eternal wealth, the everlasting riches, and the perpetual grace. Blessed is the one who hath recognized the station of this Day and hath detached himself from all else. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God and responded when the Call was raised from the most sublime horizon, and who have attained the recognition of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The fragrance of divine counsel has permeated the cities of hearts and minds of the just and fair-minded. The discerning soul observes that from the Word of divine counsel, upon every atom of atoms a pulpit is erected and a counselor is engaged in counsel thereon. If you find and see any ear that is empty, inform Us. God forbid! God forbid! We are not discouraged, for once this exalted Word flowed from the tongue of the Lord of creation:

> "O servant in attendance! Be not discouraged. The utterance of the All-Merciful shall bestow ears and impart understanding. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent."

Mention was made of his honor Haji, namesake of the Most Great Name, and likewise a request was recorded for his forgiveness, pardon, confirmation, blessing and steadfastness. After these matters were presented at the Most Holy Court, this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will. His word, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

Unceasingly have the evidences of grace, mercy, compassion and loving-kindness appeared and been manifest from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. Every word of the exalted utterances that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names is a perspicuous book, a wise command and a momentous tiding. Blessed are they who have attained unto its recognition and received their portion from the ocean of its meanings. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and We answer thee with this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. The word of forgiveness and pardon hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Give thanks unto the Lord of all worlds that thou hast attained unto this most great favor and supreme mercy. The keys to the treasures of the world are in the grasp of His power. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. That from which the fragrance of favor wafteth hath been ordained for thee. Say:

O my God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation and by the places which were honored by Thy footsteps and which Thou didst make the seat of Thy throne, that Thou forgive me and make me of those who have been so attracted by the wine of Thy revelation and inspiration that nothing whatsoever hath deterred them from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being!

O my Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine who seeketh forgiveness from the ocean of Thy mercy, blessing from the heaven of Thy bounty, and steadfastness from the sun of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for me, O my God, the good of the hereafter and the present, and that which shall be a light unto me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art He at Whose gifts and bounties all things have proclaimed their praise. Then I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and the unseen, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O beloved of my heart! Every letter of the divine words calls out and proclaims “To Me! To Me!” In truth, it bestows new life upon the world. Would that the people of the world would discover and comprehend this, that they might attain the fruits of their being and be freed and delivered from the dust and smoke of the earthly realm. Verily, He is powerful over all things. This servant recalls the days of nearness and meeting. Their renowned one is present in this land, and from this very circumstance there is hope that they may succeed in achieving true freedom—that is, to dedicate themselves to the service of the Cause, so that there may be uttered by their tongues that which is mentioned in the divine realms, and its radiance may shine forth and its light become manifest. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayers. I convey greetings and praise to them, and at all times I seek confirmation and success.

Likewise mention was made of the handmaiden of God, the wife of Mashhadi Abu’l-Qasim, upon them both be 95 [Baha’u’llah], and supplication was made for her forgiveness and for bounties for her children. These verses were honored to be heard by the Lord of Names, and after being heard, the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness wafted. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Merciful

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant in attendance mentioned thy letter before the Divine Presence. We heard it and answered every passage thereof. Ever has thy mention been before the Most Holy Court, and the gaze of favor has been directed towards those mentioned in thy letter, including the mention of the handmaiden of God, the wife of Abu'l-Qasim. We have indeed forgiven her as a bounty from Us, pardoned her, and purified her with the water of My mercy which has preceded all things. We beseech God to ordain for her what He has ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan and he who was named ʿAli, and We command them to patience and steadfastness and to that which was revealed in My Perspicuous Book. We ask God to ordain for them that which will profit them and draw them near unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Indeed they have attained the trace of My Most Exalted Pen while the Most Great News was in His mighty prison. Remember them with My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus has the ocean of utterance surged when the Beauty of the All-Merciful walks in His exalted station. That which was sent from My handmaiden has been accepted. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. It is ended.

This servant also specifically supplicates for forgiveness for the handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God, and praise be to God, it has been answered. And specifically for the Trustee, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm them and protect them from the croaking of those who turn away from the Bayan. He is the Protector, the Helper, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Section 4: "And concerning what they wrote about Haji Mirza…"

And concerning what they wrote about Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah and Mashhadi Rajab-Ali and his brother Aqa Abdu'l-Karim and their son Haji ʿAbdu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, they have requested mention. These verses were honored to be presented before the Divine Throne. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Haydar! The Lord of Power hath made mention of thee and continueth to mention thee, and He saith: What now is thy service and what is thy devotion? Where is thy effect and where is thy fruit? Speak, O speak! "O Thou Who art the Goal of all Prophets and Messengers! My life hath been spent in Thy path—this is my service. My devotion is to arise to serve Thy Cause and to praise and glorify Thee amongst Thy servants—this too is my service. My effect is to spread Thy laws and to make mention of Thy chosen ones and to love Thy friends—this too is my effect.

As for the fruit, it is in Thy hands. It is not for me to speak or utter a word in this station. Should Thy grace take hold, Thou wouldst cause the fruits of this tree of servitude to appear in such wise as to become the cause of deliverance and freedom for all the peoples of the world. The Command is Thy command, and sovereignty lieth within Thy grasp and in the hold of Thy power. Thou doest what Thou willest." What can

one say? All praise be unto Thee! Thy command is to be obeyed and Thy decree is accepted like life itself—nay, life hath no station and the soul in this place hath no worth. Exalted is Thy grandeur and elevated is Thy power! There is no ruler but Thee, no commander but Thee, no goal but Thee, and no beloved but Thee.

O Haydar! Thou didst make mention of Jinab-i-Fadl. He had previously been honored by the Most Exalted Pen, and at this hour in the Most Great Prison he is remembered before the presence of the Great Announcement. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My mercy and My grace. We beseech God to assist him and strengthen him to make mention of Him and to praise Him and to accomplish that which hath been ordained by Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Expositor.

We make mention of Rajab-Ali and recall what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, and give him the glad-tidings that his name hath attained the presence of the Wronged One in this noble station. O Abdu'l-Karim! This is the call that guided Moses on the Mount of Knowledge. When thou hearest it, say:

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

Verily We have made mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O ʿAbdu'llah! The Lord of all beings saith: The world hath attained success while the people are in strange delusion. They have turned away from My most exalted horizon, turning to the idols of their own selves. Verily they are among the most lost. Blessed art thou for having won the mention of Me while people were veiled by a thick veil. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you.

The four pillars have been blessed by the favors of the Lord of creation. This is the everlasting food and the eternal bounty. That beloved of the heart should take it with the hand of submission, and when it reacheth the four mouths and they taste its sweetness, they should utter the blessed words "May it be enjoyable unto you." Verily the servant beholdeth the favor of his Lord and your Lord in such wise that mention and utterance are cut off from it. Exalted is the All-Merciful, our Creator and our Provider and the Goal of our hopes and our Aim and our Beloved and the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth.

The petition of Muhammad Hashim, upon him be the glory of God, attained the presence of the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in reply—the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Informed

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The petition of Nabil-i-Hashim was presented before Our countenance and attained unto Our hearing. Blessed is he for having voiced praise of his Lord and for having attained unto His wondrous and mighty Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Luminary of grace—a command from Us, and verily I am the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. We have indeed detected from his mention the fragrance of sincerity. He hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. They who

have on this day attained unto a trace from My Most Exalted Pen are indeed among those who are brought near in My perspicuous Book. We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of His Lord's will, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. We beseech God to assist and strengthen him in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His Cause. He is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon him and upon those who, when they heard, responded and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones!"

After his petition was presented before Him, the ocean of loving-kindness surged both before and after, revealing that which testifieth to the mercy, loving-kindness and tenderness of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. The servant beseecheth success for him in all conditions.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the four units of Huquq being assigned to Haji Nabil—upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—to be forwarded, which apparently has been delayed, and the servant did not inquire… After this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed—exalted be His utterance:

> "Well done in what thou hast done, for the matter of Huquq dependeth upon the acceptance of the souls themselves. Should any soul, with the utmost joy and fragrance, of his own free will, desire to pay the Huququ'llah, it is acceptable; otherwise, no. Verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: 'O men! Ye are but poor in relation to God, but God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised.' In all conditions one must look to the glory of the Cause."

Regarding what thou didst write about intending to proceed to the Land of Sad, but having delayed due to the movement of the secretary and the unity of the last name—upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God—this matter was accepted before the Throne. The bounty of God, exalted be His glory, concerning them is beyond this servant's description. God willing, they have been and are assisted. In truth, they are the lamps of that land. The servant asketh his Lord to make them the standards of His guidance and through them to uplift His Cause in that region, its surroundings and its environs. Praise be to God, they have been and are mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur and are the recipients of special favors.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God—the servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen him in remembrance and praise, to make him detached from all else save Him and firm in His Cause, to draw him nigh unto Him, and to grant him the best of what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, they are mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. The loved ones and friends of God should hearken to that beloved one's counsel. Once these exalted words were uttered by the Lord of all beings:

> "O servant in attendance! The friends should listen with the ear of acceptance to the counsels and exhortations of Haydar."

That which was revealed hath assuredly been and will be made manifest. Blessed are those servants who discover the sweetness of the Cause and taste the honey of deeds. Whosoever attaineth unto this will

surely hold fast to God's command and arise to act. That beloved one's deeds are, praise be to God, acceptable, inasmuch as they were and are for the sake of God. This is the testimony of this evanescent servant, and my Lord is witness to what I say.

Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath brought several letters from that beloved one to the Most Holy Court and requesteth replies. He hath not and doth not fall short in matters, but time is lacking, and what is sent sufficeth for seventy or eighty, for it is not limited to one or two Tablets, or one or two pages. In truth, what hath appeared and appeareth is divine confirmation, else how could this servant fulfill this mighty task except through His grace, favor and bounty. I beseech all to pray for confirmation and success for this evanescent one.

Concerning what you wrote about the people of Nur—unto God be praise, grace, bounty, and bestowal—this servant was greatly rejoiced by this matter, for the people of Nur have attained unto the shining, brilliant, radiant lights. They have turned toward the Sinai of inner meanings and have heard the voice of the Speaker of the Mount from the Temple of Manifestation. Blessed be their ears and their hearts in that they have heard and turned. It would be most regrettable were the people of the Tree to remain deprived of the Blessed Tree. This servant writeth and saith: "Well done and congratulations!"

Regarding what was written about the philosophers, after it was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, this utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of the All-Merciful. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

The philosophers of that land should engage in teaching God's Cause with spirit and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. They should calm the fleeing souls with the water of divine wisdom and educate them with perfect measures until they reach maturity. After maturity, they will appear adorned with the crown of might, for He is the Critic, the Pulse-taker, the Mover, and the Transformer. Everlasting might hath been and will be His. This is a mention from Us and a mercy from Our presence. Verily, We aid them and strengthen them. Thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Theirs is to arise to serve the Cause, and His is the victory and the aid. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This servant also conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, on their behalf, that from which the fragrance of eternity wafteth. Verily our Lord and our Goal is powerful over all things. And mention was made of the houses of the khans, which attained the honor of being heard. The Desired One, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty, saith:

Verily We have made mention of them before and after, and adorned them with the tokens of Our Most Exalted Pen, and caused them to hear My sweetest call. Make mention of them on My behalf and glorify them from the Wronged One Who stood before the faces of the world and with the most exalted call summoned the princes, the divines, the jurisprudents and the servants in the earliest days, and summoneth them to the horizon wherefrom hath shone the Day-Star of God's Revelation, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

This servant also conveyeth unto them greetings and glorification, and beseecheth God to set them ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and to confirm them in His mention and praise. Ere long the station of every soul that hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, whom the rancor and hatred of the

people of the world have not kept back from the Ancient Beauty, shall become manifest as the sun. Praise be to God! His power is manifest and His dominion evident. Who can flee from His sovereignty and dominion? Soon shall the wrongdoers witness the recompense of their deeds, and they who recognize His oneness the reward of what they have wrought in the path of God, our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Yusuf Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him and was dispatched. God willing, may he drink from the ocean of the Word of God and be illumined by its lights. This evanescent servant beseecheth from the Eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may confirm him in promoting and serving the Cause. Through the exaltation of the Word, the outer and inner are reformed, and the station of the steadfast becometh manifest as the sun. There is no doubt about this, nor any uncertainty in what hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Two blessed Tablets were also revealed and sent specifically for the khans who were mentioned in the letter of Aqa Siyyid Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God.

Concerning what was written about the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was presented before His face, and these exalted words shone forth from the Dayspring of His Will. His word, exalted be His glory:

“O thou who standest to serve My Cause! The blessed Lote-Tree hath made mention of Its own Afnan with such mention before which all the mentions of the world bow down in humility. Verily We have aided them, exalted them, brought them nigh, and revealed for them that which hath made the lips of utterance to smile. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who hath ordained this great favor.” They have been and are mentioned in the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Perspective. We beseech God that He may enable all to do that which beseemeth His Day and shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This Day is the Lord of all ages and centuries, and likewise any deed performed therein for the sake of God is the lord of deeds. Verily We glorify from this station their faces, and give them glad tidings of what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and confirm them in what We love and are pleased with. Verily their Lord is the All-Wise Last One, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

Section 5: “The fragrances of divine words have perfumed…”

The fragrances of divine words have perfumed the world of utterance and meaning. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless.

This servant also conveyeth unto each one greetings, praise and glorification, and beseecheth confirmation and assistance for each. Verily our Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention was made of Hadi Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings, that it may attract him to the most exalted station. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

In My Name that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom

A mention from Us to the one who has attained unto the days of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he sees naught save the lights of the Luminary of the Cause, and hears naught save the call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is My Day wherein the fragrances of My utterance have been wafted, My verses have been sent down, My evidences have appeared, and the tongue of My grandeur hath spoken:

> "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

Blessed is the one with vision who hath beheld the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and the one with hearing who hath heard My sweetest call, and the one with strength who hath arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by all the treasures and riches. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! Thine is the dominion and the kingdom, and Thine is the power and the might, and Thine is the glory and the divine realm. I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby the believers hastened to the place of sacrifice and the sincere ones to the scene of faithfulness, and by the evidences whereby Thou didst subdue all possibility, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and upright in Thy service. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging unto Thee, acknowledging Thy grandeur and Thy power, and confessing Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving."

Thus ended what was revealed for His Honour Haji Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance has surged in creation

The days of God are witnessed, His verses are revealed, and His evidences are manifest. His station is known, His call is raised without veil or covering, His Pen is in motion, and the banner "The Truth has come" is unfurled. Yet the people of the earth are bewildered and confounded. For thirteen hundred years they lamented and, with weakness and supplication, beseeched the Self-Sufficient One for the appearance of the Promised One, and from their pulpits they uttered "May God hasten His advent." But when the Most Great Light dawned from the highest horizon of the world, all turned away, and the cause and reason for their turning away is known and evident. They did what no other people had done. Until now they remain in the graves of heedlessness. The Resurrection is established, the Hour is manifest, the Balance is set up, and the Cry is raised; yet they have not awakened and remain deprived of the ocean of life and the lights of the Sun of Truth.

By the life of God! If they were to attain unto one drop from the ocean of awareness, they would arise from their graves and sacrifice themselves for a single word from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall the heedless ones behold the recompense of their deeds, and those who have turned unto God shall receive the reward of what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise

the Intended One of all the worlds, Who in such days has confirmed thee and guided thee to the horizon of the Most Great Name. This is a great bounty; know thou its station and be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Intended One of all the worlds. End.

Likewise after mention of His Honour Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, before the presence, a holy and blessed Tablet appeared and was revealed from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen, that he might rejoice in the bounty of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Ahmad! Mahmud makes mention of thee from the Most Glorious Prison while He stands before the faces of the world without helper or assistant, summoning all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. The power of nations did not prevent Him, nor did the opposition of the peoples of the world deter Him from His Cause. In the nights and days, evenings and mornings, He counseled the servants and guided them to that which profits them. All things testify that this Revelation hath appeared for the reformation of the world and the advancement of the nations. Blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrances of revelation and recognized the Peerless Friend in this attire.

The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet they are seen to be veiled and deprived. Blessed art thou and thy father—ye have attained to that which the divines of the earth are debarred from throughout ages and centuries. They considered themselves the most exalted of all peoples, yet on the Day of Reckoning they were seen as the most lost among the communities. We beseech God to assist thee in remembrance and praise, and to ordain for thee that which is the cause of enduring glory and everlasting bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

They have attained unto the splendors of the Day-Star of utterance from the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity. By the life of Our Purpose! It behooveth them to recite that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning them—a recitation wherein the effects of God's verses become manifest in them and in all who advance, whosoever they may be and wheresoever they may be found. The words of God, exalted be His glory, bestow life and grant everlasting bounty. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly destination. Praise be to our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. This lowly one conveys greetings and salutations to each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to perfume them with the fragrances of verses—a perfume whose sweet scent shall spread throughout the world and waft among the peoples.

As for their mention of Haji Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, the Luminary of God's grace, exalted be His glory, hath appeared from the horizon of the heaven of bounty upon the temple of the Tablet and was sent forth. I beseech God to assist him to take hold of the Tablet with such firmness that the world would be powerless to prevent him. This is not difficult for God.

They made mention of Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli of Bahramabad, upon him be the glory of God. Praise and gratitude be unto Him! His mention is remembered before God and recorded in the Tablets by the Supreme Pen. After his mention was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this

most exalted Word shone forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Today the Dawning-Place of lights and the Source of divine signs speaks this word: Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God in His days. Thou hast repeatedly attained unto the divine Tablets. Thy mention is remembered and thy name is recorded by the Supreme Pen. Rejoice in God's binding Word and say:

My God, my God! I testify that the hands of Thy bounty rescued me from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and Thy grace gave me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and the choice wine of certitude in Thy Cause. Through Thy generosity Thou didst draw me nigh, through Thy mercy Thou didst make me know Thee, and through Thy power Thou didst raise me up. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Command and Thy Mighty Announcement to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cord of Thy generosity and stand firm in Thy love, such that the doubts of the world and the signs of the nations would not keep me from Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and gazing at the horizon of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign over the seen and unseen. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This lowly servant has sought and continues to seek divine confirmation and success for them when inscribing verses. We beseech and implore God that He may assist them in spreading the verses and exalting His Word among His servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Regarding the mention of the beloved of hearts, Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and Ibn-i-Attar and Aqa ʿAli Haydar, upon them be the glory of God, His care and His mercy—they have always been and continue to be remembered. Their letters, praise be to God, constantly reach the friends in this land and responses are sent. The point is that they have always been and continue to be remembered and are confirmed in service to the Cause and in the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory.

Concerning the mention of Aqa ʿAbbas-Quli and Aqa Siyyid Mustafa, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented before the Face, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words—thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

> "O Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli! These two souls are remembered before the Wronged One. Both have attained to recognition and are distinguished by the traces of the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God, the glance of favor is directed towards them, as evidenced by what was revealed for them before and after. Convey My greetings to them. We beseech God, exalted is He, to ordain for them through His bounty and grace that which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure, and to confirm them in His remembrance among His creation, and to decree for them what He has decreed for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

Their service is evident and their devotion is known. Nothing escapes the knowledge of our Lord. This servant beseeches his Lord to send down upon them mercy from His presence, to ordain for them the

good of this world and the next, and to grant them what He has written for those near to Him among His servants and the sincere ones among His creation. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great munificence.

The friends of God from the lands of T, Y, K, T, A, B, Sh, S, and Kh who have written to your honor and sought mention, have all had their names presented in the Most Holy Court at this time and have attained the honor of being heard, and each has been honored with the effulgence of the light of the mention of the Goal of the world's desire. Who can reckon the oceans of His favor or the heaven of His mercy? We are all powerless.

In the hours of night and day, the glance of kindness is directed toward the friends. His grace has encompassed all and His bounty has embraced all. We beseech Him to confirm us in thanksgiving and praise—thanksgiving worthy of this court and praise befitting this generosity and bestowal. Verily, He has power over all things. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you and who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might and Glory.

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Section 1: "Praise and thanksgiving, glory and radiance beseem…"

In the Name of Him Who hath illumined the horizon of the world

Praise and thanksgiving, glory and radiance beseem the One True Object of all, Who through the motion of His Almighty Finger rent asunder the veils and coverings of the world and obliterated the doubts and allusions of the peoples. The clouds could not prevent the Luminary of His Cause, nor could the mists become a veil. In the name of the Self-Subsisting, He stood before the faces of the people and summoned all to the horizon of proof. The opposition of kings and the indifference of their subjects could not hold Him back from His purpose. Through the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen He rendered His Cause victorious and raised high the pavilion of "Verily there is none other God but Him" in the most exalted station. Blessed are they who have grasped His firm cord and clung to His luminous hem. The might of princes could not prevent them, nor could the clamor of divines deprive them. Glorified be His grandeur, glorified be His power, glorified be His sovereignty, glorified be His proof, and exalted be His praise!

Glory be to God! Despite the fact that the call of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised from the most exalted station and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth are manifest and evident, all are found to be veiled, deprived and forbidden. Glory be unto Thee, O Mystery of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou didst subdue Thy servants and illumine the lands, and by the showers of Thy mercy in Thy days whereby the roses of realities and meanings have sprung forth in the gardens of Thy knowledge, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst unlock the cities of hearts and

manifest that which was hidden and adorn it with the ornament of being, to assist Thy servants to stand firm in Thy Cause, to turn unto Thy face and to arise to serve Thee.

O Lord! Thou hearest the clamor of the barking ones from the cities and their outskirts, who have violated Thy Covenant and Testament and uttered that which caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise and the denizens of the tabernacle of Thy majesty to lament. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will, the penetrating influence of Thy Purpose, the might of Thy Most Exalted Word, and the power of Thy Most Sublime Pen, to aid Thy servants to preserve the pearls of Thy love and the gems of Thy knowledge and recognition. Thou art He to Whose power all who are in Thy earth and heaven have testified, and to Whose sovereignty all who are in Thy dominion and might have confessed. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Your letter and what was asked has arrived. You must fix your gaze upon this Most Exalted Word which has shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: "O peoples of the earth! Abandon this day what the people possess, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." This day is unlike other days and this time unlike all times. You must arise to serve the Cause and illumine the world with the light of true unity. This Wronged One is bewildered as to what to say and what to mention that may spread abroad the fragrance of God's Day. O thou who hast turned towards God! The breezes of proof, compared to what exists in all creation, are as manifest as the sun, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom. Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree this exalted Word is heard: "This is the Day of God; none shall be mentioned save Him." Should anyone be blessed to hear this Word, he hath attained unto all good. By God's life! This Word dispelleth and obliterateth all vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed are they that hear! Well is it with him who achieveth this and findeth this remembrance which is the Lord of all remembrance.

What hath been said hath been measured and uttered for God's sake, and the Supreme Pen hath not yet spoken in its own melody as it should. The thieves lie in wait while the treacherous watch from their hiding places, seeking to prevent the servants and to gather the writings of the Supreme Pen—their purpose is evident to God though hidden from men. Though no one stood, yet they installed an imaginary figure with armies of falsehood in an exalted station, built cities with hands of idle fancy and constructed towns and habitations with the tools of vain imaginings. Finally on the Day of Resurrection those fancies and imaginings were transformed into hatred and there befell the Lord of mankind that which caused the eyes of the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep and the Divine Lote-Tree to lament. Ja'far spoke one word in truth and sincerity, yet to this day they call him a liar—such is the state of the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

In the early years, all the divines of Persia arose to cut down the Blessed Tree and issued the verdict for Its death. Consider now—not one of the divines of that land was aware of the truth of the Cause to the extent of a needle's eye. Much reflection is needed that you may arise for God's sake and protect the people from vain imaginings and idle fancies lest they be afflicted again as before. Today the eye of justice weeps because of the oppression of the idolaters and the temple of justice laments. Now the manifestations of idle fancy have strayed from the straight and manifest path and invite people to deadly ways of vain imaginings. Thy Lord knoweth while the people know not.

Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of justice and been of the fair-minded. They measure Him Whose revelation is equivalent to all the divine Books sent down from the heaven of His Will by their own vain imaginings and deny Him, while affirming the truth of others. If this Great Announcement and this manifest, evident Cause be denied, what then can be proven? God shall assail them! We beseech God to assist you to arise for the triumph of His Cause. Stand firm for God's sake and speak for His sake. This Wronged One hath not yet mentioned the essence of the Cause, but every person of insight and fairness can perceive from the fragrances of the verses and the manifestation of clear proofs and the arising of the Wronged One before all faces that which is befitting and worthy.

O God, my God, my Aim, my Gracious One, my Merciful One! All souls are from Thee and all power lies within Thy grasp. Whomsoever Thou dost exalt transcendeth the kingdom and attaineth unto the station whereof it is said "We raised him to an exalted station," and whomsoever Thou dost cast down becomes lower than dust, nay worse than nothingness. O Lord! Despite our corruption, sinfulness and lack of piety, we seek the seat of truth and yearn for the presence of the Sovereign, the All-Powerful. The Command is Thy Command, the decree is Thine, and the realm of power lieth beneath Thy bidding. Whatsoever Thou doest is pure justice, nay rather, pure grace. A single revelation from the revelations of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, would banish and obliterate all trace of disobedience from the world, and a single breeze from the breezes of Thy Day of Manifestation would adorn the world with a new vesture.

O Thou Omnipotent One! Grant power to the powerless and bestow life upon the dead, that they may find Thee and find their way to the ocean of Thy knowledge, and remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Should the fragrance of Thy praise be wafted from the diverse languages of the world, all would be beloved of the soul and the heart's desire, whether in Arabic or Persian; but if deprived thereof, they would be unworthy of mention, whether in word or meaning. O Lord! We beseech Thee to guide and direct all. Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Section 2: "O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged…"

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the bounty of the Most Exalted Pen and its effects. We beseech God to assist thee, keep thee steadfast, and make thee a standard of guidance among His servants and an ensign of praise throughout all lands. Give thanks unto God, for He hath mentioned thee in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal. Know thou this, preserve it, and be of those who render thanks. We have indeed perceived from thy letter the fragrance of love and devotion. We have mentioned thee in this Perspicuous Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the face that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the foot that hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. The ears were created to hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, and the eyes to behold His signs. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. Verily, the Most Great Ocean desireth to cast upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not those who have changed God's favor into disbelief. Cast aside this day what the people possess, hastening unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Answer the Call of God amongst you, then take Him as your Helper. Verily, He hath come for your salvation, to this testifieth every knowing and discerning one. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the Manifestations of Thy power, O Lord of all humanity, and by Thy Cause whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by Thy Sealed Wine whose seal was broken by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee, to hold fast unto the cord of Thy loving-kindness, and to cling to the hem of Thy mercy.

O Lord! Deprive them not of the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor of the table of Thy utterance, nor of that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. Then adorn them, O my God, with the ornament of piety. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all humanity, and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Hearer, the Answerer, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

In matters of theological inquiry there has been delay, for this Wronged One has not, according to outward appearances, studied the known sciences, entered schools, or been acquainted with scholarly discussions. Having turned away from what is possessed by the people, He has clung to what is with God. The intention is that you should in these days occupy yourself with service to the Cause—this is the most exalted station. If you hold fast to it, God will unveil for you what you desire from the depths of His all-encompassing knowledge. For in these days, preoccupation with such matters keeps one back from the Most Great Cause, the Supreme Horizon, and the Most High Summit.

Previously, matters of learning flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, but in these days We have confined matters to "There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful." I have come from the Dayspring of Utterance with a clear proof. In one of the Tablets this blessed verse was revealed: "This is not the day for questions and answers. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: 'Here am I, O Desire of the world! Here am I, O Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth!"'

We mention for you what was revealed upon My first arrival in the Prison in response to one who asked about the world, its origin, the cause of its creation and manifestation […] We said: You should not turn to the past or future. Remember this Day and what hath appeared therein—verily it sufficeth all the worlds. The statements and allusions regarding these stations extinguish the heat of being. It behooveth thee to speak today that whereby hearts may be set ablaze and the bodies of the seekers may soar. Walk with the power of the Greatest Name above the world that thou mayest witness the mysteries of eternity and become aware of that which no one hath known. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be like the beating artery in the body of contingent being, that through the heat generated by this motion the hearts of those who hesitate may be quickened. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Munificent, the Wise. Be a promoter of God's Cause with an utterance that will cause fire to blaze in the trees and will make them proclaim: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As to penetration, it is conditional upon refinement, which in turn is dependent upon hearts that are detached and pure. As for moderation, it is to be combined with wisdom, which We have revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

The fragrances of verses have been diffused and the standards of clear proofs have appeared, yet the people are in strange delusions. God willing, thou shalt render assistance through celestial power. Its effects and manifestations have been and are from pure and detached hearts. It is God's sign in existence and His trust in the hearts and minds. The learned are incapable of comprehending it as it deserves, and the wise are powerless before it. This Most Great Sign rules the world and holds sway over the nations. Names circle round it and all means are manifestations of its attributes. Through the instruments of sight it sees, through the instruments of hearing it hears, and through the instruments of speech it speaks.

If no obstacle prevents this power and no veil intervenes, it is penetrating and mighty. It is as a sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of understanding. Were it not for the veils of idle fancies, it would illuminate the world. Neither the might of the world, nor the armies of nations, nor the doubts of the learned, nor the intimations of the jurists can hold back one who attains this most exalted and glorious station from the Lord of Names. This is the station of which the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an: "Say: 'God!' then leave them to their vain discussions."

Praise be to God! That which was revealed for you—every word of which hath testified and doth testify to the grace and loving-kindness of God—was sent down. Some are playing in their pool, thus hath He Who is Justice Itself spoken: verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We praise Him for His grace and loving-kindness, and for His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Glory be upon you and upon those whom nothing whatsoever hath prevented from the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, who heard the Call and turned unto it, saying: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

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Section 1: "O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention…"

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who turned to God on a day when most of the people turned away, and who drank the sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, whilst the people were in manifest error. He heard the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon, and was so carried away by the rapture of the verses that he attained a station wherein he acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He succeeded in hearkening to the Call when the peoples of the realm of creation had barred themselves therefrom, and took the chalice of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and drank therefrom despite those who had denied God, the Lord of all worlds. He bore witness to that which God had witnessed in days wherein earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God willed, the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Behold, behold how the Countenance hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Hearken, hearken to God's call from His mighty Throne:

> "Verily, there is none other God but He, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

He speaketh before the faces of the world and summoneth them to a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing. The seas have surged, the mountains have passed away, and the trees have cried out, yet most of the people remain heedless. The valley hath quaked from the breezes of the days of its Lord, the Possessor of Names, and the sea hath surged by virtue of this Name whereby the faces of the idolaters have been darkened.

Say: O concourse of earth! The Lord of all creation hath come with the standards of proof. Fear ye the All-Merciful and be not of the transgressors. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Creator of heaven. Beware lest the promptings of self and passion debar you from this Cause whereby the lips of existence have smiled and all things have spoken. The Desired One hath come from the horizon of might with clear sovereignty. Say: O peoples of creation! The Most Great Throne hath been established in the highest station, and upon it hath sat the Lord of all men. From His right hand floweth the river of mercy and from His left the Kawthar of loving-kindness. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this glorious and wondrous bounty. Cast aside what the people possess of superstitions and conjectures, and take what hath been given you by God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

This is a day wherein the Mother Book speaketh and saith:

> "That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the vaults of the protection of your Lord, the Ever-Flowing, the Ancient of Days, hath appeared."

By God! The books of the world and whatsoever the nations possess will profit you not except through this perspicuous Book. Read ye the Books of God that ye may become aware of this Revelation which hath been the hope of the Messengers. The Hidden hath appeared and the Treasured hath come, and the command is God's, the Peerless, the All-Informed. There is no book but hath been revealed in truth and hath given the people glad tidings of this mighty announcement. Fear ye God and reject not the truth by what ye possess, and be not of the lost.

O thou who hast turned unto the Face! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and called the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. They have cast aside that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings, clinging to what they possess from the dawning-places of vain imaginings. Verily, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the Sublime Throne. They hear the verses yet turn away from them, and they see the clear proofs yet say this is naught but manifest sorcery. Thus hath the sea revealed the waves of wisdom and utterance, and the Manifestation the light of proof. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

Today the Divine Lote Tree calleth out in the midmost heart of contingent being with this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! By God! The Lord of all beings hath come, and He Whose meeting was the

desire of the Messengers hath appeared. The Books of God have been adorned with His mention. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of recognizing Him. Through Him the hidden Secret and the treasured Name have been revealed, and that which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets hath been manifested.

Glory be unto God, exalted be His majesty! He hath appeared from a place to which fancy and imagination have no access. He hath emerged from a home not known for learning, sciences, wisdom or mystical knowledge. Every person of insight beareth witness to this fact, and every informed one testifieth to these words. Verses have been sent down in such profusion that minds and understanding are powerless to reckon them, and evidences have appeared in such manner that every fair-minded one hath acknowledged them. Nevertheless, most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. They cling to a mere leaf while turning away from the Mother Book, and remain deprived and forbidden from the divine ocean of knowledge and the effulgent lights of the Sun of true Unity.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance of God! Truth in all its aspects, deeds, acts and utterances standeth manifest and distinguished from aught else, even as the sun. Yet the veils of vain imaginings have prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the light of proof shineth forth from the highest horizon of the world and the divine call is raised from the most exalted station, yet the diverse colors of the world and the glory and riches of two days have withheld the people from turning to the everlasting bounty and the heavenly table. Ignorance and heedlessness have reached such a pass as to astonish every person of understanding.

In ages and centuries past, the former communities, both learned and ignorant, remained unaware of the manner of the appearance of the Dayspring of Light. Not a single soul among them attained true knowledge or recognized genuine unity. Now again the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with the same vain imaginings and delusions of the past and utter calumnies. That honored one beareth witness, and earth and heaven and stars bear witness, and the sun and moon testify, that from the first days this servant hath arisen before the faces of all, both kings and subjects, and without veil or concealment hath summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon. The proof hath been sent down and the path made clear. Not for a moment did We conceal Ourselves. For the sake of God We uttered that which the world was created to hear, that they might gain the fruits of the Ultimate Tree from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and be illumined by the effulgences of true unity.

But the chains of vain imaginings have held back all save whom God willeth—thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Now the deniers among the people of the Bayan cling to the deeds of the past and utter the words of that party. They say the Bayan hath been altered, denying whatsoever hath been revealed concerning this Most Great Revelation and Most Great Announcement, attributing it to alteration, although this Cause is self-evident and needeth no mention, and all the books and scriptures of the world are dependent upon its acceptance. Beseech ye God to make the sources of vain imaginings aware and to grant them fairness. They argue from the Book of Certitude for the servants while turning away in heedlessness from its Revealer and Source. It is incumbent and obligatory upon that honored one to arise with complete dedication, that perchance the servants of God may not again be afflicted with doubts and

fancies, but may attain the lights of the Day-Star of true unity. Until now they have not comprehended the station of the Day of God and are deprived of His grace.

Section 2: "It is evident that every age…"

It is evident that every age in which a Manifestation of God hath lived is divinely ordained, and may, in a sense, be characterized as God's appointed Day. This Day, however, is unique, and is to be distinguished from those that have preceded it. The designation "Seal of the Prophets" fully revealeth its high station. The Prophetic Cycle hath, verily, ended. The Eternal Truth is now come. He hath lifted up the Ensign of Power, and is now shedding upon the world the unclouded splendor of His Revelation.

It is not known what the deniers of the Bayan have understood from "the day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds" and what they have comprehended from the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." By My life, O thou who gazest upon My face! If a soul were to drink from the ocean of this word and perceive its fragrance, he would find himself seated upon the throne of steadfastness and assurance. Through the Name of God, preserve those who have turned towards Him from the doubts of the deniers and command all to praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. Say: O party of God! Through these hosts render victorious the Lord of the seen and unseen, and hold fast to the fear of God. He is the Commander of hosts and Helper of His Cause. No power can withstand His power. Blessed is the soul whose head is adorned with the crown of godliness and whose temple is beautified with the ornament of justice and fairness.

The honored Amin, glory be upon him, has repeatedly made mention of you. We have commanded all to hearken unto thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement and this firm, mighty Cause. You must awaken the heedless, albeit with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may discover and know. Today is not the day of names and their attributes. The former parties were deprived of the realm of inner meanings through names and words. They clung to vain imaginings and held fast to conflict and contention—one party Usuli, another Shaykhi, another Sunni, another Shi'i, another Ni'matullahi, and Jalali and Kharabati and Qadiri and Mawlavi. Were you to enumerate the paths of idle fancy, you could not count them. Blessed are the powerful ones who have rolled up these carpets and considered all save Truth as non-existent and null. These are the horsemen in the arena of divine unity and the lights of the horizons of detachment. Upon them be the glory of God, His favors, His grace and His gifts.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the party of God. Say: Know ye and recognize the value of this station, preserve it in the name of Truth, and arise as befitteth the Days of God. Whatever is lost today cannot be regained.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love! The Most Exalted Pen hath ever counseled the servants and commanded them to that which profiteth them. Each word of counsel hath been repeatedly expressed that perchance they may become aware and not exchange the everlasting blessing for things that perish. The rebellion and defiance of the people have deprived them of the rustling of the Divine Pen and the murmuring of the blessed Tree. You must guide the people of that land to the horizon of the favor of the Goal of the worlds through the power of remembrance and utterance. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee with the hosts of proof. The opposition of the world hath yielded no fruit, and the hatred

and rancor of the nations have not become a veil. The Word hath penetrated; the Will hath encompassed.

Say: O concourse of men! Behold the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance, the heaven and its stars, and the sea and its waves. Whosoever desireth to know Him must look with his own eyes. This passage specifically pertaineth to this Revelation. Time and again have these words descended from the heaven of the Divine Will, that perchance all who dwell on earth might become aware and attain unto that from which they are heedless and debarred this day. Again hath the word of perversion been uttered, and the gates of falsehood have been flung open as before, nay even wider. Do they not reflect on what the fruits of the deeds of souls before them have been? In the land of Sad they have uttered that which causeth the Bayan to lament and the Holy Spirit to wail. Their deeds give them the lie, yet they perceive it not. They worship their own desires, yet they understand not. They carve out idols, yet they know not. They behold the signs, yet deny them. Know ye that they recognize not.

In all circumstances must the loved ones of God beseech Him, glorified be His majesty, on behalf of all, that haply they may not be deprived of the ocean of grace nor be forbidden the outpourings of His supreme mercy in these bountiful days. Command ye the people of God to sanctification, detachment, compassion, loving-kindness and wisdom. He verily will assist thee with His verses and support thee with His sovereignty. He is, in truth, powerful over all things.

Say: My God, my God, my Lord and my Support! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, their faces with the lights of Thy countenance, and their temples with the ornaments of the manners Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my God and my Quest! Debar them not from the ocean of Thy mercy in Thy days, nor from the dawning-places of the sun of Thy grace, nor from the stars of the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou knowest, O my God, their desires have prevented them from drawing nigh unto Thee, and their imaginings have become a barrier between them and the Dayspring of Thy knowledge and the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy wisdom.

O Lord! Strengthen my heart, my outward being and my inmost reality for Thy service. Then make me in all conditions to stand firm in service to Thy Cause, speaking forth that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book to Thy servants, and safeguarding Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. Then forgive me and those with me from among my kindred and children who have drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation and whom the doubts of the croakers and the signs of the transgressors have not prevented from turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy Book. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings with the arm of certitude and have turned unto Thee with faces radiant with light, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth, with such remembrance as will cause the hearts of the world to be attracted and the faces of those who have turned unto Thee to shine forth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and the Goal of the hearts of them that know Thee!

BH02972: Praise, glory, mention and light be unto the Beloved…

Praise, glory, mention and light be unto the Beloved of the world and the Desire of the nations, Who hath transformed the sword of vengeance into the sword of utterance…

In truth, today is the springtime of the world of reality. The river of mercy floweth, the ocean of bounty surgeth, the rain of grace poureth down, the light of His countenance shineth forth, the hidden mystery is made manifest, and the Sun of the Most Great Name dawneth and beameth from the highest horizon of the world. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto those souls whom ephemeral things have deprived of the Causer of causes and the eternal bounty….

All the names mentioned in previous Books—such as the mountain of God, Zion, Jerusalem and the like—all are present and visible in this land. Today the sands of the desert, the trees, branches and fruits, the mountains and waters, the heaven and earth, all smile and rejoice at the presence and manifestation of the Truth, all are transported by the rapture of His appearance, yet the people of the world remain remote and deprived. Blessed are they who have found their Goal and who, on this most great day, have taken their portion of the greatest joy.

All the Books proclaim at the top of their voice and give the glad tidings that that day is not one of war, conflict and strife. Isaiah saith:

> "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

All that which was recorded in the former Books hath been a glad-tiding of the words, deeds, manifestation and dawning-forth of this Most Great Revelation….

Praise be to God! The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and the light of grace is resplendent. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves and have arisen to do what beseemeth them. We beseech God to confirm these souls and grant them success. They have attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. Great is this Day! All must seek from the Goal of all existence that which is the cause and source of the appearance of deeds and character.

Heedlessness and vain imaginings have withheld the world from the Lord of all names, and visible things have become a veil. At every moment they witness change, transformation and evanescence, yet remain heedless and veiled. At this time when He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Manifestation, the messenger of utterance hath brought from the garden of inner meanings these words:

> "O people of the earth! Adorn your temples with the ornament of deeds and character, that their light may shine upon all regions."

The aforementioned souls must, with the assistance of God, glorified be His majesty, engage in teaching with wisdom and utterance. Verily, We hear and see them, and We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing….

BH02971: Praise and glory beseem the Desired One of earth…

Praise and glory beseem the Desired One of earth and heaven, Whose will is sovereign and Whose decree is all-penetrating. Through His Most Exalted Word, He bestowed the ornament of existence upon sheer nothingness and adorned it with the embellishment of knowledge and wisdom. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the vicissitudes of the world have not hindered from His purpose. His mercy has preceded all things and His grace has encompassed all things. His path is manifest and evident to them that are endowed with vision, and His proof is clear and present. His bounty has seized all creation, and He has summoned all from defilement to true tranquility. Through the sending of Messengers and the revelation of Books, He has desired the exaltation of the stations of His servants, that all might be purified from the dust and smoke of this world and become worthy to enter the depths of the ocean of His oneness, turning from the realm of creation to the kingdom of eternity….

We have mentioned and continue to mention the people of Divine Unity night and day, and We seek unity and concord for all, that the horizons may be illumined with the light of harmony and the people of Divine Unity may remain protected from the onslaught of the idolaters. Until now the people in the realm of Divine Unity have not pondered what hath been the cause and reason for their weakness and the strength of the idolaters. This Wronged One hath at all times summoned the peoples of the world to the straight path of God and hath mentioned that which would conduce to the exaltation and elevation of the people of Divine Unity. However, ears are barred and eyes deprived. The recompense of their deeds hath kept most from divine grace and merciful favour. We beseech God to awaken those who slumber through the breezes of awareness and withhold not the heedless from the fountain of knowledge, that all may turn to Him and seek that which conduceth to glory, power and ascendancy. He is the One Who with a single word can transform abasement into glory, poverty into wealth, and ignorance into wisdom….

BH05827: Your letter hath come before the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of all worlds. We have answered thee with a Tablet from which those near unto God in every word thereof inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath been honored to hearken, and thy tongue, for it hath been honored with mention and praise, and thy face, for it hath turned toward My luminous horizon. Take thou the Choice Wine which hath been sealed with the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, then drink thereof despite every remote scholar and every doubting mystic. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of revelation from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants turned away, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call when most of Thy creatures were debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the mysteries of Thy Book, to aid me in that which shall cause my remembrance to endure throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee to ordain for me through the Pen

of Grace that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06163: A remembrance from the Stranger unto him who seeketh…

He is the One speaking from the Throne of Utterance

A remembrance from the Stranger unto him who seeketh the supreme homeland, the station wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!"—that the call may draw him nigh unto the most exalted Summit and the ultimate Goal, and acquaint him with that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. All that the people possess cannot equal a single word from thy Lord's words—to this doth the Mother Book with Him bear witness. Say: By God! This is the Day wherein the Path speaketh, the Book proclaimeth, the mountains pass away, and the Balance uttereth its voice. The Desired One hath come with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Judge fairly concerning this Announcement which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, foretold, and unto whose mention the Point of the Bayan bowed down.

Thus hath the Treasury revealed its pearls and the heaven its suns. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every denying infidel. We beseech God to aid thee in serving the Cause, to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath judged fairly in this Cause, whereby necks have bowed down and feet have stumbled.

BH07076: A mention from the All-Mentioned unto him who heard…

In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of true understanding surged in the contingent world.

A mention from the All-Mentioned unto him who heard the Call when it was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon and bore witness to that which God did testify that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth hath been rent, and the pillars have trembled, yet the people remain in a wondrous sleep. Say: O people of the Bayan! He Who was treasured in knowledge and concealed from eyes hath come. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and turn yourselves toward the horizon which God hath made the Dawning-place of lights. Fear God, O people, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who calleth you unto God, the Lord of lords.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken on this darksome night, and I am, verily, the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Remind the people of the verses of thy Lord, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from His Most Exalted Pen in the most exalted station. We beseech God to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of life through His hand of bounty, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have hastened with spirit and fragrance.

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BH09737: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy…

…My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, by Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, by the lights of Thy throne, and by Him through Whom Thou didst manifest the law of detachment and sent down the word of unity, through Whom the suns of ordinances shone forth from the horizons of all lands, and the tongues of all servants uttered that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee—to make me in all conditions one who speaks Thy praise and glorification, who acts according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and who is content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy decree and Thy will. Then write down for me, O God of all names and Creator of heaven, the best of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is….

BH10322: Blessed art thou for having turned, in the early…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

Blessed art thou for having turned, in the early days of thy life, unto thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy Revelation, speaking forth Thy praise and Thy verses, and acknowledging that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me confirmed in the assistance of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word, in such wise that the standards of Thy Cause may be raised in Thy cities and domains. Verily Thou art the Guardian of the world and the Educator of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10853: In My Name, dawning from the horizon…

In My Name, dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which was as the gentle rain of mercy unto good and blessed soil, as the breeze of providence unto the gardens of knowledge, as the sun of certitude unto the heaven of utterance, as the river of life unto the thirsty one, and as the fragrance of the All-Merciful unto the people of Baha. Thank thou My Most Exalted Pen, for It hath made mention of thee with that which shall endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00177: Praise be unto the Court of the Self-Subsisting One…

Section 1: "Praise be unto the Court of the Self-Subsisting…"

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

Praise be unto the Court of the Self-Subsisting One Who brought existence into being and illumined the world with the lights of His Most Great Name. In the realm of inner meaning, and the meaning of inner meaning, and the meaning of the meaning of inner meaning, there remains no mystery, no purpose, and

no word except that which hath flowed forth from His Most Exalted Pen, circulating, manifest, and evident. Glorified be His majesty, universal be His bounty, exalted be His station, and there is none other God but Him. And blessing and peace and glory and radiance and remembrance and praise be upon His loved ones who broke not His Covenant and Testament and who arose to serve His mighty and wondrous Cause.

And now, O my beloved, this is the sixth letter that is being sent. Thy beloved letters numbered first, dated 17 Rabi'u'l-Avval, second, dated tenth of Jamadiyu'l-Avval, and third, dated fifth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, were received. The arrival of these gifts of utterance in the garden of inner meanings—all that was contained therein was repeatedly read. The fragrances of love wafted from it and the sweet-scented breezes of sincerity were blowing from it. Each word thereof was a faithful witness and a trusted testimony to the acceptance, devotion and service of His Honour Amin. After reading and review, it was taken to the Most Exalted Destination and, following permission, was presented before His countenance and achieved the honor of being heard by the Beloved of the world. This is what the All-Merciful revealed in reply, the Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Wise Expositor!

O Amin! Blessed is the word that in the Days of God attained unto the honor of being heard by the Intended One, and blessed is the letter that was present before His Most Holy Court, and blessed is the utterance that appeared in His City. Say: Should ye attempt to reckon God's blessings, ye could never count them. There hath appeared and been made manifest that which was hidden from hearts and eyes. His path is clear, His Cause evident, without hindrance or delay. The effulgences of the Sun of His bounty have reached and continue to reach. The lamps of His Cause are manifest through His Name and the signs of His grandeur are revealed through His command.

He is the One Almighty, the One Speaker. Convey greetings and salutations to the people of God, both men and women, who dwell in the lands of Truth, glorified be His majesty—that is, the cities of faith and certitude—and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of divine generosity and remind them of the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou, O Amin! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast attained unto the presence and the meeting and the vision and the hearing. Be as a cloud for the lands and as the spring rain of bounty for the servants. We beseech God to adorn His people with the ornament of detachment in such wise that they may arise with utmost endeavor to serve and may turn to the guidance of all who are on earth.

Say: O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and hold fast unto that which befitteth you. The path of God is manifest and clear to every soul, even as the sun whose light shineth forth and whose radiance is evident. Whosoever ariseth to serve Him, the atoms of the earth and the denizens of the highest Paradise and the most exalted Heaven beseech God to confirm and assist him. Through the grace of God, the Almighty, remove your feet from place and set them in no-place, which is the station of detachment from all else and arising to serve Him. Today the Light calleth out, and Sinai giveth glad tidings. The fruits proclaim: O trees!

This is the day of joy, the time of gladness and delight, for the Beloved is manifest and visible. A wondrous rapture hath seized the world, and a marvelous ecstasy prevaileth among the Concourse on High. The carpet of joy is spread in utmost amplitude. Blessed is the tongue that maketh mention of Him and the ear that gaineth the melody of all things. O ye that have ears, the birds of the highest Paradise are singing! O ye that have eyes, the lights of the Most Great Name are visible! Deprive not yourselves. Know ye the value of these days. The Most Exalted Pen is occupied day and night with the mention of the party of God. Blessed are they, and unto them be a goodly end, and with God is the command in the beginning and in the end.

Praise be to God! that well-beloved one hath attained unto that which hath ever been the hope of the near ones, and the longing of the sincere. Concerning the mention of the honored aunt and daughter, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise the mention of the pilgrims from the land of Kaf, upon them be the glory of God, and the mention of the feast of the leaf Khadijih Sultan, upon her be the glory of God—all these have been presented before the presence of the Lord, and each hath been mentioned by the tongue of grandeur. This is a great bounty; know ye its station. Some time ago, His Holiness Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be all the most glorious glory of God, mentioned a feast, and after its acceptance was ordained, that very night mention of them was revealed by the Most Exalted Pen and sent forth.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Faraju'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and his love and steadfastness—after being presented, the sun of favor rose from the horizon of the heaven of grace, and previously also His Holiness Ismu'llah had performed on his behalf what was mentioned. And concerning what was written about the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the glory of God, in the land of Ha and Mim—in the days when that beloved one was honored to attain the presence, a blessed tablet was revealed from the heaven of will especially for them. Due to wisdom it was not sent until now, and now it is being sent. I beseech God to strengthen them in the most great steadfastness, for the cawers and brayers have scattered throughout the cities and regions like locusts spread abroad. We beseech God to protect all through His grace and generosity, verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Concerning what was written that this servant's letter dated the 26th of Rabi'u'l-Avval had arrived but not the previous one—a copy of what was sent exists. On the eleventh of Rabi'u'l-Avval, this servant's letter which was adorned with divine verses, along with nine papers, was sent acknowledging receipt. It is hoped that by now it has arrived.

As regards what was written concerning that spiritual friend Jinab-i-Aqa Yahya, upon him be the Glory of God, any person of insight and fairness who meets him would confirm what Jinab-i-Aqa Yahya has said. However, due to the veils of self and passion, love of leadership, discord, sedition and hypocrisy, they say that which leads astray the helpless people, like the false accusations of the past when several heedless souls, out of love for leadership, turned away from truth and afflicted the helpless servants with imaginary statements in the wilderness of confusion, discord and falsehood. All that they have said is false, like [the stories of] Nahiyih, Jabulqa, Jabulsa and the like, as these matters have been repeatedly mentioned in the letters of the friends that perchance some might become aware and not fall prey again to previous delusions. In these days Ahmad Kirmani, son of Mulla Ja'far, and Aqa Khan have gone to the island and made plans with the source of delusions and have returned.

Now observe, if those souls had even a little fairness or were moving for God's sake, they should have come to this land where from the beginning of the Cause until now the call of Truth has been raised with the most exalted voice. They told a female pilgrim from Kaf and Ra (Kirman), upon her be the Glory of God, that they would also come to Akka, yet they did not come. Glory be to God! They have appeared with such deception and guile that none but God can enumerate it. God is witness and His loved ones testify that those souls were never and are not now aware of the foundation of the Cause. Leave them then to their vain discourse. The purpose of writing these words was merely to inform that beloved one.

At this moment [the Manifestation] is present before the face and the Tongue of Grandeur speaks these words, exalted be His glory:

> "O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! Ever in thy letters which thou hast sent to this servant present, there has been mention of unity and concord, fellowship and love and affection of the divine party, especially those souls who are distinguished among the servants and are honored with special favors. However, until now what is befitting has not been witnessed. What regret! Had they acted according to the counsels of the Supreme Pen for the sake of God, detached from the promptings of self and passion, the earth would have been transformed and the servants would have been different. We beseech God and will continue to beseech until that which is befitting appears. Today detachment and fear of God are the helpers and supporters of the Cause. Blessed is he who attains unto them. Ask God to assist them with the hosts of remembrance and inspire them with that which beseems them in the days of their Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O beloved of My heart! At this moment this servant is so grieved by the sorrow of the Ancient Beauty that truly I prefer non-existence to existence, for such a state was witnessed that neither tongue has power to mention nor pen to describe. God is sufficient witness. And concerning what was written about meeting the friends of God in every land, after this matter was submitted to the Most Holy Court, He said:

> "Amin, upon him be My Glory, is the cause of remembrance for the servants and in all conditions wishes good for all. We beseech God to assist him. God willing, may they in all conditions be focused on the glory of the Cause. Payment of the Huququ'llah is obligatory upon all and its benefit returns to the servants themselves. However, its acceptance depends upon spirit and fragrance and the good pleasure of just and active souls. In this case acceptance is permitted, otherwise not. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised."

End.

As regards what you wrote concerning the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-ʿAndalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, praise be to God that he is confirmed in serving the Cause of the Beloved of hearts. Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has repeatedly mentioned him, and in these days his poetry and prose were presented before His presence. He bestowed His attention upon the poem to the people of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur. Verily our Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Give him the glad-tidings that his mention, his teaching work, and his services are continually remembered. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen him in all conditions.

As for what you wrote regarding the sincerity, love and enthusiasm of the honored leaf, the wife of the late Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, upon them both be the Glory of God, and likewise the mention of the enthusiasm of Jinab-i-Haji Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, and their turning to Him—blessed are they both! Praise be to God, they have attained to the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, and their mention hath specifically issued from the Tongue of Grandeur. Give them all the glad-tidings of divine favors. This servant also conveyeth his greetings and praise to each one, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His station, for each that which is lasting and enduring.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God, and his love and steadfastness, and likewise mention of him who is with him who was named after His Name. Praise be to God, in these days they are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and their mention hath been revealed and sent in verses specifically revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will for the Beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. God willing, they have attained and will attain unto it, and will be adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Divine Luminary of utterance. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Knowing Expositor, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. According to the request of that beloved one, this servant attained to visitation by proxy. We beseech God, exalted is He, to make the letter of our deeds and hopes a book from His presence. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Section 2: "O My loved ones in Ra and Shin!..."

O My loved ones in Ra and Shin! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest. Verily, there is no God but Me, the One, the All-Knowing. Today all things are melodious, and the nightingales of utterance warble upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree of knowledge. Today each thing hath chosen for itself a habitation and in that place is occupied with the remembrance of the True One—glorified be His glory. From the fragrance of the verses of the Sovereign of Names and Attributes, and from longing for the appearance of the Manifestation of evident tokens, all have become attracted. The verses of joy and gladness have seized upon all, yet the generality of the servants remain heedless.

O party of God! Though the tongues of the world are powerless and inadequate to praise the Ancient King as befitteth Him, yet since all have been commanded to remember and glorify Him, therefore the acceptance of the bounty of the True One—glorified be His glory—toward you is as a resplendent and luminous sun. He hath created, trained, guided you to the straight path, and from the chalice of love hath He apportioned unto you your share.

By the life of God! The Concourse on High is, at all times, occupied with the remembrance of the people of Baha. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this truth in His lauded station. We beseech God that He may graciously assist and confirm you in that whereunto ye have been commanded in the Book, that He may aid you with the means of earth and heaven, that He may draw you nigh unto Him, and enjoin upon you love and unity, wisdom and eloquence. Verily, He is the Commander, the Wise.

Conduct yourselves, one and all, with perfect unity and harmony, and let not wisdom slip from your grasp. Corruption and contention are rejected. O party of God! Aid ye the wronged one through deeds and character. This is that which hath been revealed in divers Tablets from God, the Lord of mankind.

The glory of God rest upon you and upon those whom the oppression of the world hath not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all nations.

And likewise did they make mention of the noble Sadat-i-Khams, upon them be the glory of God. This is that which hath been revealed for them from the dominion of the bounty of our compassionate, gracious Lord.

The utterance of the Lord—exalted and sanctified be He:

> "O thou who art trusted! Upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God! The aforementioned nobles—upon them be My glory repeated—have been favored with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Give them glad-tidings of My remembrance in this time. Verily, We have remembered those who have turned unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. We beseech God that He may graciously assist them and ordain for them that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Responder."

And likewise did they make mention of His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Husayn—upon him be the glory of God. After the presentation of this, these verses were revealed from the Dawning-Place of the bounty of our Lord, the Merciful.

He saith—blessed and exalted be He:

> "Verily, We mentioned him aforetime, and aforetime before that, and We confirmed him in turning unto God, the One, the All-Knowing. He hath ever been, and is, remembered in the Most Holy Court. In these days a Tablet specially for him hath been revealed and sent through the medium of the Name of God M.H. Give him glad-tidings of My bounty, My grace, and My mercy."

In truth, when they graced Persia with their presence in those days, they were eloquent in remembrance and steadfast in service. Verily, He suffereth not the reward of the righteous to be lost. This servant likewise conveyeth unto them salutations and praise, and offereth glorification.

Mention was made of the Land of Qaf and the friends of God and their feasts, as well as the feast of Haji Muhammad-Javad, upon them be the glory of God. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, this utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of proof—blessed and exalted be His Word:

Blessed are those souls who are engaged in service to the friends of God. Praise be to God, the friends in the Land of Qaf have each been favored with grace and illumined by the lights of the Sun of steadfastness. We make mention of them all and give them glad tidings. O Javad, upon thee be My glory! Jinab-i-Amin hath made mention of thee. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions, to cause the wondrous trees to grow fruits of certitude in the blessed and goodly soil, and from those trees to bring forth other fruits and other leaves. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Glorious. O Javad! Rejoice in My mention of thee and My turning toward thee from the precincts of the Prison. Nothing can be equated with My mention of thee—to this doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book.

As to what was written regarding the beloved of hearts, Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise concerning his service, trust in God, detachment, occupation, arising and steadfastness—in truth he is just as that beloved one hath written. Praise be to God, he is adorned with goodly character, firm in the Cause, illumined with the divine light, and enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, on his behalf, for that which shall never fade from the horizon of God's Book.

As to the mention of Shaykh Muhammad of Kirmanshah—he is among the great deniers. The poor soul runs blindly and has no knowledge of matters. He has clung to whatever he has heard from the heedless ones. Haji Ibrahim of Qaf associates day and night with the hypocrites. O beloved of My heart! Steadfastness is like the phoenix—its mention exists but its form is not found. Most are moved by every wind. I beseech God to open the eye of justice and grant truthfulness. It would be most regrettable if in these days the servants remain deprived of the ocean of utterance. The Command is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Regarding what you wrote about the funds that were to be distributed to some—in truth, each of these matters is a door for good works. Despite the constraints and limitations of this land and countless expenses, whatever arrives, it is the will of God, exalted be His glory, that it should reach souls who are content and pleasing, so that with perfect independence they may engage in teaching, reform and education of the tribes.

At this moment, this supreme word was revealed from the Dayspring of the Most Great Bounty—blessed and exalted be His Word: Whosoever today desires to assist the Cause—that is, to engage in teaching—must first be adorned with the ornament of detachment. We beseech God to enable all to achieve that which befits His days.

As to what thou didst write concerning the mention of the Leaf, Thamara—upon her be the glory of God—after it was submitted in the Most Holy Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this blessed word—His saying, exalted and glorified be He:

O Amin, upon thee be My glory! We instructed the countenance of the Hoopoe, upon her be My glory, to deliver it to Thamarih, that she may convey it, for she hath been the intermediary. However, We have written specifically regarding the portion for Mirza Muhammad that it must be delivered into his own hands. This matter hath not been contingent upon consultation with anyone. Whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will must be adhered to, that it may accord with God's decisive command. The intention is that this matter should not become public. The concealment of these matters hath been and is beloved in the sight of God. Verily, He is the Concealer. He commandeth thee to maintain noble concealment, and He is the All-Patient, bidding thee to exercise beautiful patience.

Concerning what they wrote about the draft that was mentioned, and likewise their rejection of it which they deemed inexpedient—yes, one must proceed with wisdom. Glory be to God! The world beareth witness that in the divine Tablets the matter is clear and evident, yet until now the purpose remaineth unknown. Repeatedly was this exalted word heard from the Tongue of Grandeur—exalted be His glory: "O thou who art present! This Revelation hath come for the reformation of the world and the unity of

nations, that perchance through the Kawthar of utterance which floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful at all times, the fire of hidden rancor in hearts might be quenched, and the body of the world might be purified and healed from this most grievous malady." And likewise at another time these blessed words were heard from the blessed Tongue: "By God's life! If harm should befall the True One Himself, it would be more preferable and befitting to the Wronged One than that it should befall another." Time and again were similar utterances heard from the Tongue of the All-Merciful, and the very books, scriptures and tablets themselves speak and testify to this. Blessed are they who perceive! One may resort to certain excuses so that both they may be relieved and the helper reassured.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God—exalted be His glory—to assist that honored master S.Y. in whatsoever conduceth to the good and welfare of all. Should they become content with what was conveyed in their presence, God—exalted be His glory—will assuredly grant victory and assistance. This victory and assistance have not been and are not contingent upon outward means. Rather, it is the servant's petition to God—exalted be His glory, universal are His favors, and all-encompassing His grace and generosity. Meeting with those souls mentioned by that beloved one is not permissible. The more ye remain secluded from those souls, the better and more beloved it shall be.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, he is ever remembered before the Divine Presence. The reward of those who act is recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. After mentioning him before the Divine Throne, these supreme words were revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings—blessed and exalted be His words:

> "O Amin, upon thee be My Glory! Jinab-i-Ali-Haydar hath attained to the mention of the Truth. The Truth hath ever assisted him and enabled him to serve the Cause. What thou hast mentioned regarding his service and his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love is correct. However, the ladder hath many rungs and knowledge hath infinite degrees. We beseech God to increase him day by day and confirm him until he attaineth a station wherein all his deeds become a single remembrance, and from him the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory from Us be upon him and upon those whom the world hath not deluded nor prevented from drawing nigh unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to him. He is remembered at all times. Whoso is for God, God is for him. What is evident from him is service to God's Cause. The servant testifieth to what he seeth, and the matter is in the hand of God, the Lord of all beings.

Regarding what was mentioned about the beloved of God in Saysan, upon them be the Glory of God, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for them and sent, as well as the Tablet for the handmaiden of God, the wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Quli, and one blessed epistle specifically for the sons of Khalil, upon them be the Glory of God, in the land of Ha and Mim. Likewise, the papers arrived containing what that beloved one had written and requested, and were sent. To the friends and loved ones of God, wherever they may dwell in any land or city, this servant conveyeth to each one greetings and salutations. The Lord is the Desired One and they are the seekers; they are the petitioners and the Truth is the Answerer. Therefore, we beseech Him to set His servants ablaze with the fire of love and

illumine them with the light of knowledge. He is the One God, the Omnipotent over what He willeth. Perchance they will remember this evanescent servant and arise to do what will profit them. Peace, praise, remembrance, glory and splendor be upon your honor and upon them and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one, and every established, eloquent and knowledgeable expounder. Praise be to God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Wise.

The servant, In the month of Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1304

BH00962: O Kazim, hear the call from ʿAkka, for it…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O Kazim, hear the call from ʿAkka, for it guides thee to the supreme horizon and ultimate goal, and draws thee nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Thy letter reached the Wronged One, and We heard thy call and have answered thee with this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Set aside what is with the people and hold fast to that which is with God, Lord of all the worlds. He hath come from the heaven of proof with verses that all the world and whatsoever is therein cannot equal, and with evidences that none save every transgressing sinner would deny.

Say: O concourse of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath appeared with a Cause against which neither the armies of the world can prevail, nor can the might of any distant oppressor frighten Him. Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Bayan, and oppose not Him but for Whom the verses would not have been revealed nor the evidences appeared. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise, which speaketh amidst the world and summoneth the peoples unto His straight path. Blessed is the servant who hath cast aside what is with the people, hoping for that which is with God, the Lord of this manifest Day.

Blessed is the servant who knoweth his station and transgresseth not that which hath been ordained in God's Book, the Mighty, the Great. Verily, He Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur is the Truth, Whom minds are powerless to know and pens to describe in befitting terms. He it is by Whom the Trump was blown, whereupon all in the heavens and earth were struck down, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed otherwise. Say: Cast behind you your vain imaginings. By God! The horizon of proof hath been illumined with the light of certitude. Take ye the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, then act according to what hath been revealed therein and be not of the heedless. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the Cause that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

At this point We change from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue, as a bounty from Us, for We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The stations of the Manifestations of Revelation and Dawning-places of inspiration are diverse, yet the universal Manifestations have been and are aware of all matters. Past and future exist not in that realm. This verse was witnessed in sleep. Blessed are they who possess understanding and they who reflect.

In all things is the sign of God manifest and evident. Were eyes not veiled by the veils of conjecture and fancy and the veils of the heedless, they would attain to that which beseemeth this divine Day. Through

the sanctification of these souls is manifested the sanctification of God, glorified be His majesty, and through the unity of these souls is made evident the unity of God. Should anyone make mention of aught else besides what hath been mentioned, he would surely find himself powerless to sanctify the Divine Essence from likeness and similitude.

The people of the Furqan have remained deprived of true unity. Were the Supreme Pen to move in this station according to what is intended, clamor would be raised from all directions. Therefore doth it speak with measure and uttereth according to measure. These stations have culminated in this Most Great Revelation. Should anyone reflect upon the previous Books, or observe the Furqan which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, and attain unto the fragrance of the Bayan, throughout all his days he would utter the blessed words "I have turned toward Thee, O God of the worlds, and I bear witness that Thou canst not be known except through Thyself, nor described save by Thyself," and would cause his will to be annihilated in the Will of God and his desire in His Desire.

O Kazim! This ocean hath other waves, and this heaven other stars and suns. Who is able to hear? Until now the Supreme Pen hath not spoken as befitteth. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden, who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon, clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne above and earth below. He acknowledgeth the sanctity of Thy Being above the recognition of any besides Thee, and Thy Self above the mention of aught except Thee.

O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, the hopeful the carpet of Thy good-pleasure, and the poor the heaven of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy Revelation, and by Thy Cord to which have clung the sincere ones and those nigh unto Thee, and by Thy hem whereunto have held fast the hands of Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones and the Concourse on high, that Thou write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve me from the intimations of any except Thee and the idle fancies of Thy servants. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and upright on Thy Most Great Path and Thy Mighty News. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

They inquired about one born outside the ordinance of God, whether he would attain to faith or not. The Herald declareth: The Tree of Negation through its acceptance becometh accounted as from the Tree of Affirmation, and the Tree of Affirmation through its rejection of the Truth is recorded as from the Tree of Negation in the Book. Implore God for confirmation that the servants may attain unto faith and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Those souls who in their lifetime, like Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi and his like, held in their grasp the reins of the faith of the people of Iran, and who in their own estimation were occupied night and day in writing the Book of God and in rejecting and condemning all the peoples of the world—when the Morn of Hope dawned and the blessed Tree of Divine Unity sprouted forth, they assailed it with swords and finally wrought that which caused the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost Boundary to weep and the Most Exalted Pen to lament.

Glory be to God! Repeatedly hath this utterance flowed from the Most Exalted Pen—observe ye what hath been revealed and ponder thereon, that perchance ye may preserve the weak ones from doubts and

idle fancies, for the people of the Bayan have, like the people of old, formed a sect. God protect us and you from the evil of these souls who, being ignorant of the root of the Cause, have laid claim to knowledge and have girded up their loins to lead the people astray.

Inquiry was made about the condition of the weak ones in these days. We beseech God to make them strong in this Revelation, lest the doubts of the people and the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Almighty, should prevent them. The Glory rest upon thee and upon her whose mention thou didst desire, and upon Our sincere male servants and Our sincere female servants.

BH01577: Praise be befitting and worthy of the One Who…

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of the One Who is the Purpose of the world, Who illumined His loved ones with the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity and crowned them with the blessed word "There is none other God but Him." The might of their ranks was not prevented from remembrance, and the tumult of multitudes did not hinder them from turning to Him. And prayers and peace be upon the Sovereign of existence and the Purpose of the unseen and the seen, through Whom the Sun of Power shone forth from the horizon of the world and the Standard of the Cause was raised amidst all peoples, and upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God with their souls and all they possessed until the Call was raised among the parties—enduring peace forever and ever.

Thereafter, it is submitted that the letter of that beloved one arrived and after its reading, it was taken to the Most Exalted Court where it attained the honor of being heard in His presence. In response, these sublime words dawned forth from the Dayspring of Knowledge. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is this:

In the Name of God, the Lord of the worlds! O thou who art remembering and O thou who art beholding! Thy letter in fine handwriting arrived and was accepted. Verily We heard thy call and answered thee with that which testifieth to thy turning, thy steadfastness, thy remembrance and thy praise. Praise be to God that thou art illumined by the lights of the Sun of Proof which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. From the Hand of Bounty thou hast drunk the cup of immortality and received thy portion of the sealed wine through the Name of the Self-Subsisting.

The purpose of what hath been mentioned is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, which thou hast attained. Divine love hath been expressed through His Most Beautiful Names. Blessed is he who hath taken the cup of love, detached from all else, and hath drunk therefrom in His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We have made mention of each of the souls referred to, that the remembrance might attract them to a station wherein naught is mentioned save God and that which hath appeared from Him. Verily the Wronged One remembereth them through His remembrance and remindeth them of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds, and giveth them glad tidings of His grace, His loving-kindness and His mercy which have preceded existence both seen and unseen.

We counsel each one to that which is the cause of the manifestation of love and the reformation of the world. The station of man is wisdom, nobility, kindliness, trustworthiness and religiosity. Goodly character is accounted as the mightiest of hosts in the world. We beseech God to assist His loved ones that they may unlock the doors of hearts with the keys of character and illumine the horizons with the light of unity. We ask God to assist them, grant them success, draw them near unto Him in all conditions, and send down upon them from the heaven of bounty His mercy and blessing. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

We send greetings to the friends in every land and region, and counsel them to that which is befitting and proper.

Praise be to God! The river of utterance floweth and the Sun of knowledge shineth. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist that beloved one in that which leaveth lasting and enduring traces. Thou hast ever been and continueth to be remembered. The gaze of the favor of the Purpose of creation is directed towards that beloved one. In all conditions, this evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist that beloved one in that which is the cause and means of awareness, that perchance the hearts of the servants may be illumined with the light of recognition of the Lord of creation. He is the Powerful and the Mighty.

I convey to each of the friends greetings, praise, glory and splendor, and with a hundred thousand tongues I beseech for them that which will cause the fields of knowledge to become verdant and flourishing and the gardens of justice and fairness to become fresh. Verily He hath power over all things.

Peace, remembrance, glory and splendor be upon your honor and upon those who have attained unto the light of unity, through God's grace, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

The servant In the month of Sha'ban the Glorified 1304

BH01877: The world is illumined with the lights…

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

The world is illumined with the lights of the manifestation of the Pre-existent King, and the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen is raised up, and the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary […] the delicate paradise is witnessed, and the Kawthar of utterance flows from the right hand of the Throne, and the Holy Spirit speaks "The Truth hath come," yet the servants remain heedless and veiled. Glory be to God! All acknowledge and confess the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai throughout ages and centuries, giving one another glad tidings of the appearance of the Qa'im, but when the Herald of Glory spoke from the Kingdom of Grandeur saying "The Promise hath come" and the rays of the lights of manifestation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all arose in opposition and issued the decree to shed His most pure blood. The station of the divines and jurisprudents of Iran became evident and manifest to every person of insight. Until now they have not rested nor desisted. God protect us and you from the evil of these people.

O thou who gazest upon the Face [and art mentioned] before the Wronged One! The fire of hatred and animosity of those souls who are known by the name of ʿAli hath not yet subsided. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of those who have changed God's bounty into disbelief and caused their people to dwell in the abode of perdition. Convey My greetings to the people of God. We ask God to assist all to mention Him, praise Him and spread His verses. Say: Know ye the value of these days and hold fast unto that which is befitting. This is the counsel of the Lord of Names and the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who act and blessed are they who have attained.

Mention was made of Karbila'i Asad. We make mention of him with My utterance and We make mention of him with My verses and We give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My loving-kindness. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. O Asad! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and We counsel thee to observe justice and fairness and that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice in My mention of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I testify that Thou didst call me and guide me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking in praise of Thy beautiful Name. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family. Give them My glad tidings and convey to their faces My greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

Ye made mention of the people of Saysan. Verily We have mentioned them before and after with verses that cannot be equaled by the ornaments of the world and whatsoever the nations possess. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. O people of Siysan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful. Verily He maketh mention of you and counseleth you to observe goodly deeds as a command from the presence of One Who is commanding and knowing.

Hear ye the call from the precincts of the Prison, from the Ultimate Lote-Tree—verily there is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. By the life of God! That which hath been revealed for you cannot be equaled by whatsoever is seen in the kingdom of creation. The Possessor of all things beareth witness to this in this exalted station. Blessed are ye and blessed are your ears in that they have attained unto the hearing of My call, and blessed are your eyes in that they have beheld My traces, and blessed are your hearts in that they have ruled in favor of the trust of My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. There hath been ordained for you from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath brought joy to the eyes of those who are nigh. Beware lest anything among all things prevent you from God, the Lord of the worlds. And We counsel you to observe wisdom and patience and forbearance and tranquility and dignity, as a command from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, Who came riding upon the clouds and calling out in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded to their Lord, the Gracious, the Generous.

BH02568: O beloved of my heart! The supreme letter…

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

O beloved of my heart! The supreme letter which was addressed to this evanescent servant illumined the world of existence with its lightning flash, for it was adorned with Divine unity and with the mention and praise of the Eternal Lord. After its perusal and examination, and after attaining the bounty of hearing it from the Master, He stated that if every letter were to be combined with other letters—that is, with those letters that are current and mentioned in the world of love—and were to be made to speak, that word would surely have been written either to manifest grace and bounty, or in stations of praise and description, or in stations of acceptance and good-pleasure. In truth, no mention remaineth that hath not been expressed in the realm of utterance, even though with Him are the treasuries of remembrance, knowledge and utterance, which none hath discovered save His all-knowing Self.

The purpose is that your books of acceptance, sincerity, orientation, mention, praise, love and faithfulness are present before His face, and have attained both His sight and His hearing. Likewise, other books have issued forth from the court of the Wronged One and been sent. The blessing is perfect, the mercy is descending, the favor is manifest. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee!

The servant who is present mentioned thy letter before His face at this hour. Praise be to God that God's infinite bounty is all-embracing and ever-increasing. The True One, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to this servant's words. Would that you too had come! We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. This prayer hath already been answered. We thank God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Lord of the exalted seat! End.

Your remembrance and mention have ever been and still are constant. Though there be neglect and shortcoming on my part, there hath not been and will not be any from your part. In any case, by whatever means, a way must be found to the heart of the friend. Whatever form it may take is a good form, for your mention, praise be to God, is brought forth. This is of God's bounty unto you. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. As for the request of the two honored travelers, what they asked for was accepted beforehand, and Aqa Mirza Mustafa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], was commissioned the day before to come to ʿAkka and determine the location. And as for the letter of his honor Iqbal, upon him from all 9 [Baha] its most splendid, God willing it will arrive. Remembrance and praise.

BH02913: O Ibrahim! From the eternal realm We sent…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

O Ibrahim! From the eternal realm We sent a true sacrifice from the city of love, like a ball of fire, unto the wicked ones, that perchance through its most pure breath the greatest vista might be revealed and oppression be transformed into justice and tyranny into equity. When manifest power and overwhelming might produced no effect, We sent another sacrifice to the arena of martyrdom. With perfect steadfastness he offered up his life—the most precious and valuable of all things in the world—at the feet of the peerless Friend. Again no effect was visible. Once more the divine will fixed upon another sacrifice, but like before it proved fruitless. And likewise another sacrifice removed the crown of life from his head and offered it at the feet of the Beloved of all creation. Many were the sacrifices, their ranks and stations beyond enumeration—if ye would count God's blessings, ye cannot reckon them.

The Islamic people mention the previous sacrifice in their pulpits and gatherings with utmost humility and reverence, even though he returned alive from the altar of the Friend. Yet the sacrifices of this most great Revelation, which had no likeness or parallel in the world, produced no effect in heedless hearts. The cause and reason for this heedlessness and ignorance were and are the Shi'ih divines, who have educated people in vain imaginings and idle fancies until at last they were deprived of the ocean of manifestation and the call of the Speaker on Sinai.

O Ibrahim! Reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of fairness. The mortal world was and is ephemeral—it came from nothingness and unto nothingness shall return. Strive that thou mayest find in this divine Day, through the outpourings of the true Bestower, that for which thou wast created. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and cling to His luminous robe.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have spoken Thy praise and remembrance, who have arisen to serve Thy Cause and aided Thy religion through what Thou hast bestowed upon them through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04489: Your letter has come before the Wronged One…

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

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and the servant who is present before His face made mention of it and was blessed to hear what the Mother Book contains from His presence. We have heard that which you called out to God. Blessed be your tongue, in that it has acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of all things—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We bear witness that you have detected the fragrances of revelation and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the learned ones of the earth and its divines turned away from it, on a day when the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of Lords!"

When you gained the blessing of your Lord the All-Merciful's utterance, say: "My God, my God! Thou art He through Whose signs were set in motion the spheres of existence, and through Whose bounty appeared the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge. O Master of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book, and by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue Thy earth and Thy heaven, to assist me to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, and that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

> "O my Lord! I sense the fragrance of Thy manifestation, which has so taken hold of me that I have turned toward Thee and spoken Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the dawning lights of the Daystar of Thy Cause to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of the first life, and to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, turning toward Thy horizon and orienting myself to the lights

> of Thy countenance. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful."

BH04856: In My Name that is supreme over all names!

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This is a night wherein hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance, the showers of [knowledge] have rained down, the ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath wafted. We were silent, then We arose and spoke, and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

This is the Day which God's Messengers have aforetime heralded, and which His Preserved Tablet hath extolled. Say: O concourse of men! Fear ye the Lord of Destiny, and deny not Him by Whom the hearts have turned unto the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Cast away what your ignorant divines possess and take what ye are bidden in this manifest Book.

By God! The Book speaketh, yet the people hear not. The rock hath cried out, and the cry hath been raised, and all things have spoken, yet the people understand not. Blessed is the ear that hath not been debarred by vain imaginings, and the eye that hath not been veiled by the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all being.

We counsel thee with wisdom and utterance, and with that which will draw thee nigh unto the praiseworthy station. Beware lest the veils of the people debar thee from the Day of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Thus hath the Tablet revealed its verses and the Light its radiance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Help in Peril, for what hath been and what shall be.

The Glory, manifest, evident, and resplendent from the horizon of grace, be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever among all things hath prevented from turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and who have said:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Manifestation of Revelation!"

BH05116: He overshadoweth all who are on earth…

He overshadoweth all who are on earth and in heaven!

Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and unto Thee be thanksgiving and unto Thee be grandeur and unto Thee be glory! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I heard Thy call and turned to Thee through Thy grace and favor.

I know not, O my God, which of Thy bounties to mention before the manifestation of Thy grandeur, and which blessing to give thanks for in Thy days. I was heedless when the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation awakened me, and I was asleep when Thy call roused me, and I was seated when Thy

Command and Thy power made me to stand, and I was silent when Thy gifts and favors caused me to speak.

I beseech Thee, O Light of the world and the Overseer of the nations, by the oceans of inner meanings and utterance and by the pearls concealed therein, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all creation, to make me in all conditions one who calls out Thy Name and is set ablaze with the fire of Thy love and holds fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clings to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the might of the nations shall prevent me.

Then make me, O my God and my Aim and my Object of worship, among those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have acted according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and have acknowledged that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken when Thou wert seated upon the throne of bounty, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06916: The Mother of Utterance calleth aloud from the horizon…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance!

The Mother of Utterance calleth aloud from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, and in every moment the Mother of the Book shineth forth from the horizon of the mouth of the divine will upon the world. The Euphrates of mercy, which floweth and streameth from the Most Exalted Pen, appeareth before all faces with the waves of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. His Revelation is His Revelation, His days are His days, and the feast of inner meanings descendeth in every moment from the heaven of divine favor.

O people of God! With pure hearts advance ye toward the praiseworthy station and turn ye to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His loved ones.

Convey My greetings to them that have turned unto that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's boundless grace and mercy. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's utterance be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have quaffed the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH09501: Say: O my God, my God! Thy grace hath…

He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer

Say: O my God, my God! Thy grace hath embraced me, and Thy mercy hath encompassed me, and Thy bounty hath sustained me, and Thy hosts have succored me, and Thy love hath guided me, and Thy yearning hath directed me, and Thy affection hath made me witness, and Thy tenderness hath caused me to know. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know Thee and the Beloved of them that are near unto Thee, by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and [Thy trustees] who have hastened to Thy most exalted horizon, and have hearkened unto Thy sweetest

call, and have testified to that whereunto Thy tongue hath testified, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, and Thou art verily the Kind, and Thou art verily the Most Merciful, and Thou art verily the Compassionate. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Most Gracious.

BH03498: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed that whereby the hearts of all created things have been attracted. He hath spoken and caused to speak whomsoever He desired to command by His authority. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call that hath been raised from the prison of Akka, calling all to a station that hath been mentioned in the name of God. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been given by God. Thus hath the command been sent down in a Tablet that was inscribed by the Pen of God. Blessed is he who hath cast aside whatsoever is in the world, clinging to that which hath appeared from the Ancient King. He hath been recorded among the people of Baha by the Pen of Glory with glory.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when every ignorant one known for knowledge turned away from it. Give thanks unto God for having made mention of thee before the Wronged One while He was in a place concealed from the eyes of the idolaters. He hath come with the truth and called all unto a horizon illumined with the lights of His countenance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken for themselves a path unto God.

O thou who hast turned! When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and art attracted by the breezes of proof, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me, caused me to know Thee, made me to hear, and guided me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and by its branches and leaves and rustling, to make me in all conditions detached from all else but Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, steadfast in the service of Thy Cause, and drinking the choice wine of Thy love. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and no affair hindereth Thee. Thou doest through Thy power whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my Lord! Forgive me through Thy grace and generosity, then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH04794: The Supreme Pen hath at all times made mention…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

The Supreme Pen hath at all times made mention of the loved ones of God and continueth to do so. At this moment it hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Source of Thy Command, the Treasury of the pearls of Thy wisdom and the Heaven of Thy knowledge. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, Thy loftiness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst bring the contingent world into being, and by the power of Thy Pen, and the potency of Thy Will, and the manifestation of Thy Purpose, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge whereon sailed the ships of Thy might by Thy leave and command, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee and assisted in serving Thy Cause.

O my Lord! Thou seest the lowly one seeking the ocean of Thy glory and the weak one the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee not to deny him what he seeketh from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance and to stand before Thy throne, or to decree for me through Thy bounty the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then cause me, O my God, to be so steadfast in Thy Cause that neither the tempests of allusions nor the storms of doubts shall move me. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09500: Say: My God, my God! Thou seest and knowest…

He is the All-Hearing from His most exalted horizon!

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen Thy captives at the hands of the Manifestations of tyranny and the Daysprings of oppression, after they had acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness and Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy power. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful Lord of all who are possessed, by Thy Command through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to assist them to achieve the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby nothing in all the world of creation shall prevent them from drawing nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Thou art He Whose power hath been exalted and Whose sovereignty hath encompassed all things. The happenings of the world cannot frustrate Thee, nor can the clamor of the nations. By Thy power Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH09451: The Point of the Bayan, Who heralded…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

The Point of the Bayan, Who heralded to the world My appearance, hath said: “Should He come with a verse, reject Him not.” Yet the people of the Bayan rejected Me after I came unto them from the Orient of divine knowledge with verses that all the books of the world cannot match, as attesteth He Who possesseth a perspicuous Book. They have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament by following every impious one who hath turned away from the Truth. Verily, they are wrapped in a thick veil. Say: O people! God hath sent down unto you His verses and made manifest unto you His straight Path. Fear ye the All-

Merciful, and follow not every cawing one who hath disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and revealed that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH00030: Praise, sanctified from all reality and metaphor, befitteth…

Section 1: "Praise, sanctified from all reality and metaphor, befitteth…"

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

Praise, sanctified from all reality and metaphor, befitteth and beseemeth that Incomparable Lord Who brought forth from the Point the four pillars, wherefrom appeared the east and west and south and north. His helper is the Supreme Pen, and His hosts are whatsoever hath appeared in the Kingdom of Creation. The veils of the world concealed not His Manifestation, nor did the mists of the nations prevent His dawning. The Luminary of His Will hath risen from the horizon of power, and the Sun of His Purpose hath shone forth from the Dayspring of authority. He standeth before the faces of the kings of the world without veil or covering, speaking that which He willeth. The clamor of the regions is as the buzzing of flies, and the tumult of the horizons is as the barking of dogs. The might of Pharaohs deterred Him not from His purpose, nor did the power of tyrants hold Him back from His Will. He accepted the tribulations of the world for the deliverance of the nations, and bore earthly afflictions for their salvation.

In the Tablet to the Sultan He saith—His word, exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, mighty be His utterance:

> "It is evident to those endowed with vision and those who gaze toward the Most Great Scene that I, in most of My days, was as a servant sitting beneath a sword suspended by a single hair, not knowing when it would descend upon him—whether it would fall in an instant or after a while. Through all this We give thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds, and praise Him in every condition. Verily, He is witness over all things. The hearts of the Concourse on High are set ablaze by these words, and the hearts of the chaste maidens of the Most Exalted Paradise are stirred by this mention. Not for a moment did He seek to preserve Himself. From the earliest days He was at the mercy of His enemies. Nevertheless, at all times He summoned kings and monarchs, divines and princes, jurists and philosophers and mystics with a clear and manifest Command to the Truth, exalted be His glory, and desired for all eternal life, everlasting rest and perpetual favor. But the smoke mentioned in the Book of God intervened, wherefore eyes were deprived of beholding the signs and ears were prevented from hearkening to the call of the All-Merciful. Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, as to what caused this prevention and what brought about this veiling. Yea, by the Lord of all beings, the cause is but the recompense of deeds. They have forsaken the Sun of Truth and occupied themselves with vain imaginings. They have turned away from the choice sealed wine and clung to mere conjectures. They were worshippers of passion while counting themselves among the people of piety. Glory be to God! How long shall heedlessness endure and how far shall vainglory persist?"

And likewise in the aforementioned Tablet He saith: “The discerning one is not distracted by wealth from contemplating his final end, and the wise one is not held back by riches from turning to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Where is he who ruled over all upon which the sun did shine, who spent extravagantly and sought novelties in this world and what was created therein? Where is the owner of the dark-hued hosts and the yellow standard? Where is he who ruled in Zawra, and where is he who oppressed in Fayha? Where are they at whose generosity treasures trembled, and before whose outstretched hands and aspirations the sea withdrew? Where is he whose arm was lengthened in rebellion and whose heart turned away from the All-Merciful? Where is he who sought out pleasures and plucked the fruits of his desires? Where are the ladies of perfection and the possessors of beauty? Where are their swaying branches and their lofty boughs, their towering palaces and their trellised gardens? Where is the softness of their soil, the gentleness of their breeze, the murmur of their waters, the rustling of their winds, the cooing of their doves, and the whisper of their trees?”

Until He says—may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation be offered up for His sake:

> “Do people dispute while they themselves witness? Do they deny while they know? I know not in which valley they wander. Do they not see that they depart and return not? Until when will they raid and sojourn, descend and ascend? Has not the time come for those who believe that their hearts should be humbled at the remembrance of God? Blessed is he who has said or will say, ‘Yea, O my Lord, the time has come,’ and detaches himself from all that was, turning to the Lord of all worlds and the King of all possibilities.”

Until He says—may the spirit of all who dwell in the dominion of certitude be offered up for His sake:

> “I walk, turning toward the Mighty, the Bestower, while behind me flow the tears. My weeping has intensified until it has soaked my resting place. By God, my grief is not for myself—my head longs for spears in the love of its Lord. I have not passed by any tree but my heart has addressed it saying: ‘Would that thou wert cut down in my name and my body crucified upon thee in the path of my Lord!’ Rather, it is because I see people wandering in their drunkenness, not knowing. They have raised up their desires and put down their God, as though they had taken God’s Cause in mockery, diversion and play, thinking they do well and are protected in the fortress of security. The matter is not as they imagine. Tomorrow they shall see what they now deny.”

If the ears of the world were in truth to be blessed with hearing these mentioned verses, it would suffice them. They would gain some knowledge of the mention, utterance, detachment and tribulations of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven. They would no longer be saddened by the events of the world. With sanctified heart, penetrating vision and attentive ear, as long as spirit remains, they would be occupied with the mention, praise and service of the Cause of the Lord of Names.

Glorified art Thou, O my Lord, my Creator, my Master, my Support and my King! Thou seest and knowest what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Thou didst create them for Thy knowledge and the service of Thy Cause, yet they have drawn the swords of hatred against Thy face

and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Thy Paradise to lament, and the recipients of Thy knowledge and the sources of Thy commandments and ordinances to weep. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to assist Thy loved ones and them that love Thee, and him who hath traversed land and sea, turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and facing Thy horizon until he arrived and appeared before Thy throne, and stood at Thy door, and heard Thy sweetest call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Write down for him and for those who have ascended unto Thee what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have spent what they possessed in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over what Thou pleasest and dominion over what Thou desirest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

And when thy letter, which was adorned with the mention and praise of the Desired One of all worlds, arrived—verily doth praise of the Friend pass over every land like the clouds of spring and the vernal breeze, giving life and bestowing freshness and verdure, conferring joy and renewal—after reading and becoming apprised of it, it sought the summit of inner meanings and was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Names, attaining the honor of His hearing. His word, exalted be His utterance and mighty His proof:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

O Ahmad! Be thou prepared to hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He desireth to make mention of thee at this hour. The glances of the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been directed towards thee. He hath confirmed thee in turning unto Him when every learned one turned away, and guided thee to the Path when the people were in manifest doubt. He enabled thee to leave thy home, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou didst traverse the ways until thou didst arrive and attain His presence and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of the worlds, and didst behold that for which eyes were created to see and ears to hear His wondrous call.

Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and be not of them whom sorrows overtake in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We desire to behold thee content with what We love and accept, and to see thee among the joyous ones. By the life of God! He who hath ascended is, in truth, in an exalted station with thy Lord. He desireth not to return thither. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. We have sent down mention of him in the Crimson Tablet from My Most Exalted Pen. This is a bounty from Our presence which cannot be equaled by what thou seest today in the hands of men. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-before-Rida, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below, and be of them that have attained. Thou hast indeed attained unto My verses, turned towards My horizon, held fast unto My cord, and clung to the hem of the robe of My mercy, which hath preceded all in the heavens and on earth. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee. It is the abode of trials and tribulations, as attesteth He Who created the heavens and the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that is therein perish, and there shall endure that which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time. Render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. Thou didst create me through Thy grace and didst manifest me through Thy bounty and didst enable me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self on a Day whereon most of Thy creation turned away from Thee and violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and disputed Thy signs and denied Thy proof and Thy testimony. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the mystics and the Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, by the breezes of the morn of Thy manifestation and by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause and by the fragrances of Thy days and by Thy verses which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will for Thy servants, to draw me ever closer in all conditions to Thy most exalted horizon and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants.

O my Lord! I am he who hath turned towards the lights of Thy countenance and held fast unto the cord of Thy forgiveness and pardon. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the sweet waters of Thy mercy nor to deprive me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Wilt Thou withhold the poor one from the ocean of Thy riches? Wilt Thou keep distant the lowly one from the gardens of Thy nearness? I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the banners of Thy signs to ordain for me that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Educator of all things visible and invisible. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Generous, the Most Bountiful, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.

Hear in the Persian tongue, O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Lord of creation thou hast attained unto His signs and His pen, and hast been illumined by the light of His knowledge. Give praise to the Desired One of the world that distance did not prevent thee from His grace—outwardly thou art far but inwardly near. He is the Kind Bestower. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for this blessed Day, yet heedlessness and pride have prevented all from hearkening to the call of the Speaker on Sinai. They are seen wandering bewildered in the wilderness of ignorance. The recompense of deeds has become manifest and has prevented all save whom God willeth. And ye have attained unto that which hath no likeness or equal. The Cause is in His hands; He guideth whom He willeth to His straight path.

His honor Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, hath attained unto that which hath flowed down and been revealed from the Divine Pen in the Book of Inner Meanings. O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! Know thou the worth of this station. Convey My greetings to the people of God in that land. Say: I swear by the Sun of Utterance which shineth resplendent from the highest horizon of possibility that all are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained His grace. Today is the day of remembrance and praise and the day of service. Deprive not yourselves thereof. Ye are the letters of the words and the words of the Book.

Ye are saplings planted by the hand of grace in the earth of mercy and nurtured by the rains of bounty. He hath protected you from the tempests of misbelief and the storms of unbelief, and hath reared you with hands of loving-kindness. Now is the time for fruits and leaves, and the fruits of the tree of man have ever been pure deeds and praiseworthy character. Withhold not these fruits from the heedless. Impart

them with fragrance and joy, with wisdom and utterance. If they accept, the purpose is achieved and life is manifest; if not, leave them to their vain imaginings.

Section 2: "O people of God! Strive that perchance…"

O people of God! Strive that perchance the hearts of the diverse peoples of the world may be cleansed from rancor and hatred through the waters of your forbearance and loving-kindness, and become worthy and receptive to the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. We convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of the dawning lights of God's grace. O friends! Know ye the value of these days which will soon come to an end. At all times loving counsels have flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Blessed are they who have hearkened and acted, whom neither doubts nor manifestations nor various colors of these two days have prevented from the straight path and the mighty announcement. O people of God! Upon you be the glory of God and His grace, and the mercy of God and His bounty. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity has risen and the Light of bounty is manifest. Such is the grace that it has encompassed the world. Glory be to God! This servant is astonished as to what cause and reason has prevented and deprived the servants from the eternal bounty and infinite mercy. This evanescent servant begs and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, will not deprive His servants and will adorn them with the ornament of awareness, that all may not be deprived of its existence and fruit. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant is truly abashed in one respect, as the reply has been much delayed. Apart from this, for some time certain blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will, mentioning all, both living and dead. However, due to certain matters, their dispatch was also delayed, and this servant's excuse has been and is acceptable to all, as in His presence I am occupied with the transcription of verses, as well as replying to letters from various quarters. If time were to be justly divided, you have received your share. Praise be to God! The grace and favor of the True One towards you and the loved ones of that land has been and is beyond measure. Praise be to Him! Thanks be to Him! Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones.

Regarding the mention made of the loved ones and friends, and the request for divine Tablets especially for them, previously some Tablets were revealed specially for some, and for others their mention has now been revealed in this servant's letter from the heaven of Will. God willing, may all attain and drink from the ocean of His bounty. Mention was made of Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. After being submitted to the Most Holy Court, these verses shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace. His mighty utterance and exalted proof states:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad! The Day has come yet the people perceive not, and the All-Bestowing has come riding upon the clouds to His destination, yet most people know not. The One Who conversed on Sinai has established Himself upon the throne of Revelation, and the Dove of Utterance has warbled upon the

highest branches. The Promise has come to pass and God has come with manifest sovereignty. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. Among the people are those who have turned towards, and those who have turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks to thy Lord for this most great favor. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in the prison of ʿAkka and reminded me through the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned towards Thee, turning away from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee by the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Then forgive me, O my God, through Thy grace and generosity. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Lord! Deprive not Thy servant of Thy sealed wine and Thy ordained Command. Assist me to remember Thee and praise Thee amongst Thy servants with spirit and fragrance. Verily Thou art my Goal and the Goal of all who are in the realm of possibility. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. The Lord, exalted and sanctified is He, says:

In My Name, the Wronged One, in the Most Great Prison

O My beloved who hath remembered Me! We have remembered thee with such a remembrance from which the near ones inhale the fragrances of the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Husayn! Hear the Call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, upon the luminous spot: verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. We created the servants to hearken unto My Call and to behold My horizon, but when I manifested Myself they denied and turned away, except those whom God saved through His sovereignty that prevaileth over all things small and great. Thou didst desire to attain My presence and to stand before the gate of My mercy and to behold My most exalted horizon and to hearken unto the scratching of My Most Glorious Pen.

Know thou with the eye of certainty that the Wronged One loveth the presence of His friends and loved ones, but the idolaters prevented and came between Me and My loved ones. Thus did their souls seduce them, and they are today accounted among the oppressors in My perspicuous Book. Grieve thou not. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy power and the Repository of Thy mysteries on a day wherein most of Thy servants have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the sun of Thy knowledge.

O my Lord! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy oneness. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of Thy servants and exalted beyond the recognition of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names have trembled and the hearts of the learned and the mystics have been perturbed, to aid me in Thy remembrance where neither kings nor subjects can hinder me. I testify, O my God, to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty, and to Thy power and Thy might. Thou art He Who hath created all beings with a word

from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, whom Thou hast made the emblems of Thy guidance among Thy servants and the banners of Thy remembrance unto all in Thy lands, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attainment unto Thy presence, O Lord of all beings and King of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Ultimate Goal of them that have known Thee.

And this was revealed for Jinab Mirza Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, who attained unto the transcription of the verses:

He Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O Baqir! Be thou ready to hearken unto the Call of thy Lord. He mentioneth thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, the Station whereon the Ancient King hath established Himself upon His mighty throne. Beware lest the clamor of men prevent thee from the Lord of Destiny, or the veils of the heedless ones who, when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, placed their fingers in their ears, and when the Lord of all beings approached them, turned away and uttered that which caused the dwellers of the cities of inner meanings and utterance to lament. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness unto this in this luminous spot. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment.

This is the Day wherein the ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility and the dove of proof hath warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the speaker who hath spoken in praise of his Lord, and the ear that hath attained unto the hearing of His Call, and the eye that hath beheld His traces, and the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the pen that hath attained unto the transcription of His verses, and the heart that hath been adorned with the light of His knowledge, and the foot that hath hastened unto His straight Path. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of grace and held fast unto His firm cord.

This was revealed for Jinab Sadr, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name that prevaileth over all names

Hear the call of the Lord of Creation! He has come with the signs of signs from the dawning place of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful. Verily He attracts thee to the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein was raised the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and wherein the Tongue of Grandeur spoke while seated upon the Throne of Divine Evidence. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

The Promise hath come, the Promised One hath appeared, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been made manifest. He hath stood before the faces of all mankind and called all unto the One, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who heard and turned unto Him; among them are those who heard and turned away; among them are those who drew nigh, took and drank, saying: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!”; among them are those who

hesitated; among them are those who [wavered]; and among them are those who pronounced that which caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the desires of those who denied God's proof and evidence, and turned away from a Face before which the Holy Spirit bowed down in adoration. We have remembered thee with that which nothing in existence can equal. When thou hearest My mention and perceivest the fragrance of Mine utterance, arise amongst My servants with wisdom and utterance, and say: O people of all possibilities! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with such sovereignty that all who are in the heavens and the earth cannot withstand it. Fear God, O people, and deny not Him Who hath brought you the kingdom of verses and from Whose Pen hath flowed the river of meanings and utterance. Arise from the slumber of vain desire, hastening unto the Lord of all mankind. Thus doth the Mother Book command you, a command from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Be thou articulate amongst My servants and mention that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Mine utterance, that the verses of thy Lord may attract them and draw them nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the might of the world hold thee back from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity, or the doubts of the divines from the Possessor of all Names. Arise in My Name to serve My Cause. Thy Lord will aid thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

We have caused thee to hear the eloquent tongue; We now desire to cause thee to hear the clear Persian tongue: The entire world was brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of the Intended One. When the Finger of Will rent asunder the veils and the effulgences of the lights of manifestation shone forth from the horizon of will, all were seen to be deniers and rejecters save whom God willed. Glory be to God! On the Day of Retribution the Shi'ih sect was seen to be the most lost among the sects of the world. They committed that which no oppressor had ever committed. In the early years they all arose in opposition, and later pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood.

Reflection upon the deeds of that sect and their actions before and after is necessary. For years they clung to the idols of names and occupied themselves with cursing one another from the pulpits, while in their own estimation they considered themselves the most learned and exalted of nations. Yet when the Sun of Divine Testing shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom of the Goal of all the worlds, all returned to hell-fire. Now too the deniers of the Bayan are occupied with forming a sect similar to the Shi'ih sect.

Section 3: "This is the Day of God—a Day wherein…"

Say: This is the Day of God—a Day wherein naught is to be remembered save Him. Thou must, with two wings—trust in God and utter detachment—soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, and busy thyself with the triumph of the Cause of God. Strive thou, that there may proceed from thee that which shall endure through the abiding continuance of the Kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O servants of God! Suffer not your ears to be deprived of the hearing of the scratching of the Pen of the Most High, and the rustling of the leaves of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, that ye may arise, ere long, to repair what hath been lost. This is the irrevocable, the divinely-appointed decree, which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen of the Most High, and hath been inscribed and made fast. Beware lest the veils of the world, and the dazzling allurements of the peoples, withhold you. Cast away what the people possess, and turn, with faces set, unto God, the Possessor of all that hath been and all that shall be. From Us be glory upon thee and upon them, and upon all who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Ended.

This is what hath been revealed for Mirza ʿAli—upon him be the glory of God.

He, verily, is the Hearer, the Seer.

O ʿAli! We have made mention of thee with a remembrance wherewith the remembrances of the world can never compare; and We now call thee to mind by a word, at the descent whereof the very verses were humbled. We desire to hear from thee Our signs, to manifest unto thee Our clear tokens, and to cast upon thee that which shall draw thee toward the horizon of Our loving-kindness. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this place which God hath made the most exalted of stations.

Hearken unto My call, arise amidst My servants, remind them of My verses, and illumine their hearts with the light of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of creation. Say: O people of God! This Day is your day. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and follow not those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and have committed that which hath caused hearts to melt.

Say: The gates of heaven have been flung open, the ocean of bounty hath surged before the faces of all the world, and the Sun of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Beware lest the ornaments of the world hold you back from the Lord of all mankind, or the might of the oppressors debar you from the Lord of all religions. Cast behind you vain imaginings, then advance with radiant faces unto the station wherein the atoms proclaim: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all lords!

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book and the stars of the heaven of Thy utterance, and by Thy Command wherewith Thou hast subdued Thy lands and Thy servants, to make me steadfast in Thy service in such wise that neither shall the ornaments of the world withhold me from turning unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, nor shall the clamor of nations frighten me, nor shall their might and power and dominion weaken me. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Mulla ʿAbdu'l-Karim, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the Confirmer, the All-Knowing

O Abdul-Karim! We have desired to make mention of thee and to gladden thee with the bestowals of God, the Mighty, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Verily He remembereth His loved ones at eventide and at dawn, through the nights and days. Is there any with sight to behold the traces of My Most Exalted Pen? Is there any with ears to hear My Most Sweet Call? Is there any with strength whom the people of error cannot prevent from turning to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High? We have manifested the Cause with a sovereignty before which no sovereignty can stand, and We have called the kings and their subjects to the Dayspring of Light. Neither the might of the oppressors nor the wrath of the tyrants deterred Us.

We stood before all faces and proclaimed: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come from the horizon of power with the banners of signs. We counsel thee and those who have believed to perform such deeds as would attract the hearts of men, and to manifest such character as would illumine the horizons. We counsel you to fear God, which We have made the lord of all deeds. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe unto every denying infidel. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken in His Most Great Prison, as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon the people of Baha who were not prevented by the turning away of the heedless from turning unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

This was revealed for his honor Amm-Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Rida! We have made mention of thy father who attained My presence, stood before My face, and heard My call, and We mentioned him at the beginning of My utterance, and We desired to make mention of his brother who was named ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar that he might rejoice in My remembrance of him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth as a command from His presence. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having turned unto My Cause when My servants and My creatures who used to remember Me at eventide and at dawn turned away from it. Hearken unto My call from the kingdom of My utterance. Verily it draweth thee nigh unto the heaven of My mercy and the sun of My grace which hath encompassed all who are in the earth and the heavens. Take heed lest anything grieve thee in the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast unto the cord of the bounty of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say:

My God, my God! Thy verses have attracted me, Thy clear proofs have stirred me, Thy separation hath consumed me, Thy remoteness hath killed me, and Thy distance hath destroyed me. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Lord of eternity, by the Kawthar of Thy bounty and the Salsabil of Thy grace and the choice wine of Thy knowledge, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and speaking Thy praise and glorification. Alas, alas, O Lord of all being! Alas, alas, O Lord of the throne on high and of earth below! How can I see myself at home while I hear Thy call from the direction of the prison?

By Thy glory, O my Best-Beloved and my Hope! Joy and gladness have been cut off at the mention of Thy tribulations among Thy servants and Thy afflictions among Thy creatures. By Thy glory! Thy sorrow hath made the days of the sincere ones like darkest night and their life like a terrible calamity and a destroying

affliction. I know not, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, what Thou hast ordained for Thy servant who hath laid hold on Thy cord and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. Hast Thou ordained for him, O my God, what he desired from the ocean of Thy grace and the sun of Thy generosity, or hath Thy Most Exalted Pen been stayed in this?

If the manifestations of Thy will and the modes of Thy purpose have prevented it, then ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of meeting Thee and attaining Thy presence before Thy throne. Then write for him, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, the best of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for his son Muhammad, upon them both be the glory of God.

In the Name of the Peerless Friend

Today the Sun of utterance is rising and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. Grace exists and mercy is evident. Verses are being revealed and clear proofs are manifest. Blessed is the soul that has attained thereunto and whom neither the perishable things of the world nor the lash of the wrath of rulers has kept back from the Lord of all beings. He is not content with the two fleeting days of earthly life, for his gaze is fixed upon the Most Great Horizon and he seeks the Kingdom of the Lord of mankind's grace. Neither veils prevent him nor coverings intervene.

O Muhammad, strive that perchance thou mayest achieve a deed whose mention shall endure in God's Book throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Ye are all remembered in the Most Holy Court and have attained His grace. Beseech God that He may assist you to preserve what He hath bestowed. This Day hath been mentioned in the Books and Scriptures as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to His recognition and beheld itself detached from all else but God. Glory be to God! The Most Great Book is manifest before the eyes of the peoples, yet they remain occupied with this and that, and deprived of it. Say: It is not befitting to mention that which is created in the presence of the Ancient.

Cast aside and take up—cast aside that which is with the people and take up that which hath come from God and is the cause of eternal life and everlasting remembrance. Praise be to the Lord of the world Who hath caused thee to attain unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister. Remember them both on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and convey unto them a command from My presence, and I am verily the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The ocean of mercy is surging, the heaven of grace is adorned with the stars of bounty. Each of those mentioned hath attained unto wondrous and sublime grace. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice unto His bounty and His loving-kindness.

And likewise especially for the honored mother of that one and the honored wife and the light of the eyes—upon them be the Glory of God. These verses have been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of all beings. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad-Rida! We make mention of thy mother who hath believed and turned towards Me and attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen in this noble station. Verily My remembrance is a light that shall accompany her in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is she and blessed is every maidservant who hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of thy Lord's grace. We have remembered every servant who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and every maidservant who hath attained unto the days of her Lord, her Creator, her Fashioner and her Supporter.

Blessed be he and she and whoso hath held fast unto My firm cord. And We make mention of My servant and Habibullah. The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned towards them both on this night and hath revealed for them that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of My loving-kindness and the sweet scent of My luminous garment. O kindred of Ahmad! The Wronged One comforteth you and consoleth you. All that is in the world cannot equal this. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this great bounty. Exchange your sorrows for the joy of My remembrance and My manifestation. By My life! Whoso hath inhaled the fragrance of My loving-kindness and attained unto the trace of My Pen, it behooveth him to cast aside all that is possible, rejoicing in what is with his Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken out of love for His loved ones. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

From the attraction of the divine verses the world is filled with joy. All things at this moment are manifest and evident with the greatest gladness. Through God's manifestation a new life hath been breathed into all things. The pen and ink are powerless to describe it. To this beareth witness our Lord, the Commander, the All-Informed.

As to their mention of the arrival of the Divine Tablets and likewise the joy of all at these resplendent verses, praise be to God, the gaze of favor hath repeatedly turned in that direction. Again mention of each one hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur—blessed and happy are ye! The mention of another brother hath in this hour flowed and been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of Destiny. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Husayn, who ascended unto the Supreme Companion in the days of his Lord, the Lord of all beings. Say: Light be upon thee and glory be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto the most exalted station through thy mention flowing from the tongue of thy Lord on this darksome night. I testify that thou hast attained unto My mercy which hath preceded all and My favor which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth. We beseech God to send down upon thee at every moment a mercy from His presence, a blessing from His side, and a table spread from His direction. Verily He is the Most Generous of the generous ones and the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Section 4: "Praise be to God, especially for him hath…"

Praise be to God, especially for him hath been revealed that which in this hour is a fresh mercy and a boundless blessing descended from the heaven of generosity upon him. Verily our Lord, the Most

Merciful, is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. Nothing escapeth His knowledge and the events of the world and the opposition of the nations cannot prevent His outpouring. He hath ordained and will ordain for His loved ones that which none hath comprehended save His Own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And likewise mention was made of that honored brother, His Honor ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God. The gaze of grace turned toward him and these verses were revealed from the heaven of utterance. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

In My Name, the All-Knowing

O ʿAli! All the peoples of the world have been and are awaiting the manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory. How many edifices have been raised in His name and how many souls have been occupied with His remembrance and praise throughout the nights and days. Yet when the door of meeting was opened and the sea of reunion surged and the Promised Countenance appeared, all were prevented save whom thy Lord willed. And thou art adorned with His love and illumined with the light of His recognition. Give thanks that the Purpose of all the worlds assisted thee and aided thee until thou didst attain unto this most exalted station. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Flowing, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Powerful.

They made mention of the loved ones of Sarchah. Each one attained unto that which hath been and shall be peerless. The world and its ornaments cannot compare with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto—such a one shall be distinguished from all others in all the divine worlds. Exalted is God, our Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne and the Lord of the exalted seat.

This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, for him who was named His Honor Haji-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God. His words, blessed and exalted is He:

O Baqir! The Promised One hath come yet the people know not, and the Hidden One hath appeared yet most of the people perceive not. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty. The earth hath shone with the light of her Lord. Blessed is he who hath attained unto Him and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. The servant in attendance hath brought a leaf whereon was thy name. We have mentioned thee as a favor from Us that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mulla Ghulam-Rida! The Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Forgiving. We have sent down the Book, yet the people understand not. We have revealed clear proofs, yet most of the people see them not. They have followed their vain desires and cast the command of their Lord behind their backs. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they remain this day in ignorance. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Protector over what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath attained in this Day unto a word from His presence. Woe unto every heedless one who is rejected. The Most Great Ocean hath surged before the faces of the world, as attesteth He Who proclaimeth in every matter that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Lord of all existence.

We make mention of him who was named Aqa Baba and remind him of Our verses and give him the glad-tidings of Our favors, that he may speak amongst the servants in praise of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, steadfast in service to His Cause, and hold fast unto His firm cord. Beware lest the cawing of the divines who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, deter thee. And beware lest the might of the oppressors frighten thee. Say: By God! He Who was hidden hath appeared and He Who was promised hath come. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon your Lord calleth you and summoneth you to the horizon of His Cause, if ye be of them that know. Say: Adorn your hearts with the ornament of the fear of God and your heads with the crown of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Informed. Thus hath the fragrance of utterance wafted throughout all possibility and the ocean of knowledge surged. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto the Most Great Name. He is indeed of the people of this glorious station.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Husayn that he may remember his Lord and be of the thankful ones. Hear the call from the Ultimate Lote-Tree raised up in the Most Exalted Paradise: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whereon He Who conversed with God is established upon the throne of Revelation, and the Point of the Bayan calleth out from the right hand of the Throne: O people of the Bayan! The All-Merciful hath come from the horizon of power, whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. Say: Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the Most Great Scene, or the veils of them who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment conceal you.

This is the Day whereon the earth hath revealed her treasures, and the seas their pearls, and the heavens their suns and moons. Behold, and be not of them that deny. Say: Do ye know Who calleth unto you, and do ye recognize Who maketh mention of you from His mighty Prison? By God! Were they to know, they would cast away all else, turning with their hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Their vain desires have prevented them from turning to the lights of the Countenance. They are indeed among the most lost ones in My wondrous Book. When thou dost inhale the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know Thee!

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who have turned away from the All-Merciful and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. When thou art intoxicated with the wine of Mine utterance and attracted by the breezes of Mine exposition, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and guided me to Thy path, O Lord of all worlds, and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and the crimson of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and shown me Thy greatest signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause before which all creation hath bowed down, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all things, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to remember Thee amongst Thy servants, and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by them who have soared on the wings of longing in the atmosphere of Thy love and have spent all they possessed in Thy path, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy loved ones the good of this

world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Mulla Ahmad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord and be of them that have spoken in His remembrance and praise and have arisen to serve His mighty and wise Cause. Thou wert mentioned before the Face aforetime, and at this hour I give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. Remember My servants on My behalf. Say: Fear ye God and be not of the lost. We counsel all in the world to trustworthiness and godliness and that whereby their stations may be exalted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Counsellor. O My loved ones! Aid Me through deeds and goodly character. Soon shall pass away what ye possess and what the kings possess, and there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from My Most Sweet Pen. To this testifieth every seeing sage. The earth and heaven have been illumined with the lights of the Countenance, yet most of the people are wrapped in thick veils. When thou drinkest the choice wine of revelation and art seized by the rapture of the Cause, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of the Luminary of Thy utterance and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst adorn the unseen with the ornament of being, and didst manifest the gift of Thy knowledge, and didst send down the table of Thy utterance, to aid Thy servants to turn unto Thy most exalted horizon and to hearken unto the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Thou art He through Whose grace all things exist and through Whose loving-kindness all created things have been brought into being. Withhold not the people of Thy kingdom from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, nor from the Salsabil of Thy revelation, the Tasnim of Thy inspiration, and the Kawthar of Thy nearness. Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and in Whose grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Forgive me and those with me, and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have done that which they were bidden in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We make mention at this hour of one of Our servants who was named Abdu'l-Ali in the Book of Names, and We give him glad tidings of the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and I am verily the All-Knowing, Compassionate Rememberer. This is a day wherein the Balance crieth out before the Face saying: I am the All-Wise Distinguisher, and the Path speaketh, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from the cup of thy Lord's bounteous favor. When thou art stirred by thy Lord's verses and perceivest the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest the ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the hopeful the heaven of Thy bounty, and the seeker the seat of Thy throne. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy clear tokens that have encompassed earth and heaven, and by those who have attained unto the lights of the Luminary of Thy leave and have hastened to the most exalted Summit and the ultimate Goal, until they stood before the gate of Thy grandeur and appeared before the throne of Thy manifestation and heard Thy call and drank the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of Thy grace, that Thou write down for me what Thou hast written for them, by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things. Thou art He Whom neither disobedience can deter from the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy bounty, nor can sins

withhold from the wonders of Thy favor and bestowals. Thou hast ever been supreme and transcendent over all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan, that he may inhale the sweet fragrance of his Lord's verses and be of them that attain. We have heard thy call and have answered thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. From the precincts of the Prison there hath been revealed for thee that which all the fruits and mysteries of the earth cannot equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the clamor of the divines debar thee from the Lord of all mankind. Cast away what they possess and take hold of that which thou hast been bidden by God, the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Invincible, the Ancient of Days. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and have pronounced judgment against Him unjustly. The Tablet and the Pen lament this, as thy Lord, the Single One, the All-Informed, doth testify.

When thou art gladdened by the Greatest Joy through the verses of thy Lord, the Sovereign of Destiny, say: My God, my God! My heart hath turned toward Thee, my face is set towards the lights of Thy countenance, mine eyes are fixed upon Thy horizon, and my tongue uttereth Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, by the mysteries Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Command, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy generosity and munificence that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

Section 5: "O Ustad ʿAli! The Lord of Destiny hath…"

O Ustad ʿAli! The Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee from His Most Sublime Vision, and remembereth thee with that which shall endure through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the signs of God, and woe betide every sinful impostor. The Day of God hath come, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed is every one possessed of true knowledge who hath recognized and attained, and woe to them that deny! The Concourse of the Bayan have turned away from Us and opposed Us without any clear proof or illuminating Book. They have denied God's favor after its revelation and rejected this manifest grace. Hold thou fast unto My cord and cling to the hem of My mantle, and celebrate My praise amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Darvish ʿAli-Qabl-i-Asghar! The Day hath come, and the people are perishing save whom God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, willeth. This is the Day wherein the Light proclaimeth and saith: The Lord of all mankind hath come—He Who was treasured in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Object of them that have known Him. By God! From the Pen of the All-Merciful hath flowed the Living Waters. Blessed is he who hath turned thereunto and drunk therefrom, and woe to the idolaters who have cast God behind their backs, clinging to what they possess of the promptings of Satan. Blessed is the strong one whom the tyranny of the divines hath not weakened, and the seeing one whom the veils of the wayward have not hindered.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the Messengers, for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison. I testify that Thou art the Sovereign of the kingdom of grace and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to aid me to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed from the heaven of Thy wondrous utterance.

The ocean surged and the grace of God, exalted be His glory, appeared at its utmost zenith. Especially for each of the friends mentioned did the ocean of utterance appear and the Clear Book was revealed. I beseech God that they may be enabled to read it and succeed in serving His Cause. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Unconstrained.

On the first day when the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the Most Great Throne in the garden named Ridvan, the tongue of grandeur spoke three verses: First, that the sword is abolished in this Revelation; second, that before the completion of a thousand years, whosoever makes a claim is false, and the year is a complete year—interpretation and explanation of this verse are forbidden; and third, that God, exalted be His glory, at that moment shed the radiance of all His names upon all things. This fourth verse was revealed later, but they said this verse stands at the same level as those three: that whosoever is mentioned before His presence, whether living or dead, shall attain unto the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. Blessed are they that attain!

Mention was made of Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Tabib, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before Him, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed especially for him and sent, that his eyes might be solaced by beholding the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds. His gift of barberry bushes arrived in the garden. His reward is with God. The deeds of this day are regarded as the most excellent of deeds before God. Blessed is he who attains! This servant beseeches his Lord to aid His servants to do what He loves and is pleased with, and not to deprive them of the outpourings of His days. Verily, He has power over all things.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Quli Khan, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], who also took the initiative in sending pomegranate saplings. Well done to him! His mention was honored to be heard in the presence. His blessed and exalted Word:

I am the Hearer, the Answerer.

We have mentioned every name that was present in the Most Great Prison. My mention is a heavenly feast, an enduring bounty, and a preserved treasure. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe to every heedless doubter. Blessed art thou, for the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and mentioned thee in such wise that thy name shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of lords, endure. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord and steadfast in serving His Cause amongst the people. We created the world for My knowledge and service, yet when I manifested Myself, most of the servants turned away. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call and the face that hath turned toward God, the Lord of all who dwell on earth. When thou hast attained unto the proof of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me turn to Thee when most of creation turned away from Thee, and thanks be to Thee for having guided me to Thy path when most of Thy creatures were

heedless of it. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the tabernacle of Thy majesty and the places which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne, and by the lands honored by Thy footsteps and the cities wherein Thy call was raised, and by Thy Most Great Prison, to assist me in all conditions to do what befits Thy days and is worthy of Thy Manifestation. O Lord! I am the hopeful one and Thou art the Bestower; I am the supplicant and Thou art the Generous One. Ordain for me in all the worlds of Thy worlds that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant also beseeches God to decree for him the good of this world and the next. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Mention had been made of the spiritual kinsman Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, son of his eminence the exalted one whom the Concourse on High visit. This servant wished to conclude the letter with his name. Praise be to God, they turned to Him and attained unto the Purpose of all the worlds. They saw and heard and repeatedly made mention of the friends of that land and its surroundings. Likewise, they sent to the Most Holy Court a page containing the names of the friends, and each one was made the recipient of divine verses. However, due to the abundance of writing, that which was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning those souls was not sent. Nevertheless, this servant bears witness that they attained unto that which is peerless. In any case, after the mention of their names in the Most Holy Court, these words were revealed from the Tongue of the Purpose of all the worlds, exalted be His utterance:

I am He Who speaketh from Mine All-Highest Horizon.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast turned to the grace of God and attained unto thy heart's desire. Preserve thou whatsoever thou didst hear from the tongue of grandeur whilst in His presence, and give thou glad-tidings of His special favours to the loved ones in that land. Say: O people of God! This is the Day of remembrance and praise and the Day of service. Deprive not yourselves thereof. It behooveth you to be set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—a blaze such as would consume the newly-arisen lassitude born of excess moisture from the realm of possibility, that all may turn unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and attain unto that which is befitting.

Say: Know ye the value of this Day. This is the Lord of all days, and deeds performed therein are the lord of all deeds. Praise be to God! Ye are illumined by the lights of the morn of His Revelation and have attained unto the recognition of your Purpose. Know ye the sacredness of this most great station and recognize its worth. That which hath befallen you in the path of God hath caused the denizens of the highest Paradise to weep, and mention thereof hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Holy Book. Preserve ye this exalted station in the name of God, the Lord of Glory. Erelong shall the fruits of your deeds, as well as their effects, become manifest in the earth.

I swear by the light of divine proof that shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of the prison: if anyone should draw but a single breath for the sake of God in these days, that breath shall be recorded and preserved with God. Were ye to discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto your purpose, ye would hear from all your limbs and members, nay from every hair, the cry "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Beseech ye God to aid you in such wise that the

conditions of the world and all that the nations possess may not withhold you from the truth. Drink ye with utmost joy and assurance from the cup of the love of Him Who is the Goal of all beings. Soon shall all that ye behold today perish, and there shall endure for you this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Day-Star of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O people of God! Ahmad, upon him be My glory, hath attained the presence of God. We testify that he hath attained Our presence, and hath heard, and hath seen, and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most High, and hath attained unto that which none among the peoples of the world have attained, save them whom God, the Lord of creation, hath willed. He made mention of the loved ones of that land, and each one hath attained unto that which the pens of the world are powerless to recount. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly resort. It behooveth all to be mindful of the kindred of the honored, accepted, and forgiven one, upon whom be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Tongue of the Ancient of Days hath spoken, after his ascension, that which hath caused the sweet savors of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all creation. Blessed is he who remembereth him in the manner spoken by the Most Exalted Pen. He is indeed of the people of Baha in My mighty Book. Glory be upon him and upon you, and upon those whom the clamor of the idolaters hath not deterred from turning unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! The light of loving-kindness hath appeared, and the river of mercy floweth, and the lamp of bounty shineth, and the sun of generosity beameth forth. There hath been sent down that whereof every letter is a manifest book and a wondrous bounty. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to him and to the kindred of His Holiness the Exalted One, upon whom be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and asketh from God, exalted be His glory, that which endureth and abideth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Compassionate, the All-Generous.

Moreover, these manifest verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, specifically for the handmaidens of God in that land, upon them be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

O My handmaidens and My leaves! Upon you be the Glory of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne! Praise be to God that ye have attained unto that which the learned and the wise have been deprived of, save whom God willeth. I swear by the light of utterance which shineth and gleameth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom that all the world and its ornaments cannot be compared with the blessed word “O My handmaiden” which hath been revealed concerning one of the handmaidens. The men of the earth are deprived, while ye are the recipients of divine favor. Know ye the value of this station and occupy yourselves with praise and thanksgiving to the Goal of the worlds.

Most of the people of the world, be they kings or subjects, men or women, have been seized with heedlessness. Ere long they shall return to their stations. The grace of God hath assisted you, His bounty hath guided you, and His visible and invisible aid hath supported you, until ye have attained and become the recipients of this most great favor, this supreme blessing and this mighty gift. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon My handmaidens in the cities and lands.

If, in truth, the ears of the servants were to turn to the Kingdom of utterance of the Lord of creation and become recipients of hearing, all would attain to the recognition of the Purpose, Who is the purpose of creation. The ocean of mercy surgeth for all, yet it is contingent upon these words:

> "The most honored among you in the sight of God is the most righteous."

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to the honored ladies, the leaves, the chaste ones and the devoted ones of that land, and beseecheth confirmation for all. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon the steadfast and firm servants of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH05096: He hath come Who was hidden in the treasury…

He is the Hearer from His most exalted horizon!

He hath come Who was hidden in the treasury of knowledge and concealed in the repositories of infallibility and power, and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O concourse of rulers! Hearken unto the Call of God. Verily He hath come for the refinement of your souls. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. He hath appeared for the reformation of the world—to this beareth witness the Most Great Name Who hath seated Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Kawthar of utterance. Draw nigh with radiant faces and take the chalices with hands of submission and contentment. Then drink therefrom in the name of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. That which ye possess today shall profit you not. It behooveth you to forsake what the people have, turning toward the horizon of God, the Goal of those who have recognized Him.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and discovered the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Leave me not to myself. Strengthen my limbs for Thy service, and my sight for beholding the lights of Thy countenance, and my ears for hearkening unto Thy call, and my hands for taking hold of Thy mighty Book.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power and might and strength, and by Thy glory and grandeur and sovereignty, that Thou assist me to make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants in such wise that the hosts of the world and the opposition of nations shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH05550: This is a Book which speaketh with truth, yet…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book which speaketh with truth, yet most of the people hear not. The verses have been sent down, yet they perceive not. The signs have appeared, yet they understand not. The Hour hath come and the Resurrection hath been established, and the Hidden Name and the Treasured Mystery have been made manifest, yet most of the people know not. The proof hath encompassed all things and the Sun of Evidence hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility, yet the people have turned away from it.

Say: O people of the earth, be fair in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised calleth out: Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces, would ye but perceive it. Deprive not yourselves of this most great favor, and follow not the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He hath sent down for thee that which honored servants perceive its fragrance.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, for having guided me unto Thy path, shown me Thy way, and sent down for me Thy proof. I beseech Thee to ordain that I may, in all conditions, be mindful of Thy verses and hold fast unto the cord of Thy Cause. Then decree for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH05864: He who remembers at all times

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This is a Book which the Faithful Spirit hath sent down from before God, the Lord of the worlds. Whoso believeth in it hath attained unto all good, and he who disbelieveth is assuredly among the companions of the Fire. O concourse of friends! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of Names. He summoneth you and commandeth you to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come, riding upon the clouds with manifest sovereignty.

Say: Observe! Observe! O concourse of divines, and be not of the wrongdoers. Judge with fairness and be not of those who behold the signs yet deny them—these indeed are the transgressors. O ʿAli-Asghar! That which thou didst send hath arrived. We have accepted it as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who praise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Lord of the nations, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for accepting what I sent unto Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. We make mention of thee and of thy branch, as the Most Exalted Pen was turning toward the Land of Friends in the past year. Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord’s knowledge and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH06147: This is a remembrance from Our presence to one…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

This is a remembrance from Our presence to one who has turned to My horizon, heard My call, was attracted by My verses, spoke My praise among My servants, and attained to My wondrous remembrance. Blessed is the servant who has attained the presence of My loved ones, and the countenance that has turned to the horizon of My favor, and the ear that has heard My mighty, impregnable call.

This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of the worlds, has been revealed. This is the Day wherein all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Almighty, the All-Wise." We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed is he who has turned, whom the opposition of the divines did not prevent, and who has held fast to that which the veils of the theologians did not conceal.

Say: This is a power that the might of the world cannot weaken, and a Cause that the hosts of earth and heaven cannot withhold. He has come from the horizon of power with the banners of His signs—to this testifies every fair-minded, clear-sighted one. Thus has the Wronged One spoken, while in prison through what the hands of the heedless have wrought.

The glory shining from the horizon of My heaven of bounty be upon you and upon those who have turned and said:

> "We believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the knowing ones!"

BH07372: O Husayn! What do the people of the world…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Husayn! What do the people of the world hold fast to today, and by what proof and evidence do they establish their truth and demonstrate their faith? If the proof be verses, verily they have filled the world, and if it be evidences, verily they have shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Eternity. Say: O people! Fear the one true God. Look ye at the revealed Suras, read them and ponder upon them. Verily they will guide you to the Straight Path of God and acquaint you with that which ye have neglected. Fear God and be not among the wrongdoers. O people of the earth! Be not heedless of the divine days, and arise to make good what ye have lost. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen that hath appeared in the prison of ʿAkka. Take what ye are bidden and abandon what the people possess, by the command of God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

BH07205: In My Name which shineth forth from My Most…

In My Name which shineth forth from My Most Exalted Horizon!

One hath asked: "Hath the Resurrection come to pass?" Say: "Yea, by My All-Knowing, All-Wise Self!" "Hath the Hour arrived?" Say: "Yea, by the Lord of the Mighty Throne!" "Have the Signs been sent down?" "By God! They have filled the horizons, if thou be of them that know." "Hath the Balance been set up?" "By God! It proclaimeth and speaketh forth amongst creation, to which every discerning one doth testify." O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to

you with a manifest sovereignty. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having turned unto thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and remembered thee with that which the remembrances of the world and what is with the nations cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expounder. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from thy Lord, the Possessor of Names. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, steadfast in the service of My Cause, and hold fast unto My luminous Robe. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast to the Cord of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH00381: Praise be to the Beloved of the world…

Section 1: "Praise be to the Beloved of the world…"

In His Name, Exalted be His Most August Station, the Glory and Power

Praise be to the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all nations, Who guided His loved ones to the highest horizon and bestowed upon them their portion of the choice wine of utterance. His path is clear and His proof is evident. Every possessor of insight hath seen and become aware, and every person of understanding and wisdom hath attained to His knowledge. Through His most exalted Word He hath separated between enemies and friends. He is the One Who empowereth and bestoweth might. Blessed are they who have been illumined by the lights of His bountiful Sun and have drunk from the Kawthar of His utterance. Out of pure grace He sent forth Messengers and bestowed Books that all might attain unto that which was the purpose of creation. And these degrees of progress continued until the Messengers culminated in the Seal of the Prophets and the Books in the Qur'an. And He informed all of the Day of Judgment, which is the Day of the Great Gathering. Upon Him be the prayers of God and His peace, and upon His family and companions an enduring, eternal, and everlasting peace.

And further: the letter of that honored brother arrived, speaking of the health and well-being of that beloved of the heart. After being apprised of its contents, he proceeded to the known station and it was presented before the face of his Lord. This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of Explanation. I am the Wronged One.

Your Book hath reached Our presence, and We have heard your call and seen what thou didst mention therein. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, by the Daysprings of His Cause, the Sources of His grace, the Dawning-places of His knowledge, by His Will that pervadeth all things, and His Purpose that hath transcended the will of all who dwell on earth and in heaven, to assist His loved ones to act in accordance with that which He hath revealed in His Book, and to enable them to celebrate His praise and glorification amongst His servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

From the most eloquent tongue We have turned to the luminous tongue. The friends of God must cleave unto wisdom and forbearance, and associate with all the peoples of the world in a spirit of joy and fragrance. In one utterance may be concealed the Water of Life that bestoweth eternal existence, and in another utterance may lie deadly poison. The people of unity must speak with words sweeter than honey and more delicate than the morning dew. They must regard themselves as the well-wishers of all mankind, and supplicate God, glorified be His majesty, by day and by night for that which shall profit all.

Man is the dawning-place of righteousness and the dayspring of bounty and favor. O servant of God! Thy mention hath ever been before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will exalt the Word of unity. From every direction have tribulations and hardships encompassed the people of unity. Weakness is seen where there should be strength, abasement where there should be glory, and impotence where there should be power. We beseech the peerless Lord to make all aware of what hath been lost, that they may discover the cause of weakness and the like. He is the One Powerful Lord, there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times.

Certain ignorant ones in cities and villages have acted in such wise as to cause people to turn away. We beseech God to guide the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge, to grant them wisdom and bestow upon them vision, that they may turn with pure and sanctified hearts and hold fast to deeds. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. This Wronged One hath mentioned and continueth to mention each one of them, and supplicateth divine confirmation and assistance for all. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

First, this evanescent servant wisheth to state that if there be delay in responding to letters, this is not due to negligence or lack of love. That honored one is witness, and God is the All-Seeing, that thou hast ever been and continues to be mentioned, nay, art ever before Our eyes. It is hoped that the love preserved in the heart will never diminish. Thy heart hath testified and continues to testify to what hath been mentioned. The occupations of this evanescent one have reached such a point that the pen is powerless to describe them, and God sufficeth as witness.

Mention was made of the honored friend, Amin Effendi, upon him be the peace of God. During the time when the honored Shaykh Salman, upon him be God's favor, was journeying towards Us, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him. God willing, it hath been or will be received. I convey greetings to him and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to ordain for him that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven.

The petition of Jinab-i-Hakim Rahim, upon him be the peace of God, was received. He had previously been granted permission. After the presentation of his petition, this utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of Knowledge: O Rahim! Every just and fair-minded person beareth witness to this Wronged One's love for the friends of God. From the beginning of this Cause until now, We have called the peoples of the earth to that which conduceth to their exaltation, elevation, and the manifestation of human stations and ranks. Our purpose hath been that all might hold fast to that which God hath willed and to that which He hath revealed in the Book. At all times We have spoken with clear utterance and in every state We have remembered the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

However, certain souls who are deprived of the ocean of knowledge and the lights of the Sun of understanding have risen in opposition and protest, and have committed that which the fair-minded and sincere have witnessed. In this city a certain official manifested such tyranny as transcendeth description and utterance—he would seize what was visible and demand what was hidden. He was so consumed by the fire of greed and avarice that all the treasures and riches of the earth could not satisfy him. God knoweth what We endured at his hands. Although the divine hand of justice removed him from office, yet

his actions have caused such commotion in this land that We have delayed permission for companions to come.

God is Our witness that ye have been and are mentioned before this Wronged One. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to acknowledge the unity of Thy Being and the sanctity of Thy Self above all attributes and names. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who have championed Thy Cause with their wealth and their lives and have striven in Thy path with utmost devotion, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and acknowledging what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace to make me, in all conditions, hold fast unto Thee and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Thou art, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Section 2: "O Rahim! Although We have forbidden those who…"

O Rahim! Although We have forbidden those who seek and desire to come to this land, and whenever anyone hath arrived We have commanded their return, yet the heedless have uttered that which causeth sighs to ascend and tears to flow.

O Rubin! The Prisoner maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee to be patient. Verily, the Wronged One loveth thee and We beseech God to assist thee with that which will draw thee near unto Him. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, in the beginning and in the end.

O Khudabakhsh! God hath given and giveth abundantly, for His generosity is great. But the pharaohs of the earth and the tyrants of the lands do not give. Ask thou God not to deprive the people of the world from the lights of the Sun of Justice and to grant them their portion from the ocean of fairness.

O Lalihzar! We have ever called the peoples of the earth to justice, fairness and that which profiteth and draweth them near. They hearkened not, and thus weakness and impotence have encompassed the people of unity. We beseech God to illumine their sight and purify their vision that they may not be deprived of beholding the lights of the Sun of Grace. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to each one of them and to the friends of that land, upon them be the peace of God. Peace, mercy and loving-kindness be upon them and upon the sincere servants of God who have acknowledged that which God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book and have said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and the Goal of them that have known Thee!"

Blessed is what you have written concerning the new life and attainment. God willing, the fifteen souls, upon them be God's peace and favors, have each attained to the mention of the Divine Purpose and been adorned with the ornament of His grace. After these matters were presented, He said:

> "Blessed is the trustworthy one. We counsel him with wisdom and utterance, and with that dignity which is a human characteristic. And We make mention of the handmaiden of God who

has attained to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Peace be upon them both and upon God's righteous servants, both men and women."

Thus it ended.

Likewise the petition of the honored master, the secretary, upon him be God's peace, was received and an answer was sent. This servant beseeches confirmation and divine assistance for him. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be remembered. We beseech God, the Lord of earth and heaven, to preserve him and ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As to what was written concerning the apple of mine eye, Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be God's peace, after it was presented before His face, He said:

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

O Husayn! Upon thee be the peace of God and the peace of His loved ones. His honor Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be God's peace and grace, and thou have been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. Although this Wronged One hath commanded all to act with propriety, and likewise to observe that which God hath revealed in the Book, and had no purpose except the protection of the people of unity and their glory, power and exaltation, yet they have committed that which is beyond mention. The power of the people of the cities of unity and detachment had reached such a degree that the limbs of the ungodly and the heedless trembled in fear of it and their hearts were troubled. Now weakness hath reached such a point that the hostile ones have attacked from all sides. Every day some harm befalleth and some tribulation appeareth. They have denied this bounty and have deemed this justice to be tyranny. Thus the Wronged One is imprisoned in the Most Great Prison. However, tribulation in His path, exalted be He, has been and continues to be beloved. In all conditions We have desired and continue to desire the good of the people of the world.

We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of justice, that they may speak with fairness and observe with sanctified vision. The purpose of what hath been mentioned is that the friends may become aware of what hath transpired and know that this Wronged One hath loved and continues to love meeting with the loved ones, but the heedless servants have become a barrier. O Husayn, say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and hath placed his trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by the trees of the gardens of meanings and utterance, and by the leaves of realities and explanation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Verily Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. And the response is new.

O Husayn! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which most are heedless of. Be not grieved by what hath befallen this Wronged One. Reflect: We have made mention of thee with such remembrance as is the cause of greatest joy. We beseech God to strengthen thee, to prosper thee, and to ordain for thee the good of what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

This servant too conveyeth his greetings and beseecheth from God, glorified be His majesty, whatsoever conduceth to exaltation and ascendancy. I extend greetings to his honor thy father, upon him be God's peace and favor. He hath ever been and continueth to be remembered. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect him and ordain for him the good of both this world and the next. Mention was made of the honored sons Abdul-Mihdi and Abdul-Hadi and Qurratu'l-ʿAyn, God's mercy be upon them. Their greetings and attention were recorded. After their mention was submitted, the Blessed Tongue made mention of each one, and likewise mention was made of the honored leaf of the family, upon both of them be God's peace, and concerning all was manifested that which testified to favor and loving-kindness. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This servant too conveyeth his greetings to each one and seeketh divine confirmation. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Mention was made of Aqa Habibullah, upon him be God's peace. After it was submitted, these words were uttered:

> "Verily We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and We beseech God to strengthen thee, prosper thee, and make thee protected, steadfast, firm and immovable in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what beseemeth His generosity, exalted be He."

This servant too conveyeth his greetings and maketh mention with such remembrance as causeth enkindlement. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions to act with righteousness and with that which exalteth their station amongst the servants. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's near servants.

The servant 17th of the month of Sha'ban the Great, 1304

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Section 1: "Praise, remembrance, thanks and glory befit the loved…"

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

Praise, remembrance, thanks and glory befit the loved ones of the one true Goal, who have held fast to the cord of faithfulness and clung to the hem of steadfastness. Now hath appeared that which was sent down aforetime from the heaven of God's Will:

> "Be ye thankful unto Me and I will be thankful unto you."

The gratitude of the loved ones is their faithfulness, sincerity, assurance and steadfastness. Since they have manifested that which was incumbent upon them, therefore hath the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, revealed in the Psalms and Tablets, specifically for them, that which transcendeth understanding and reason. Well is it with them and wholesome is it for them.

O beloved of my heart! Today this evanescent servant completed replying to that beloved one's letters. In the afternoon of this day, the 14th of the revered month of Sha'ban, another letter numbered 3, dated

the 11th of Rajab, arrived. Praise be to God, the glad tidings of health and well-being continue uninterrupted. This blessing is specifically for hearing and sight, which is greater than the outward blessings that are a mighty cause for the outward life of humanity. Praise be to God in all conditions. After the arrival of the letter, the Goal of the world proceeded to another place, that is, from Bahji to the garden, this servant and a group accompanying Him. After arrival and partaking of a cup of tea, this evanescent one, as bidden, began to reply to that honored one's letter. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for assistance that no negligence occur in replying. After reading and becoming informed, He proceeded to the Most Exalted Summit and it was presented before His presence, and these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. The Lord, blessed and exalted be He, speaks:

> "O Amin! We have seen thy letter and heard thy call. We have answered thee through Our grace, and verily I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and aideth him who turneth unto Him and ariseth to serve the Cause with humility and penitence. Say: O people of Baha! By God, through detachment is God's Cause exalted among His servants. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with this luminous robe, through a command from God, the Cleaver of the dawn."

Hear in the Persian tongue! Give glad-tidings to the people of Baha. We counsel all to remember the Wronged One and to that which causes the exaltation and elevation of His Cause. Blessed is the one who makes mention and the teacher who is adorned with the ornament of detachment. O Amin, praise be to God that thou hast not fixed thy gaze upon outward means, neither in the past nor now. This is a great bounty—know thou its station. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. All are mentioned.

That which thou didst write concerning Ali Haydar, upon him be My glory, blessed is he. They are engaged in service, their gaze fixed upon the horizon, steadfast in the Cause. They have ever been and continue to be blessed with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Some time ago, a Tablet was revealed and sent down from the horizon of the heaven of will specifically for Ayn and Ba, upon them be My glory, which that honored one was to deliver. Likewise, a Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for Nayib, upon him be My glory. God willing, they shall attain unto it. Verily, he hath been faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory from the All-Glorious be upon thee and upon My friends there and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

That beloved one hath ever been and continues to be the recipient of special favors. Praise be to God that thou hast inhaled the fragrances of these days and hast risen to serve. Wealth, ornaments, livelihood and material means did not prevent that one from steadfastness, service and the fear of God. Our Lord, your Lord, our Purpose and your Purpose, and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth beareth witness to what the servant hath submitted. That which was written concerning the glory of the Cause and its independence is correct. All things testify to this matter.

And concerning the mention of the honored brother, Aqa ʿAli Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise their steadfastness in the Cause, their being set ablaze with the fire of love, their turning to the lights of His countenance, and their rising to serve the Cause—all these have been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with him! This evanescent servant

beseecheth God on their behalf for that which beseemeth His generosity and bounty. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Muhammad Javad (from the people of Nun and Ra), upon him be the Glory of God, and his faithfulness to the Covenant, and likewise the mention of Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, and the mention of his love and service—after these were submitted in the Most Holy Court, these brilliant and manifest verses were revealed. Thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

> "O Muhammad Baqir! Thou hast been blessed with the bounty of the utterance of the All-Merciful and the heavenly table sent down from the heaven of knowledge. In these days, Amin, upon him be My glory, hath mentioned your acceptance, love and steadfastness. Blessed are ye both. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions and to ordain for you that whose fragrance shall never cease to perfume the kingdom of earth and heaven. O Javad! Amin, upon him be My glory, hath presented your covenant and faithfulness to it. The True One, exalted be His glory, gazeth upon the horizon of steadfastness and love. Other matters, if undertaken with joy and fragrance, shall be accepted in view of the manifestation of means. Praise be to God, ye have ever been speaking in remembrance and praise and have stood firm in service. Well is it with you both."

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise mention was made of his steadfastness and love. After being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, this Supreme Word shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names. He, exalted and sanctified be He, saith:

> "O Fadlu'llah! We have indeed been with thee, We have heard and seen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have witnessed what hath befallen thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Bountiful, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having caused the ocean of His bounty to surge and for having sent down unto thee that which remindeth thee of what was revealed in His Perspicuous Book."

We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, son of the deceased, blessed and sanctified H and S who soared to the Most Exalted Horizon. He and his brothers and sisters are all remembered in the Most Holy Presence. Repeatedly were they mentioned after the ascension of the aforementioned one, and all were blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen. Some time ago the glances of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, were directed towards them, and a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to each one, but thus far no news of their receipt has arrived. Whoso is for God, God is for him. At their passing and that of the honored leaf, upon them both be the Glory of God, there was revealed that which is the Euphrates of mercy and the Kawthar of bounty for them. This servant at this time also conveyeth greetings and salutations to them and seeketh that for which there is no equal. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And mention was made of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, son-in-law of His Eminence the aforementioned one, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. The degrees of his attraction and enkindlement and steadfastness and love for that Beloved One, and likewise that Beloved One's love towards him, were recorded. After being submitted to the Presence, these firm verses were revealed from the heaven of wisdom and utterance. His utterance, exalted be His mention and glorified be His remembrance, is this:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath loved Me and loved My friends, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Thou hast previously attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto acceptance when most of the servants have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds. We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of proof and have sent down from the Kingdom of utterance that which every learned one and every discerning mystic is powerless to reckon. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from My Most Exalted Pen, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having aided me and taught me and made known unto me that which most of Thy creation have been prevented from. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy bounty and the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and gazing toward Thy horizon. Then I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which Thou hast destined for Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

This servant also conveys greetings and praise to them. Indeed, that beloved one has written such mention of those souls that it caused a renewed stirring in the heart and brought forth a wondrous illumination. Although they have always been remembered, this time something different has appeared and another light of love is radiating. We beseech the True One to assist them and bestow upon them that which befits His grace. O beloved of my heart! Today God's gaze is fixed upon worthy deeds. One word uttered with sincerity is recorded as a book in God's presence, and one drop of deeds is accounted as an ocean. This is special to this Most Great Manifestation, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty.

They mentioned the honored friend, Haji Mirza ʿA.B., upon him be the Glory of God, and wrote of his being enkindled with the fire of divine love. The matter is as your honor mentioned—that praise be to God, they have arrived and are ablaze like a globe of fire in divine love. Signs of steadfastness and the enkindling of the fire of love were evident from them during their presence. This servant beseeches his Lord to confirm him in remembrance and praise, and to enable him to serve His firm and manifest Cause.

Likewise, they mentioned the two brothers, Aqa ʿAli Haydar, upon him and them be the Glory of God, and wrote of their degrees of love, acceptance, humility and submissiveness in the path of God. This matter

opened the gate of joy. Praise be to God, they are blessed with His grace and are mentioned before the True One. Previously too, mention of them flowed from the Supreme Pen. This servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen them, make them successful, and ordain for them that which will draw them near to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

They mentioned Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, during the upheavals in this land they held fast to the cord of sincerity and faithfulness. Their mention and the mention of their love has always been and continues to be in the Most Great Prison. God willing, may they attain to that which cannot be seized by the changes of the world and the events of nations. Verily our Lord is the All-Seeing Witness and He is the Helper, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Glory be to God! Divine favors have had and continue to have infinite influences in the earth. The honored friend Aqa ʿAli Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, turned to Him and attained, and through the grace of the Most Self-Subsisting Name, drank from the sealed wine and arose to serve the Cause. The manifestations of divine favors and infinite mercies have encompassed them from every direction, including that beloved one's letter which mentioned them in its beginning, middle and end, mentioning their steadfastness, enthusiasm, service and love, as well as their arising in outward and inward matters. When these passages were presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings in the most exalted horizon, that which this evanescent servant is incapable of mentioning was revealed. The ocean of favor appeared with such waves that those endowed with minds and understanding are unable to count them. Blessed be he and may it be wholesome for him.

At this time new rains are pouring from the heaven of that excellency's love, meaning that beloved one's letter dated the twenty-fourth of the month of Rajab, number four, arrived. Its arrival was a spiritual herald as it spoke of health, well-being and arising to serve the Eternal Beloved. Indeed, it mentioned the Desired One of all possibilities in most eloquent terms. Blessed are the people of Baha who have drunk the cup of faithfulness from the hands of bounty.

That which was written concerning the loved ones of God, regarding steadfastness, love, kindliness, unity and harmony, was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and was honored with acceptance. At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur utters this most blessed and supreme word—exalted be His utterance and glorified be His majesty:

Section 2: "O servant in attendance! Give glad tidings…"

> "O servant in attendance! Give glad tidings to the Trustworthy One of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O Trustworthy One! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and witnessed thy condition. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou, O Trustworthy One, for having adorned thy temple with the armor of humility and the robe of submissiveness, and thy head with the crown of detachment. If the loved ones attain to the sweetness of this station, they shall not remain deprived of the greatest bounty by the bounties of the world. Humility, submissiveness, and other praiseworthy attributes and goodly deeds are considered among the divine hosts under the Supreme Commander, and the Supreme Commander has been and ever shall be the fear of God."

We had repeatedly heard of sugar, but it was a mere word. In truth, the spiritual sweetness and true delight has been and ever shall be the repeated utterances of God's loved ones. However much sugar is repeated and however many times it is used, it dulls the desire and reduces the appetite, but the more the utterances of the loved ones are repeated, the more appealing and beloved they become. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist this servant in presenting a response. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, again and again and again, until it reaches the fifth time.

The fifth letter, dated the first of the revered month of Sha'ban, arrived. It was a powerful collyrium for the eye and a balanced remedy for the heart, for it was adorned with the mention of the Intended One and illumined with the light of His love.

As to what they wrote concerning the honoured brother and illustrious friend, Jinab-i-Nayib—upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of eternity—together with the evidences of his yearning and longing, his love and devotion, and the blaze of his heart with the fire of the Sadratu'r-Rahman, and of the Tree planted upon the everlasting Tur—these, one and all, were laid before the Most August and Holy Presence. On the third night of the blessed month of Ramadan, two hours having elapsed therefrom, they were admitted to the honour of entering His presence, and attained to the hearing of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. His saying, exalted and glorified be He:

O Amin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Lord of the Day of Judgment. The servant was present before the Face of the Wronged One, and all that thou didst present concerning the loved ones of God and the divine party was heard. His honor Na'ib-ʿAli, before Akbar, upon him be My glory, hath in recent years arisen to serve with the utmost endeavor. It is as though he perceived the fragrance of detachment and attained unto it in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. With perfect love and devotion he hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and faced the light of His countenance. Blessed be his reward with thy Lord. By My life! It hath been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Trustworthy.

We have accepted what he hath done in the path of God and what he hath desired in these days, as a bounty from Us upon him, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. He should be confident in God's grace and His favors, holding fast to the wisdom We have revealed in diverse Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Evident, the All-Wise. He is beneath the gaze of My loving-kindness and We have sheltered him beneath the canopies of My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Amin! Blessed art thou and he. He hath attained unto that which nothing in existence can equal. Give him the glad tidings of My remembrance, My mercy and My loving-kindness, that he may thank his Lord at all times, at every morn and eve. Those souls who have left behind themselves and all they possess in the path of the One True Friend are the recipients of God's special favors. The entire world cannot equal that which hath been ordained for them. However, the affairs of such souls must remain concealed. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth and inspireth whomsoever He willeth with what He desireth, and guideth those who turn unto Him to His Straight Path.

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, to cause them to appear as the luminary of detachment from the horizon of the heaven of His supreme Will. After mentioning before the Most Holy Court their remembrance and deeds, there was sent down from the heaven of His Will that

which this servant is powerless and incapable of describing. What remained in view hath been mentioned. In truth, in service they have attained to a station that transcendeth description. O Beloved of my heart! In days when all on earth were deprived of the choice wine and turned away from the hidden mystery and the treasured secret, such a soul as theirs arose to that which testifieth to their acceptance, their turning to God and their service. This is truly among the special favors of God bestowed upon them. O Lord! Increase them in all conditions and aid them in that which will exalt Thy Cause. Then illumine them with the lights of Thy grace and bounty in such wise that the faces of Thy servants and the hearts of Thy creatures may be illumined thereby. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Powerful.

Some time ago they wrote concerning this matter to the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, that which was determined in one city was adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and the remainder, after being accepted, was bestowed upon them. Regarding this matter a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will and sent in this servant's handwriting. And now, since they have again arisen to accomplish this matter, and that beloved one hath also requested its acceptance, therefore what they have given you is accepted and honored by the effect of the Supreme Pen. Well is it with him and blessed is it unto him. However, regarding the remainder, according to the command they should act with moderation. The Blessed Tablet that was revealed concerning this matter and sent previously hath, God willing, arrived and they will peruse it.

The letter of the honored brother Aqa ʿAli-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived today along with the receipt of your honor. In all conditions the grace of God, His mercy, His compassion and His glance of favor have been and are directed toward those loved ones who find for themselves no death nor life, no harm nor benefit save through His command, His leave, His grace and His bounty. The description of such souls hath been and is recorded in the Books of old and of recent times. The Divine Lote-Tree hath borne and beareth witness to this, and likewise do all things. Blessed are they that hear!

That which he wrote mentioning that the aforementioned individual intended to relinquish all his possessions to God—after this was submitted, He stated that this is already accomplished, for whatever he has belongs and has belonged to God, and We have relinquished it to Him, as he spends his nights and days in service to God, exalted be His glory, and His loved ones. Whenever We wish to dispose of it, We ourselves will command and dispose of it. His service before God and his love for you and the chosen ones is greater than the payment of rights, and this matter especially concerning him has been sent down from the heaven of grace, and whatever he pays, due to God's all-encompassing grace, is adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

Otherwise, in his case, service itself suffices. As the matter of rights benefits the assured, content and well-pleasing souls themselves, therefore from the heaven of grace, considering the means of the Cause, the command to accept was given. All in the heavens and earth bear witness to His independence. These matters and their like, whatever has appeared from that beloved one, are adorned with the lights of the luminary of acceptance. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who love you and heed your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 5 Ramadan the Blessed 1304

He is God!

O beloved of my heart! The sending of the letter was delayed until the seventh letter, which was written on the sixteenth of Sha'ban, arrived. New joy was attained. Praise be to God, that beloved one has attained God's grace and is prepared in sending correspondence. New reports and fresh events that arrive from the chosen ones are counted as a blessing in one respect. We beseech God to increase it through His grace and generosity. Regarding what you wrote about love and unity with the honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name 66 [of God], upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and likewise concerning his steadfastness and enthusiasm in the Cause of God—complete joy was attained from this matter. After submission in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur, the Lord of all beings, spoke this supreme word—His blessed and exalted Word: "O servant in attendance! Ask from God that those souls who are adorned with the ornament of distinction should in all conditions be mindful of that whereby the Cause of God is exalted.

Ismi Jamal, upon him be My glory, has ever been mentioned in God's presence. We ask God to confirm him and grant him success that they may arise with complete determination for unity. Verily We make mention of him at this time and glorify his countenance and command him with that which befits this mighty, wondrous Day." This servant ever seeks for them that which is the cause of exalting the Word of God in all worlds.

And regarding the mention made of the spiritual friend, Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, son of His Holiness Dhabih, upon them both be the glory of God and His favors, and the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Mu'min and his wife, upon them both be the glory of God—after submission in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, each was honored by the Most Exalted Pen. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this station—His mighty and glorious Word and His mighty utterance:

> "O Lord of Eternity Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and their lamentations in their separation from Thee. Thou seest them, O my God, turning toward Thy horizon and clinging to Thy cord. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Sovereign of nations, to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Then write down for them the reward of those near unto Thee. Verily Thou art the God of the worlds and the Aim of those who have recognized Thee."

Praised be God that each one hath been immersed in the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful. How blessed are they! This servant, in reply to the letter of that spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, hath written that which, God willing, shall make amends for this evanescent one—that is, seeks pardon for the delay. His services and those of his honor Aqa Mirza Mu'min and the Leaf shall never be forgotten. I convey greetings to them and have mentioned and continue to mention each one in the Most Holy Court.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Mirza Y-s Kh-a, upon him be the Glory of God, he is favored with grace and illumined with the light of faith. This evanescent one conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Regarding the mention of the honored and revered beloved, His Holiness ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, you wrote that His Holiness teaches openly without concealment or veil, and this is not contrary to wisdom, as he teaches in his own home and begins by saying to the son of the sovereign: "I have confessed and been imprisoned several times. We are not people of corruption. We have religion and will not abandon our religion for worldly comfort." After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, He commanded: "Write to his honor Amin, upon him be My glory and likewise his Lord's, for We too have confessed and been imprisoned several times."

He also commanded: "Give him two Tabriz mans of tea and ten Tabriz mans of sugar. This is a blessing for him. Influence has also been bestowed. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous." Indeed, they are truthful, steadfast and upright in what they have stated. I beseech God that there may flow from him rivers of wisdom and utterance to attract all creation. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful. I convey greetings to them. A reply to their letter will be sent. In all conditions I beseech God for confirmation and success, that He may assist this evanescent one in dispatching supplications.

The petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan ʿAyn-Ta arrived and was honored to be heard by the Lord of Names. Praise be to God, his petition was adorned with the ornament of divine unity, acceptance, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness. Now this evanescent one gives him the glad tidings that whatever was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court was accepted. Happy is he, if God should will and desire. A gracious reply will be sent. As for what was submitted regarding matters of testament, that which was done for wisdom's sake received approval, but henceforth depends on the divine command. Glory and praise and commendation be upon your honor and upon him and upon every steadfast, upright one.

The servant

BH01944: O beloved of my heart! The responses to your…

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

O beloved of my heart! The responses to your letters were written, but due to postal limitations were not sent this time. Your letter number five dated the first of the revered month of Sha'ban arrived. That which you wrote concerning the mention and service of the friends of God, especially regarding the honored friend J.L.H., may the glory and favors of God rest upon him, and his intention, as well as the payment of the Huququ'llah by all, was presented at the Most Holy Court. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "Praise be to God, they are blessed with His favors, steadfast in service, speaking His praise and turned toward His face. However, since they are engaged in service and their station is that of the friends and wayfarers, the payment of the Huquq depends on their own will. In any case, they are mentioned before God and blessed with His favors. Give them these glad tidings from thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous."

Regarding what you wrote about Nasir and the arrangement you made with him, it is acceptable before the Throne. We beseech God to make him steadfast in constancy, remembrance and praise. Excellent is what he has done in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. End quote.

According to the Command, gatherings in that land are not permitted. Some should move with perfect wisdom for the sake of God, such as His Holiness the Name 66 J.M., may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him, and the detached souls, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon them. They must conduct themselves with kindness, mercy and compassion toward the people.

Today news arrived of the arrival in Ta of the son of the Most Truthful Name of God, may the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon them both, and likewise the letter they wrote to this servant. God willing, a response will be sent later.

Most of the tablets of arrival will be sent this time as mentioned by that beloved one, and likewise the revealed scripture especially for the sons of Khalil, may the glory of God rest upon them, and also one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet especially for the Leaf, may the glory of God rest upon her (in Q). However, one side of the tablets of arrival must be erased as previously commanded from the Source of the Command. Blessed are they who act accordingly.

Convey greetings and praise to all the friends in that land. Give them the glad tidings of God's favors, exalted be His glory, and I beseech Him to assist all to achieve unity and harmony and to be successful in wisdom and utterance, that all may be illumined by the light of the Cause and be assisted in the mention and praise of the Intended One of the world.

The letter from the beloved of my heart, His Holiness ʿAli-before-Akbar, may the glory of God, the Lord of Power, rest upon him, also arrived. Convey greetings and praise to him. God willing, may they arise as befits them, that perchance the heedless souls may become aware of the lights of the Luminary of utterance and turn with illumined hearts to the supreme horizon. The Command is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glory be upon you and upon God's friends and chosen ones who have held fast to His Covenant and Testament and are detached from all else but Him.

That which is being sent this time: Tablets of arrival numbering the Name of Wahhab (14), the revealed scripture especially for the sons of Khalil, and the Tablet for the Leaf of the land of Q. The responses to the letters, God willing, will be sent next time, as well as the remaining tablets of arrival.

The servant, On the 27th of the revered month of Sha'ban 1304

BH05056: Thy mention hath been made in the presence…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of Him Who is mentioned, and the Supreme Pen turneth toward thee from the prison and maketh mention of thee, that perchance through the attraction of the Word thou mayest gaze entirely toward the horizon and hold fast to His cord and cling to the hem of His mercy. Today the world is observed to be frozen, for it is deprived and forbidden from the warmth of the love of the Beloved of the worlds, save whom God willeth. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy days and the fragrances of Thy utterance, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven,

to make me steadfast in Thy love and content with whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of Thy decree. Enable me, O my God, to serve Thy Cause, then write down for me through Thy bounty and grace that which shall profit me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all names and powerful over all things. The ranks of the world cannot frustrate Thy will, nor the opposition of nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

BH06280: This is a Book sent down in truth…

In the Name of Him through Whom the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of creation.

This is a Book sent down in truth that the people might draw nigh unto God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Through My remembrance the believers were attracted to the lights of My utterance and the sincere ones hastened to My horizon, and through My call the world was stirred, and through My arising the near ones arose to serve the Cause of God, Lord of what was and what shall be. Through the fragrances of My love were all things drawn, and through the perfume of My robe was the Most Exalted Paradise stirred, and through My verses did earth and heaven speak forth, yet most of the people understand not.

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with this Sealed Tablet which the All-Merciful hath sent down from His most exalted horizon. When thou dost inhale its fragrance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and earthquakes seized all who dwell in the realm of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and speaking forth Thy praise amidst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom armies cannot withhold nor can the power of all that was and shall be weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen.

BH11704: Praise be to God that the fragrances…

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

Praise be to God that the fragrances of the Divine Word are diffused, the sweet scent of His garment is wafted abroad, and the light of His Cause is radiant. Blessed are those souls whom doubts and idle fancies did not prevent from the Dayspring of certitude—they heard the call and responded, turning with heart and soul to the supreme horizon. Their aim in all conditions hath been the good-pleasure of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. With radiant faces, pure hearts, and enlightened breasts they have arisen to serve His Cause. These are they who move by His Will and rest by His Will. Their purpose in all matters hath been the grace of Him Who conversed on Sinai, and their aspiration to attain the presence of Him Who hath appeared. Exalted be their station, their glory, and their power! For the opposition of the world

did not hinder them, nor did the might of rulers weaken them. They appear with complete power. Upon them be the glory of God and the lights of His mighty throne.

Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy servant whom Thou hast made to be attracted by Thy verses and enkindled with the fire of Thy love. He desires to mention one of Thy loved ones who is named ʿAli-before-Akbar in Thy Most Great View. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy most exalted Paradise and Thy most sublime Garden, and by the Sun of Thy grace which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty, to assist him in Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and the service of Thy Cause. O Lord! Deny him not the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance in Thy days, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants. Aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: it is submitted that for some time no news has outwardly been received from that spiritual beloved. God willing, may they be protected and preserved in all conditions within the fortress of divine protection. The loved ones of that land have been and are remembered, and for each I beseech divine confirmation and assistance. Today, being the third of the blessed month of Ramadan, I am commanded to mention this matter: According to what they have written, the honored consort of the beloved and esteemed Nazir, upon him be the glory of God, is traveling in that direction, and they have written that two persons are accompanying her—one being Aqa Ali-Muhammad and the other an outsider. In this case, the coming of that outsider is in no way advisable.

Therefore, if they prevent that person and instead have one or two of those souls who have intended to visit the Most Holy Court and have been honored with permission accompany her, this would be acceptable and beloved before God. They commanded: Write to His Honor Ali-before-Akbar, upon him be My glory—the loved ones of God must in all conditions be vigilant regarding the Command of God and act toward His friends and loved ones in a manner that is befitting. Soon shall all the deeds, actions, manifestations and appearances of the world return to nothingness. That which occurs for the sake of God and in His path is recorded and inscribed by the Divine Pen in the eternal tablet.

Today, service to the Truth is service to His loved ones, for the Prisoner is outwardly prevented from what is befitting. Therefore, whatever appears regarding His friends and loved ones is attributed to Him and counted as service to Him. Blessed are those souls whom love of the world and its ornaments did not prevent and deprive from service. They are among those who are near to God in His Book, the Lord of all worlds.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings unto the friends of God, who are known and distinguished in the Book as the people of Baha. He beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to set each one of them ablaze with His love, that they may, through their utterance, draw all created things unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and discharge their obligations towards the friends of God. The people of Baha are accounted before God as the people of justice and fairness in all cities. Well is it with them, and joy be unto them! After the arrival of the honored consort of the esteemed Nazir, upon him be the glory and favor of God, they should, according to their means, attend to their affairs of whatever kind, and if funds

are needed there, they should give and arrange for them to be transferred, and payment shall be made. This servant beseecheth his Lord to aid His loved ones to do that which He loveth and is pleased with.

As for Aqa ʿAli-Muhammad who is with them, it would be more pleasing if he were to remain in that city and engage in commerce. Convey my greetings unto him. Praise be to God, they are mentioned in His presence, and another person was previously mentioned as well. If, instead of these two souls, those friends who have permission were to attend to this matter, it would be and is more fitting, more pleasing and more excellent. Glory and praise be upon you and upon those with you, and upon them that have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09698: The Lord of all worlds is sanctified beyond praise…

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 Lord of all worlds is sanctified beyond praise, eulogy and comprehension of the dwellers of the mortal realm. In truth, until now He hath been neither known nor described. The attributes of all beings, from the most exalted to the lowliest, ultimately refer to those steadfast, firm, upright, content and well-pleasing souls. These are the Hands of God's Cause amongst creation, and these are the trees in the divine garden, their leaves moved by His will and their fruits manifested through His decree. These are the dawning-places of the power of the Almighty Lord—the changes of the world and vicissitudes of nations did not prevent them from the Most Great Name and the Ancient King. They gaze toward the horizon of the unique Manifestation, desiring sight for witnessing and hearing for listening. Praise be to God, they are illumined by the light of true unity and nourished by the fruits of the blessed Tree, having drunk from the choice wine of "Say: God." "Leave them to their vain discourse."

The servant beseeches his Lord to grant them success, confirm them, and aid them with the hosts of the seen and unseen.

Glorified art Thou, O Distributor of the sustenance of all beings and Breaker of the might of the contentious! I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy Most Exalted Pen, its rustling, its influence and its power, and by Thy pervading Will, its force, might and sovereignty, to assist Thy loved ones in manifesting Thy Cause among the people of creation with wisdom and utterance. O Lord! Thou seest them among Thy enemies and what hath befallen them in Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy sealed choice wine, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw them closer to Thee in all conditions, and ordain for them that which will accompany them in all Thy worlds.

O Lord! Thou hearest the mention of Thy servant Majid and Thy loved ones who have turned to Thee, desiring the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the choice wine of Thy riches. Ordain for them that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Hearing, the Answering. O God! Magnify them and bless them through the perpetuity of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom, and ordain for them through Thy generosity and grace that which befitteth Thy Name, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Furthermore, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived on the seventeenth day of the blessed month of Ramadan. It was as if the letter were a musk-laden fragrance, from each word of which wafted the sweet scent of praise for the Lord of earth and heaven. God is witness and testifier that it was the cause of joy and the source of delight. From the mention of the gathering and the assembled loved ones, the breezes of gladness were wafting, and after its reading it ascended to the Most Exalted Station and the Ultimate Summit before the Divine Presence, attaining the honor of being heard. Then the face of the Lord of the Worlds turned toward me and revealed that which none can reckon save His all-numbering, all-knowing, all-wise Self. His word, exalted be His glory and mighty be His utterance:

In My Name, the One Who dominates all names

O Majid! The servant who was present has arrived with thy letter and read it before Our face. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. The breezes of revelation stirred thee in the days of thy Lord, caused thee to hear His sweetest call, and brought thee to a station wherein thou didst attain to that which was recorded in the Books of God and was heralded in the Mother Book. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O Majid! Thou hast turned to the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit until thou didst attain to a station which was the hope of them that are nigh. Thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, beheld His signs, and been illumined by the lights of His countenance. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have perceived from thy words the fragrance of thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My loving-kindness, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the light that shineth from this luminous horizon. Blessed is the house wherein the remembrance and praise of God are raised, and blessed is the tongue that uttereth His beauteous praise, and blessed is the heart that turneth with steadfastness toward the Supreme Horizon—a steadfastness which the opposition of the opposers could not prevent, they who disbelieved in Him in Whom they had believed in former ages and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Books of God to lament and the eyes of them that know to weep.

We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones in My lands who were not frightened by the ranks of the pharaohs of the earth, and who said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having guided us unto Thy path, caused us to hear Thy call, and revealed unto us that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge.” I bear witness that through Thee the trumpet was sounded and the hidden secret was revealed, through Thee the standard of power was raised amidst the righteous, and all things proclaimed: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.” Glory be upon you and upon those who have taken the choice wine of utterance in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have quaffed thereof at the bidding of an Ancient Commander.

Praise be to God! The fragrance of the Kawthar of utterance hath encompassed all possibilities. The eyes of the chosen ones have been blessed with beholding the lights, and the ears of the righteous have been honored by hearkening to the call of the Chosen One. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist the loved ones that they may, with wisdom and utterance,

guide people to the Straight Path and the Great Announcement. The promotion of the Cause is accounted as the king of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. His grace is present and His aid is evident. Whosoever holdeth fast unto that which hath been revealed and sent down from the Divine Pen shall assuredly receive His assistance. However, in all circumstances they must not let go of wisdom, lest the clamor of the opposers and the uproar of the heedless be raised.

As to the mention of the Most Great Festival and the gathering of the loved ones in meetings, their occupation with remembrance and praise, their being set ablaze with the fire of the love of the Lord of Names, and likewise the mention of Karbila'i Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, and his request regarding the loved ones of M, R, B, N and another place—these matters were presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and after being blessed with hearing them, these verses were revealed from the Supreme Pen in mention of the loved ones. This is what was revealed for Karbila'i Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, Which speaketh in the Most Great Prison before the faces of the world

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to those in the realm of existence, calling them to the Dawning-Place of Lights. O people of the earth! We have manifested Ourselves amongst you to guide you to the horizon from which has shone forth the Sun of Wisdom and Utterance. Blessed is he who has turned towards it, whom the turning away of the people has not deterred; and blessed is the steadfast one whom the tempests of the wicked have not moved; and blessed is the speaker whom the veils of idle fancies have not barred and whom the clouds of glory have not frightened.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! Verily My Most Exalted Pen in the prison of Akka has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with that which will draw thee nearer to God, the Lord of all men. How many learned ones have been kept back from the All-Knowing, and how many heedless ones have turned and attained to the Dawning-Place of verses! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, Who remembers thee with a remembrance that no other remembrance can equal, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and summon the people with wisdom and utterance to the Repository of mysteries. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen in a station which God has made among the most exalted stations.

When thou hast drunk the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of My bounty and the attraction of the proof has drawn thee to the kingdom of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen and for having made known to me Thy path and Thy balance, and for having strengthened me to turn toward Thy horizon after Thy creatures turned away, and for having given me to drink the Kawthar of Thy love on a day wherein the servants arose to extinguish Thy light. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by Thy Command whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, and by the signs of Thy greatness, O Possessor of the hidden and the manifest, to make the tongues of Thy servants keys of Thy bounty wherewith to open the doors of the hearts of Thy creation.

Then make me, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the hereafter and the former times, one who speaks Thy praise and who stands firm in the service of Thy Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of the

world nor the dissension of the people of discord shall hinder me. Then write down for me, O my God, that which will draw me nearer to Thee in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Light of Providence has risen from the horizon of grace and the rains of loving-kindness are pouring from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of existence in such wise that the description of all created things cannot attain unto it and the praise of all beings cannot comprehend it. A hundred thousand thanks to the Goal of all the worlds that the petition of the honored friend, Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, has been accepted, and for each of the souls mentioned therein was revealed that which has had and has no likeness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Possessor of Power has turned toward thee from the direction of the Most Great Scene and makes mention of thee that thou mayest soar on the wings of detachment in this infinite atmosphere through the Most Generous Name. His mention gives life to hearts and strength to limbs, bestows power and grants might. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Abu'l-Qasim Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Abu'l-Qasim! The servant in attendance has mentioned thy name before the Face. This perspicuous, manifest Tablet has been revealed for thee. Ask of God that thou mayest attain unto the fragrance of His verses. By the Sun of Utterance! Whosoever has attained will arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings in such wise that neither the might of kings and subjects nor the people of the world shall prevent or keep him back from turning to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they that attain!

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God

O Hussein! The Kawthar of life has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most people know it not. We have sent down from the heaven of Will the rains of grace and bounty, whereby We have quickened those who lay in the graves of their bodies. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. That which was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers hath appeared and been made manifest. When thou drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the utterance of thy Lord, turn with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

My God, my God, my Goal and my Beloved! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy grace, and hoping for that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur, and by the Most Exalted Word through which Thou didst create all things, to ordain for me that which will render me detached from all else save Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mulla Abdul-Ahad, upon him be the glory of God:

Section 2: "O Abdul-Ahad! Blessed art thou for having turned…"

O Abdul-Ahad! Blessed art thou for having turned to My horizon, held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, and believed in My signs. I beseech God to strengthen thee, to prosper thee, and to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of the former life, and that which He hath ordained for those of His servants who are near unto Him and those of His creatures who are sincere. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mirza Abdul-Hussein, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abdul-Hussein! We have heard thy call and have answered thee; We have seen thy mention and have mentioned thee. Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee and Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison? By the life of God! Wert thou to discover this, thou wouldst forsake the world, arising to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom the doubts of the people, nor their insinuations, nor their might, nor their wealth have deterred from God, the Lord of the worlds. We love those who love Us and We desire those who desire Us, but the people have come between Us and Our loved ones. Know ye that they are in manifest loss. We beseech God, exalted be He, to open before thy face the door of His grace and to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mulla Abdul-Ahad, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abdul-Ahad! Remember when thou wert at the gate and didst hear the call of the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the heedless. Thou didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon until thou didst attain the presence and didst behold what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the tablets of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We bear witness that thou didst attain the presence, and didst hear and see what was concealed from the eyes of the heedless. Say:

My God, my God, my Hope and my Desire! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to do that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, by the river of Thy mercy and the signs of Thy grandeur, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who is steadfast in Thy love, and firm in Thy Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the aggressive have been troubled.

The Glory be upon thee and upon whoever heareth thy word concerning this Most Great Announcement.

This is what was revealed for His Honor Mir Muhyi'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God:

O Muhyi'd-Din! We beseech God to make thee the manifestation of thy name, and through thee to guide His servants to His straight path and draw them nigh unto Him. Upon beholding thy name, We have revealed unto thee that which cannot be equaled by all that the people possess, to which every discerning soul doth testify. This is a Day wherein the Herald calleth out amongst the servants and summoneth them, without veil or covering, unto the All-Informed. We were standing before all faces, and when the light of the Cause shone forth, there emerged from behind the veil a band of wolves who

sought to shed My blood without any proof from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a manifest Command. But for Him, who would guide the servants? Be fair and be not among the oppressors. Blessed is he whose vision the veils of idle fancies have not obscured, and the learned one whom the doubts of the suspicious have not caused to slip.

Thou didst desire My tablet which We sent unto thee, from whose horizon hath shone the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a Day which God's Books have heralded aforetime, yet the people are in a strange slumber. When thou attainest unto the waves of the ocean of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and turned me toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by the station that hath attained unto Thy presence, wherein Thy most sweet call was raised and the tracing of Thy Most Exalted Pen was heard, to make me attracted unto Thy verses and holding fast unto Thy favors. O Lord! Ordain for me and my son that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Karbila'i Samad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Samad! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast turned, hearkened, and attained unto that which cannot be described by mentions and words. Verily God created His servants for His recognition, yet when He manifested the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His lights, the Source of His laws, the Treasury of His mysteries, and the Recipient of His knowledge, they turned away from Him until they disbelieved in Him and in His signs. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are today numbered among the transgressors in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies, turning unto the Luminary of thy Lord's proof, the Kind, the Generous. Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Do ye deny the waves while beholding them? Come ye, come ye, that I may show you what was hidden from eternity of eternities. Fear ye God and be not among the deniers. Verily the pebble crieth out and the kernel speaketh, yet ye are among the heedless. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Knowing. He hath called thee and guided thee unto His bright horizon. Say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations, for having guided me and honored me with attaining Thy presence. Thou art verily the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful."

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Haji Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Mahmud! The Wronged One remembereth thee and counseleth thee with that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of eternity, which hath been mentioned in God's Book as the Most Great Prison. Verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel thee to manifest supreme

steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the nations have slipped. Beware lest anything among all things veil thee in this Day wherein hath been revealed that which cannot be equaled by all that the people possess, as doth testify this Most Great News through whose mention all things were attracted and by whose call God quickened the moldering bones. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son who hath been named Muhammad, and upon those who have believed in God, both in private and in public.

This is what was revealed for Karbala'i Pasha, upon him be the Glory of God:

O party of God! The Truth has loved and continues to love His chosen ones. Each has been blessed with the traces of the Supreme Pen, and the Ancient Beauty has manifested Himself for their presence and meeting. However, the oppression of the oppressors, the obstinacy of the transgressors, and the clamor of the ignorant have become barriers and prevented the seekers from reaching the supreme goal and the highest summit. Beseech God to ordain for you the reward of those who have attained. He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer.

This is what was revealed for Karbala'i Muhsin, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Muhsin! Reflect upon the benevolence of God, exalted be His glory. He showed the way and guided until you attained the Most Great Ornament and the Great Announcement. Preserve this supreme station through the name of the Creator of Heaven. He is the Preserver, He is the Helper, He is the Succourer.

This is what was revealed for Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Muhammad! The Countenance of the Ancient One has turned toward you and makes mention of you, and counsels the party of God regarding the education of children. If a father neglects this mighty command which has been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of Eternity in the Most Holy Book, the right of fatherhood will be forfeited and he will be accounted among the negligent before God. Blessed is the one who inscribes the divine counsels in his heart and holds fast unto them. Verily He commands His servants that which strengthens them, benefits them, and draws them near unto Him. He is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

And this is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAbdu'llah—upon him be the glory of God:

Render thou thanks unto Him Who is the Desire of all mankind, in that He hath confirmed thee in turning unto Him, on a Day when all have turned away, save those whom thy Lord hath willed. We exhort the people of God to arise for the triumph of His Cause; and this triumph, in its first and foremost rank, hath ever consisted—and doth still consist—in the promulgation of the divine Faith. Blessed are the souls who, wholly detached from the world, and fast holding to piety, cleave to this Most Great Cause, and, for the sake of God alone, seek the guidance of His servants—haply the thirsty may attain unto the Euphrates of mercy, and the erring may find the Straight Path.

And this is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Mashhadi Kazim—upon him be the glory of God:

O Kazim! The Qa'im hath arisen and summoned the people unto the presence of the Qayyum, and proclaimed glad tidings; yet the people rose up in such ظلم as to darken, with its smoke, the worlds of the spirit. He spread the table of bounty, and they rejected it; He sent down the verses, and they denied

them; He brought forth clear evidences, and they named Him a sorcerer. Such is the way of the heedless. Blessed are the souls who turned unto Him, and set their face toward the House of Remembrance, and attained unto the hearing of the divine verses, and to beholding the faces of the loved ones of the Eternal.

This is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-ʿAli-Akbar—upon him be the glory of God:

In this merciful springtide, and this Naysan made noble by the grace of the All-Glorious, strive thou that thou mayest attain unto that whose mention shall endure through the abiding continuance of the kingdom and the dominion. The earth of recognition in this day bringeth forth, from the Naysan of the Divine Bounty, a new growth and fresh manifestations. This mercy is appointed for these days, and this generosity befiteth these times. Prize ye the moment, and arise to do that which behoveth you.

And this is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Haji Habibu'llah—upon him be the glory of God:

O Habibu'llah! The Pen of the Most High, by night and by day, is busied in counselling the friends of God. Its purpose is that all may be illumined with the lights of true unity, and be freed and delivered from the vain imaginings of former days. For thirteen hundred years they cried "Ya Haqq!"—and in the end they pronounced the sentence for the shedding of His most pure blood. All must beseech of God—exalted be His glory—protection, lest they, after the manner of that vile Shi'ih party, arise in tyranny and injustice. He is powerful and able. Glorified be God! Those vain imaginings have not yet come to an end; other imaginings have appeared from the quarter of the people of the Bayan. We seek refuge in God. Beware ye, lest ye be ensnared by the evil of these.

And this is what was revealed for Karbila'i Muhammad Ja'far, upon him be the glory of God:

O Muhammad Ja'far! You seek the presence of God, and the Truth is the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Kind. But the oppressors have abandoned justice and prevented the friends from attaining His presence. Say:

My God, my God! You see me advancing toward You and turning to the lights of Your countenance, that I may enter the city honored by Your footsteps and wherein Your call was raised, and that I may stand before the gate which was opened to all on earth and in heaven, and drink from Your hands of bounty the Kawthar of meeting, and from Your generosity and grace the cup of reunion. My God, my God! You see my state and hear the sighing of my heart in separation and remoteness from You. If the veils of Your servants and the clouds of Your creatures prevent me from drawing nigh unto You, ordain for me from Your Supreme Pen the reward of those who attained Your presence, who drank the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Your bounty, who testified to that which Your tongue has spoken, who beheld Your most glorious horizon, and who heard Your sweetest call. Verily You are the One Who has power over what He desires. There is no God but You, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Section 3: "We make mention of your son who has…"

We make mention of your son who has believed in God and His signs, and We give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's grace, the Kind, the Trustworthy. And We make mention of your other son and counsel him

with that which We have counseled Our servants in various tablets. And I am the Counselor, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for Nasru'llah Khan, upon him be the glory of God:

O Nasru'llah! Victory has come, yet most people know not. The banner of unity has been raised, yet people understand not. The Promised One has come with the standards of triumph, yet most of mankind perceive not. Your name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and He has revealed for you that which all the riches of the world cannot equal. Your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, bears witness to this. When you attain unto My verses and find the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to You for having made known to me Your path, revealed to me Your proof, and taught me what was hidden in Your knowledge and treasured within the shells of Your wisdom. I beseech You, O Quickener of moldering bones, by Your Most Great Announcement, to make me steadfast in Your path, speaking in Your remembrance, and holding fast to the cord of Your grace. O Lord! You see me hoping for what You have ordained for Your loved ones. I beseech You not to disappoint me through Your generosity and bounty. Verily You are the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This is what was revealed for Aqa Mir Hashim, upon him be the glory of God

O Hashim! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee through His verses and giveth thee glad tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all creation. We have arisen before all faces in such wise that neither the veils of the Pharaohs nor the might of tyrants deterred Us. We called all to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. When the horizons were illumined, there emerged from behind the veil a band of hypocrites who committed that which none before them had committed. They violated the Covenant and denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Thus have We recounted what befell Us from those who denied the right of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech God, thy Lord, to assist His servants to hold fast to His extended cord.

This was revealed for Jinab Aqa Mir Sayfu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God:

O Sayfu'd-Din! The promise hath come to pass and God hath come with manifest sovereignty. They that denied God's Manifestation and His proof have lost, having followed their desires. Verily they are in manifest loss. Say: O peoples of the earth! Husayn hath come, and in His shadow are the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the pavilion of glory, if ye be of those who know. This is He Who was promised in the books of old, yet most people are heedless. Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the people hath not weakened, and the steadfast one whom the doubts of the transgressors have not caused to slip—they who turned away from the Truth when it came from the horizon of power with wondrous adorning. Say: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for having believed in Him Who was recorded in the books of old by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

This was revealed for him who was named after the Desired One:

O thou who art named after My name! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. It draweth thee to the kingdom of My utterance and the heaven of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the

Generous. We have sent down to the Persians the verses of My grandeur in the eloquent tongue, and to the Arabs in a wondrous Persian language. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the servant who hath taken My Book with strength from God, the Lord of the worlds. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Truth and followed every sinful denier. Say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will and the kingdom of Thy desire. I beseech Thee by the hearts that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and by Thy loved ones who have advanced toward the seat of sacrifice with a devotion the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen—I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

This was revealed for Jinab Mirza Abbas-Ali, upon him be the glory of God:

O Abbas-Ali! The Wronged One calleth thee with that which attracteth thee to the supreme horizon, as a grace from God, the Lord of all mankind, that thou mayest be thankful and be of those who remember. Know thou with certain knowledge that what exists in the world of creation cannot equal one trace of My Most Exalted Pen. To this beareth witness the Lord of the throne and of the earth. Blessed is he who hath heard and witnessed, and woe unto them that turn away. The Mother Book hath come at the final return, yet most people are asleep. The cry hath been raised and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. Let not the happenings of the world and the doubts of the nations sadden thee. Take what hath come to thee with a strength that the power of the heedless ones cannot prevent. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them to thee that thine eyes and the eyes of those who know might be consoled.

This was revealed for Jinab Pasha Aqa, upon him be the glory of God:

O Pasha! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all things. From the Most Exalted Horizon of the world He calleth, that all may attain unto that for which they were created from nothingness into being. Blessed is he whom neither the swords of the oppressors nor the tyranny of the aggressors hath debarred from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We beseech God to aid thee in that which beseemeth His Cause and is worthy of His days.

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

O Vahhab! The All-Bountiful hath come in His return, yet the people are in strange doubt. The Hidden One hath been made manifest and the Self-Subsisting hath come from the horizon of proof with the standards of signs. That which delighteth the eyes of the Most Exalted Paradise hath come, yet the people have denied it and have committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the cities of justice and fairness to lament. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and findest the fragrance of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, say:

O Lord of the invisible and the visible! I beseech Thee by the Fire whereby Thou didst guide Moses, and by the Light whereby Thou didst manifest Thy bountiful favor, to make me lowly before Thy Cause and humble before the manifestations of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Mustafa-Quli, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Mustafa-Quli! During the nights and days the Pen of the Lord of all beings moveth, making mention of His loved ones and guiding them to the straight path. Blessed is he who hath found the path and held fast unto it. Today the world is illumined by the lights of the Most Great Luminary. Know ye the station of this blessed Day, be ye engaged in the praise of its Lord and in His service. Soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, and there shall endure for him who hath held fast unto the Most Firm Handle that which hath been ordained by God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Blessed are they that have turned unto God, and blessed are they that have held fast unto the Sure Handle and have found themselves detached from all that dwell on earth. These are the people of Baha, who are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet.

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

O Muhsin! The Euphrates of mercy floweth, the Kawthar of utterance is manifest, and the Tasnim is present before all faces, yet the servants are heedless and veiled save for a numbered few. We beseech God to aid all and purify them from the smoke of self and desire, that they may turn toward the horizon of godliness and attain unto that which God hath willed. These days have no peer or likeness, for the surging ocean is in motion and the Sun of Truth is shining. Ask thou God to make the heedless servants aware and guide them to the Most Exalted Horizon. He is the Bestower, the Kind.

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

O Ahmad! The banners of verses and standards of clear signs appeared from the Dayspring of the Divine Cause in the land of Batha and Yathrib. The people arose in opposition, called Him a liar, and some attributed it to sorcery, as all the peoples of the world have heard and known of the events that transpired in those lands. Then His community arose in division, different sects appeared, each speaking according to their desires and inflamed with the fire of self, until on the Day of Judgment they martyred the Lord of that Day and pronounced the verdict of His infidelity. Ask ye of God that the people of God may not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of the past, that they may find the Word of Unity and hold fast unto its cord. Glory be upon those who follow the Truth.

This is what was revealed for Karbala'i Isma'il, upon him be the glory of God:

O Isma'il! Reflect upon the Days of God and that which hath been manifested. How many holy, assured, content and well-pleased souls laid down their crowns of life at the feet of the Beloved of the world and returned not alive from the place of sacrifice. Yet the people, though they have witnessed with their own eyes that which had no likeness, have nevertheless remained unaware and have not awakened from the slumber of heedlessness. They mention from their pulpits the sacrifice of old and lament, while they

remain utterly heedless and veiled from those holy souls. Ask thou of God to grant awareness and bestow insight, that perchance they may hear and find and see and come. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen on this darksome night, as a grace from Me, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of thy son Asadu'llah in this station, that he may rejoice in the favors of his Lord and be among the thankful.

And this is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Husayn—upon him be the glory of God:

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! If thou hast found the fragrance of My utterance, and hast been quickened by the breaths of My verses, turn thou unto Mine horizon and say: My God, my God! Thine be the praise, in that Thou hast guided me, and made me to know Thee, and caused me to hear, on a Day whereon the greater part of Thy creatures have turned away, and those in Thy land have risen up in protest—save such as Thy mighty Hand and Thine everlasting sovereignty have delivered. O Lord! Thy separation and remoteness have slain me, and my distance from the court of Thy glory hath consumed me. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of him who hath circled round Thy Cause, who hath attained to Thy presence, and hath heard Thy sweetest call and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

This is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Karbala'i Muhammad—upon him be the glory of God:

O Muhammad! The Most Exalted Horizon shineth forth as the sun, clear and manifest; the banner of utterance is raised and planted upon the loftiest station of existence; the fragrances of revelation are diffused abroad, and the breezes of God are blowing. Yet, notwithstanding these limitless favours, the people are sunk in slumber. Implore thou of God that He may aid the heedless souls to turn toward awakening, that they may behold and hear that for which they have been brought from nothingness into being. He it is Who speaketh, and He it is Who knoweth; He it is Who counselleth, and He it is Who maketh clear. Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and laid fast hold upon Him.

Section 4: "This is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa…"

This is what hath been revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan—upon him be the glory of God:

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Hasan in the Book of Names, that the Remembrance may guide him unto the All-Mentioned, and draw him nigh unto Him in this mighty and wondrous Day.

We have remembered him whose name hath been presented before the Wronged One—this as a bounty from Our presence; and I, verily, am the Most Bountiful, the All-Generous. Naught escapeth My knowledge, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise. When thou hast heard the Call, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of names and Fashioner of the heavens, in that Thou hast confirmed me to turn unto Thine horizon and to direct my face toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! I beseech Thee, by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen—whereby Thou hast exalted the religions, and hast established whatsoever Thou didst will through Thy sovereignty and power—to make me steadfast, firm, and deeply

rooted in Thy love, and to grant that I may drink of that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen, the Kawthar of Thy recognition. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

This was revealed for Dadash Nayib, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Nayib! The Great News hath come and hath spoken a Word which hath agitated the hearts of all peoples. Throughout all days and nights He hath mentioned and reminded all, that they might become aware and bear witness to the Divine Word. Yet for most, grace became the cause of heedlessness. They accepted not the Cause of God and mocked the Divine Book. The people of the Bayan committed what even the Shi'ih party had not done. Praise thou the Goal of all the worlds Who enabled thee to turn towards Him, to acknowledge and confess. This station is mighty—preserve it through the Most Great Name.

This was revealed for Karbila'i Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Hasan! The names which were presented before the Wronged One—each hath been blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. We have mentioned all, living and dead, and remembered them with the blessed word of forgiveness. This is a covenant which flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful on the first day of arrival in Ridvan. Blessed are they who have attained! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the opposers.

This was revealed for Karbila'i Ali, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Ali! The Fire is ablaze, the Light is radiant, and the Cause is manifest. Blessed is the soul whom neither the affairs of the world nor the doubts of the peoples have prevented from this Most Great Revelation. Neither the smoke of the might of the oppressors nor the dust of the power of the aggressors became a veil or hindered him from turning towards it. At every moment the opposers manifestly objected. All were waiting, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Divine Will, all turned away and denied, save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. Praise the Goal of the worlds Who enabled thee to attain and granted thee success. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

This was revealed for Shaykh Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Kazim! God is witness and aware that from the first days until now the Most Exalted Pen hath been in motion and engaged in recording divine verses. Yet the unjust people have denied this manifest proof and have not accepted this perfect evidence. They are occupied with their desires and hold fast to vain imaginings. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance, they are far removed and veiled from the lights of certitude, and they cling to the hem of idle fancies. God shall assail them! Ask thou of God that through His preceding mercy and all-encompassing grace He may guide this handful of dust to His horizon and enable them to attain unto His straight path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

This was revealed for Abdul-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Abdul-Husayn! Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy name, and blessed is he who hath shown thee My clear and straight path. When thou didst behold the waves of the ocean of My utterance and wert seized by the wine of My loving-kindness, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thine all-highest horizon and revealed unto me that which shall not change throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the realm of sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of earth and heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word whereby all names were shaken and Thy servants and creatures were thunderstruck, to aid me in accepting that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest me agitated in Thy days and saddened at the manifestations of the lights of Thy countenance. I desire naught from Thee save nearness unto Thee and meeting Thee. Thou art He Who testified with Thy tongue of truth, saying: On the day when the earth shall be changed into another earth, change Thou my absence into presence before Thy face, my standing at Thy gate, my circling round Thee, and my hearkening unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy will. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

This is what was revealed in Khurma for his honor Samad, upon him be the Glory of God:

O Samad! The Single, the One, remembereth thee from His Most Great Prison with that which shall draw thee nigh unto Him. He is indeed the Generous, the Bountiful. When thou art made victorious through the breezes of revelation and hearest the call from the All-Highest Horizon, arise and say:

O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, both seen and unseen, and by Thy praiseworthy station, to make me of those who have fulfilled their Covenant, who have circled round Thy Most Great Throne, and who have shown humility at the mention of Thy most perfect Name. Aid me in all conditions to draw nigh unto Thee and to be elevated through Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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

O Ahmad! The Self-Subsisting Lord calleth out at all times and inviteth the servants to the sealed wine. Blessed is the soul whom the events of the world did not prevent from hearing the divine call, who turned with his heart in acceptance and was blessed with saying “yea.” This is the most great bounty and the supreme benevolence. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto those who hesitate. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy wife and upon the handmaidens who have turned unto God and believed in Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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

O Faraj! Relief came, they rejected it; mercy came, they accepted it not; blessing came, they showed ingratitude; instead of thanksgiving, they complained; in place of grace, wretchedness appeared. Such is the condition of the heedless people. The recompense of their deeds hath overtaken all and deprived

them of the everlasting, eternal mercy. Today, those souls who have drunk from the cup of grace and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon should beseech God not to afflict His people with the delusions of the past and to sanctify them from the doubts and allusions of the nations. Praise the Intended Lord Who guided thee to the praiseworthy station and caused thy mention to flow from the tongue of the Wronged One.

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

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from a city wherein the fire of hatred hath been kindled through the actions of the oppressors. They have violated God's covenant and testament, and turned away from Him Who came unto them with a manifest light. Blessed is the home wherein the remembrance of God is raised, and the tongue that uttereth His beauteous praise. Joy be to the one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and to the hand that hath taken hold of His wondrous Book. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and approveth, and to make them dawning-places of grace and bounty amidst the world. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. The Call hath been raised, the Path established, and the Balance set up, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have turned away from the Truth, clinging to their desires. Verily, they are in manifest error.

This was revealed for Karbala'i Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God.

O Muhammad! The cawers are spread throughout the lands like locusts, speaking of that which they have not heard and claiming knowledge of that from which they are heedless and veiled. The deniers among the people of the Bayan are observed to be more lost than the Shi'ih sect. Thus have their souls deluded them, and today they do not understand. Glory be to God! In the Day of God they cling to and utter names, while turning away from their Creator. We beseech the True One to purify the world through the Kawthar of utterance, that the peoples might acknowledge the Lord of the worlds and comprehend that from which they are heedless today. The Glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have not been deterred by the oppression of the oppressors, the dominion of the aggressors, and the clamor of the heedless. These are God's party in the world and the signs of His mercy among the nations. Upon them be God's blessings, His peace, His glory and His splendor. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

This was revealed for Javad Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God.

O Javad! The All-Bountiful makes mention of thee from this exalted station, and makes mention of thee through His verses, and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. There is no servant but We have mentioned him, and no one who hath turned to Us but We have guided him to My path and counseled him regarding that which shall profit him in every world of his Lord's worlds. To this testifieth every discerning soul. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of certitude. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

O Majid! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The mentioned names are present before My face. We have caused to shine upon each one of them from the lights of the Sun of My utterance that which shall draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have turned unto him and given him to

drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the cup of My wisdom which hath preceded the seas. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey My greetings unto them, illumine them with the lights of My utterance, remind them of the signs of My grandeur, and acquaint them with the horizon of My grace. We beseech God to draw them nigh and assist them to remember Him, praise Him, and serve His wondrous Cause.

The waves of the Divine ocean of utterance are manifest before all faces, and the effulgences of the Orb of bounty are radiant. I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may guide the world to the highest horizon of possibility through the temples of remembrance and utterance, that all people may attain, and not remain deprived of the Days of God. Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, for it is observed that mortal life—which in the eyes of the people of insight is less than naught—all are occupied in securing its means and livelihood; yet for that world which has no end, they have neither thought nor contemplation, nor are they engaged in any preparation thereof. We beseech God to remove this heedlessness which prevents all degrees of grace and favor, and to make His servants aware. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you, and upon those whose names you have mentioned in your letter, and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and upon all who hold fast to the strong cord of God.

The servant, 19 Ramadan 1304

BH01029: Praise be to the Goal of the world Who…

He is God, exalted is He in Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to the Goal of the world Who, through the letters of His chosen ones, causes the sweet-scented breezes of love to waft, Who draws near, Who bestows union, Who brings to remembrance. These are all among the fruits of the letter. This door of bounty is made manifest through the pen. Glory be to God! How resonant is this soundless pen! It is the source of all the world's sounds. Its shrill voice gives life to souls. The world of command and creation appears through it and returns to it, for in one station it is the first interpreter and in another the second. How many treasuries of arts and knowledge has this hollow shaft gathered within itself! This is but the description of the pen of composition; how then can any tongue be worthy to make mention of the Most Exalted Pen? Glory be to God! Hearts and minds cannot reach it nor comprehend it. It is from the Truth and is attributed to the Truth. The description of Truth transcends the understanding and knowledge of all created things. Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

Were anyone to speak with fairness, he would in truth observe the world's powerlessness to describe any single thing, let alone that which is beyond, and beyond beyond, and that station which is sanctified above the mention of beyondness. And peace and blessings be upon God's chosen ones and His friends whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all beings. These are servants whose attributes the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted Word:

> "honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

These are the hands of Truth amidst creation, the manifestations of power among the servants, and the recipients of knowledge among all lands. Blessed is he who holds fast unto them and clings to their hem. He is verily among the successful ones in the sight of God, Who controls the winds and Who causes the dawn to break.

O beloved of my heart! Thy letter, adorned with glad-tidings, was received. God knoweth it was a spiritual herald and a luminous messenger that brought tidings of thine arrival as well as thy health and well-being. It was especially adorned with mention of the Two Lights, upon them be God's most exalted peace and most glorious praise. The gates of joy, gladness and delight were opened by the key of its words. God is witness and His chosen ones do testify what effect these glad-tidings produced. The bounty of the sun is manifest and the generosity of the spring rains is evident and visible. Every person of insight and wisdom doth speak His praise. What further effects will the dawning rays of the Sun of love produce and what generosity will it show! We beseech God that this favor may continue uninterrupted and these tidings may follow in succession, and that He may grant this servant opportunity, though what is in the heart can never be fully expressed in words and one is powerless to manifest it.

That which dawned from the horizon of the letter was presented before Him, and the Lord—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—said:

> "Praise be to God that the journey was accomplished with joy and fragrance, and God willing shall reach its Source. From mention of the Luminary of bounty, dawning and manifest, mention hath transitions. For him are established heavens and visible horizons. At every moment a light appeareth from his horizons and a word shineth forth. His fragrance caused the appearance of fire in the Tree and the manifestation of light in minds and hearts. We beseech God to increase at all times the joy of the branches and thy joy, and to send down from the heaven of bounty that whose traces and fruits shall never end or change. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful."

We heard thy call and beseech God to grant that which beseemeth His generosity. Thou hast ever been and art before Our sight. Convey to all the loved ones of that land the greetings of the Wronged One. End. Praise be to God! The river floweth, mercy descendeth, bounty is manifest, the Sun of utterance dawneth. Mention of these bestowals transcendeth hearts and minds. God willing, thou shalt at all times be confirmed, successful, triumphant, present and steadfast in service. This evanescent one seeketh this same success for himself. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

I convey greetings to the loved ones and nobles of that land, and at all times I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which beseemeth His generosity for each one. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind. In truth, where am I and where is mention of His loved ones? This too is from God's confirmations and the manifestations of His Cause, for He hath commanded all to mention His chosen ones and loved ones. Glory be to our Lord, the Most Exalted!

As to what you wrote concerning Mu'in and His Holiness Mu'in, upon him be God's grace, bounty, acceptance and favor—this is the truth in which there is no doubt. In truth, they have been and are the helper of the oppressed and the supporter of those who are nigh unto God. Their reward is inscribed in

the Book of Divine Grace and will not be erased by worldly events. This is a mighty glad-tiding from a manifest Source. The servant beseeches his Lord to extend his life, grant him success, strengthen him, and ordain for him the good of both worlds. Verily He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His command “Be!” and it is.

Praise be to God, in the world a dawning of good is observed; after despair, relief appears. The grace of Truth has been and will ever be limitless. He confirms whomsoever He willeth; He is powerful and mighty over all things. Furthermore, the services of His Presence are not forgotten, especially this service—what can I say? I beseech God to ordain that which is befitting for the servants of His Cause and those who arise to assist it. His is the grace and the bestowal, His the bounty and the glory. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the present and the future world. Peace, remembrance and praise be upon your presence, and upon all who are steadfast and firm, and all who are resolute and knowing.

The servant 24 Ramadan 1304

BH01600: O Samandar! The grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

O Samandar! The grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God have encompassed and continue to encompass your circumstances. That which had no likeness has been revealed, and that which could not possibly have any semblance has become manifest. Yet the people of vain imaginings cling to their imaginings, and those of idle fancies to their fancies. We are God’s and unto Him do we return. Those souls who are heedless and unaware of the Cause have uttered that which has grieved the denizens of the most great paradise and caused the Supreme Paradise to lament. Ask of God for justice and fairness, that perchance His servants may find and attain their goal.

The letter of His Honor Khalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, attained the presence. The fragrance of divine love wafted from it and the light of love shone forth. Verily he attained the presence of Him Who conversed with the Sinai and heard and saw what was recorded by the Supreme Pen in God’s Books, the Lord of all beings. That letter mentioned those who have turned to God, therefore what speaks with the most eloquent utterance in creation and calls all to the horizon of the All-Merciful was sent specifically to each one. Blessed is he and those with him. The Glory be from Us upon you and upon him and upon his family and upon those whom God has related to him. We make mention of them and give them glad tidings of God’s loving-kindness, mercy, grace and favors. He is truly the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of him who is named Yahya and remember him with My verses and give him glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded existence. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him, make him successful, and aid him with the hosts of the unseen and the visible. He is powerful over all things. The Glory be upon him and upon every steadfast, upright one.

In these days Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My Glory, is present before the Face in the Most Great Prison. We beseech God that he and all souls who have appeared from that household may attain the most great honor and supreme loving-kindness. That household is truly related to the Truth—they must hold fast to

that which causes the exaltation of God's Word and is the cause of manifestation and the stations of existence. Samandar and Shaykh, upon them both be My Glory and loving-kindness, should, in view of their station as fathers, pray for all. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The letters of His Honor Amin, upon him be My Glory, have arrived continuously and continue to arrive, and he has repeatedly mentioned the friends of that land, both men and women, upon them be the Glory of God and the Glory of those who are in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samandar, upon you be My Glory and loving-kindness. Convey My greetings to all the members of your household, young and old, and give them glad tidings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to adorn each one with the ornament of supreme loving-kindness and to embellish them with the crown of steadfastness.

O My leaves and My handmaidens! Tonight, which is the twenty-first night of the blessed month of Ramadan, this Wronged One is occupied with your mention in the Most Great Prison. This most great bounty has appeared from the Mighty Announcement at this hour, and the lights of the Sun of loving-kindness are shining from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. Know the value of this station and be engaged in the mention of the Goal of the worlds with the utmost joy and delight.

May His Honor Khalil, upon him be My Glory, the Beautiful, the Sublime, and likewise His Honor Karim, upon him be My Glory, illumine their families with the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful, that they may attain supreme joy and greatest delight in the divine days. We have likewise mentioned the other handmaidens of that land in the Book of Amin. Blessed are they who have attained.

We make mention in this station of him who is named Andalib, who warbled in the gardens of wisdom and utterance, and We give him glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. We have mentioned him in various Tablets. We beseech God to assist him and aid him to serve His firm and mighty Cause. He has always been and continues to be remembered. His poetry and prose in mention of God, exalted be His glory, are blessed traces in the book of the world. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04221: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

In His Name, through Whom the ocean of divine knowledge has surged within creation!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, though the people comprehend not. By God! The Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting hath appeared—He Who with His finger hath broken the seal of the choice sealed Wine, yet the people perceive it not. They behold the signs of God and deny them, they hear the utterance of the All-Merciful yet understand it not.

We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. By God! The river of mercy hath flowed, the ocean of wisdom hath surged, and the Sun hath dawned from its horizon, yet most of the people recognize it not. They have followed their own desires, turning away from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, raised from the precincts of the prison, and be not of those who denied God's favor when it descended through grace, in that they followed every heedless and veiled one. Say: Abandon the paths of the sects, for they are born of vain imaginings. Then hasten to the path of God, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen, in such wise that neither the oppressors prevent you nor the might of the Pharaohs frighten you—they who violated God's Covenant and His pledge, and spoke what the ancients never spoke.

These are they who pronounced judgment against the Manifestations of My Self in the past, and pronounced against them with such tyranny as caused the denizens of Paradise to lament. Thus hath the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary been raised. Blessed are the people who heard and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of Revelation!"

The glory from Us be upon those whom the clamor of the people of the Bayan hath not prevented from God, the Possessor of what was and what shall be.

BH04513: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of the Bayan has been wafted throughout creation.

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the effulgent splendors of his Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. By God! The shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of My Most Sublime Tree have been raised up. Blessed be the ear that hath heard, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the right side of the luminous Spot, the station wherein the Lord of Names did speak that which caused eyes to be gladdened. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto My verses and ponder that which hath appeared from Me and say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the heaven of knowledge hath appeared with shining suns. Fear ye Him Who hath come unto you with the verses of verses from God, the Lord of this exalted Station.

Say: Your sciences and arts will not suffice you today. Cast them behind you, turning unto the Ocean of Knowledge which surgeth through this Name whereby faces have been illumined. Say: O peoples of the earth! Judge fairly concerning that which hath appeared through the Truth and oppose not Him through Whom all existence hath turned towards God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee. By the life of God! Within each letter thereof lieth concealed an ocean of meanings and utterance, were men to know. He hath come for the reformation of the world, but the people are unaware. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have said: "The Kingdom is God's, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting."

BH04814: This is a Book sent down by the King…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of might.

This is a Book sent down by the King of the Kingdom to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. They who have held themselves back from this Cause are indeed in manifest doubt. The denizens of Paradise and they who dwell within the pavilion of glory, who remember God throughout the night and day, at every morn and eventide, have disowned them. Say: O people! Believe in God and follow not your idle fancies. Deal fairly with that which hath been manifested in truth, and be not of the wrongdoers.

This is a day wherein the pavilion of utterance hath been raised to its loftiest station. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless. On this day the Herald hath called out from every direction: "The King is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised." Verily the Ocean hath testified to the truth, and the Sun proclaimeth: "He Who was hidden within God's knowledge, the Lord of the heavens and earth, hath come." Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth when He had left the House and taken up His abode in this glorious spot.

We have revealed a command from Our presence and made mention therein of them who have believed in God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of God and His love, and woe betide the heedless. The resplendent Light shining forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen be upon the people of Baha, whom neither the deception of any deceiver, nor the craftiness of any schemer, nor the derision of any derider, nor the opposition of them who have disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great, hath deterred.

BH04947: Praise be to God Who sent down the Proof…

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

Praise be to God Who sent down the Proof to His servants, made manifest to them the Way, and caused them to know the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the Rising-Point of His verses, the Source of His laws, and the Recipient of His knowledge—He Who stood before all faces and spoke that which draweth the servants nigh unto the court of His glory and the horizon of His Cause. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness on this darksome night that thou hast turned toward God and traversed land and sea until thou didst attain the presence of the Most Great Sea, each wave of whose waves proclaimeth "There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed." Take thou the Tablet of God with the power that is from Him and the strength that is from His presence, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having sent down Thy proof and perfected Thy favor. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, by the pearls hidden in the shells of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the Word through which the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings and utterance was illumined, to make me in all conditions to hold fast to Thy cord, to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty, and to be immersed in the depths of the sea of Thy oneness. Then write down for me, O God of Names and Creator of Heaven, that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and unwavering in Thy path. Then ordain for me that which shall be a light unto me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH05593: O thou who hast drunk the choice wine…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O thou who hast drunk the choice wine of My presence, who standeth before My countenance and at the door of My grandeur! Hear My call. We have desired to make mention of thee that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord loveth fidelity, and He is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We made mention of thee before, and called thee from the right side of the vale from the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. God hath created thee to manifest His Cause and to arise to serve it. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to remember Him, to praise Him, and to spread His signs throughout His lands amongst His servants. Verily, He assisteth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and He is the Expositor, the All-Informed. When thou art seized by the rapture of My utterance and hast attained the choice wine of My knowledge, say:

My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, and nearness to Thee is my hope and life. Thy Name is my Beloved, and attaining Thy presence is my goal. I beseech Thee by the tears of them that are nigh unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighs of the sincere ones in their remoteness from Thee, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make me to be detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the mysteries of Thy Book to enable me to unite the hearts of Thy servants and to be united with them through Thy bounty and favor. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05443: The All-Bountiful has come, saying: “To Me, to Me…

He is the One speaking from the Most Exalted Horizon.

The All-Bountiful has come, saying: “To Me, to Me, O people of understanding!” The All-Merciful has come, saying: “Hasten, hasten, O followers of the religions!” The All-Forgiving has appeared with truth, saying: “Come, come, O people of the Furqan and O people of the Bayan!” The Self-Subsisting has arisen and proclaimed: “By God! He Who was promised in the Books of God has come, and He Who was the Purpose of those near unto God and the Beloved of the Prophets and Messengers has appeared. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Proof when the All-Merciful came with clear sovereignty.”

Thus has the shrill voice of My Pen been raised up, and the rustling of My Divine Lote-Tree, and the murmuring of the water of My loving-kindness, and the whistling of the winds of My Will—if ye be of them that hear.

Is there one possessed of tongue who will recite what hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Great? Is there one possessed of sight who will behold My luminous horizon? Is there one possessed of hearing who will hear what hath been sent down in this time from One All-Knowing, All-Informed?

When thou hast drunk the living waters from the Pen of the All-Merciful, arise to serve the Cause with the wisdom We have sent down aforetime, that thou mayest find thyself in manifest joy. Thus hath the Pen counseled and the Tongue spoken. Blessed are they that hear, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06398: The purpose of the creation of beings has been…

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

The purpose of the creation of beings has been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, so that all might comprehend, through the revealed verses and manifest evidences, that which is the cause of everlasting comfort and eternal life. All peoples throughout ages and centuries have awaited the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, yet when the veils were rent asunder and the Day Star of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, all arose in opposition and committed that which is the cause and source of the most great terror.

O people of God! The Most Exalted Pen counsels you to be steadfast in the Cause of God, lest the friends of God be veiled by the imaginings of the past and remain deprived. You must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that the names and their kingdom shall have no power to deter you. Thus have We counseled you before and in this wondrous Tablet. The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever has attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH06681: Say: O my God, my God! I am he…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

Say: O my God, my God! I am he whom Thou hast reared by the hands of Thy grace, guided to Thy path, caused to hearken unto Thy verses, and made to recognize Thy horizon. I testify in this my station that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been one, single, alone, and self-subsisting. Thou didst not take unto Thyself any helper or partner, and unto everlasting Thou wilt remain seated upon the throne of bounty. O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Trumpet was sounded and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of divine knowledge with Thy praise and glorification and the exaltation of Thy Word, to send down upon Thy servant from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions.

Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Great.

BH06421: Today the world is illumined by the lights…

He is the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven

Today the world is illumined by the lights of the Orb of the heaven of inner meanings, and the mysteries of the Books are manifest from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge. This is the day of joy and gladness. All things—fruits, trees, leaves and flowers—are singing melodies and are occupied with the praise and glorification of God. Yet the souls who were brought from nothingness into being for the recognition of this blessed Day remain heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Know thou the value of the Day of God and act as befitteth it. The hosts of God have ever been and shall ever be praiseworthy deeds and goodly character. Today upon the banner of triumph these words are inscribed:

> "O people of God! Ye were created for this Day. Aid ye your Lord, the Most Merciful, through wisdom and utterance."

How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto the recognition of God and held fast unto the hem of His mercy. Such a one is of the people of Baha in the Qayyumu'l-Asma. Blessed are they that know! Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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BH07143: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Most Great Name, Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities. Whoso turneth unto Him hath attained that whereunto the near ones have attained, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the idolaters in the perspicuous Book. Glorified be He Who hath revealed that which was treasured in knowledge and concealed in the hearts of the Messengers. He hath come with the truth and manifested what He desired. He is the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

We make mention of those who have been attracted by the utterance of their Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate, that this remembrance may draw them nigh unto a station beyond the description of those who describe and the mention of those who make mention.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and sent down for me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and to decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy near servants. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07812: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

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

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of Revelation might attract him to the Dayspring of the

Cause and show him that which most of the servants have been prevented from beholding. Thus hath the Truth spoken, the Knower of the unseen.

Take thou the Book by Our command with such strength as the doubts of the learned cannot deter, nor the might of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and turn thy face unto the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses, the Lord of all existence. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, while the Wronged One was in the hands of every heedless one that was veiled.

The glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon them who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament, who have arisen and declared:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the world to come and of this world."

They are the people of Baha in My Preserved Tablet.

BH08456: The fragrances of divine revelation have permeated the world…

In the name of the One incomparable, All-Knowing God.

The fragrances of divine revelation have permeated the world, yet the servants remain heedless and veiled therefrom. All that was recorded by the Supreme Pen in previous Books has become manifest and evident, yet the doubts of the suspicious ones and the opposition of the deniers have prevented people from drawing near and deprived them of the fragrance of eternity. Today, whosoever attains to the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation is accounted among those near to God. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and directed me and provided me with Thy path, Thy meeting, Thy nearness and reunion with Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and dedicated to serving Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH01541: Praise be to God Who hath guided us…

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

Praise be to God Who hath guided us to His path, caused us to speak His praise, sent down for us the proof and made manifest the way. He it is Who made us hear His verses and taught us what will profit us in this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Prayers, praise, glorification and glory be upon His chosen ones and His friends who have not broken His covenant and His testament. These are servants whom God hath described in His scrolls, His psalms and His Book. Through them God hath aided His Cause and seized the oppressors through His justice. Through them His verses were spread abroad and His proof was made manifest, and through them He conquered the lands and manifested among the servants what He desired. Upon them be the grace of God and His care in the beginning and the return.

And then, the letter of that honored friend arrived and brought joy. Praise be to God that you are confirmed in mention and praise, in love and faithfulness. As the fragrance of steadfastness and affection wafted from the letter, it became the cause of boundless joy. After its observation and reading, it was taken to the Holy Presence and presented before the Face. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke:

> "O Mihdi! Thy letter arrived and the servant in attendance before the Face presented it. We beseech God that He may confirm thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest be occupied at all times with the mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Time and again this Wronged One hath mentioned thee with a mention that appeareth for the sake of God. It is the guide of souls and the attractor of hearts. He is the Herald and He is the Messenger of the Garden of inner meanings. Through Him the soil of hearts is transformed and temples are adorned with His ornament. God willing, at all times you will hold fast to the remembrance of God and that whereby His Cause is uplifted. Verily He is the Helper of those who turn to Him and the Guide of the seekers."

Convey greetings and glorification to the friends wherever you meet them on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm all in steadfastness in His Cause. Verily He is the Answerer of prayers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And We make mention of him who is named Sadiq. Verily he was present and heard and saw and witnessed and knew. We beseech God to preserve him through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that you have been confirmed in that which is the cause of eternal salvation. You have ever been remembered. The days of your presence have not been forgotten. I beseech God to ordain that which contains the good of this world and the next.

The beloved of the heart, one of the two Most Exalted Names, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, may the glory of God and His care and favors be upon him, delivered your letter, and likewise the letter that was sent in his service was also seen. They have perfect love for you. In truth they are well-wishers of the world and its peoples. They themselves will surely send a reply.

Regarding what you wrote about entering Qarabagh, God willing it was and is blessed. After being presented in the Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word:

> "To remain in that land, so long as it passeth in spirit and fragrance, is beloved."

God willing, it is hoped that the days will pass for you in spirit and fragrance, and that you will be the cause of building up hearts and minds, that the heedless may become aware and the sleeping may lift their heads from the couch of negligence. The Command is in God's hand—He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth.

To the honored brother Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Muhammad-Sadiq, may the glory and care of God be upon him, I convey glorification and seek confirmation for him. God willing, may he in all conditions be mindful of wisdom, hold fast to wisdom, and speak with wisdom. And whatever he requested from the two beloved

Most Exalted Names, may the glory and favors of God be upon them both, will be expressed and God willing will be sent.

Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon the loved ones of God who have acted according to what they were commanded in His Clear Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 9th of the honored month of Shawwal 1304

BH00504: The purest praise and its essence befit the most…

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

The purest praise and its essence befit the most holy and sacred threshold of the Self-Subsisting One, Who created earth and heaven through His Most Exalted Word, Who began with "We belong to God" and ended with "unto Him do we return." Whosoever drinks from the ocean of this blessed Word shall see all else but God as non-existent and void, and shall find himself detached and free. At such time, another blessed Word truly shines forth, His word, exalted and mighty be He: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourses." This is a word which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. Blessed are they who recognize, and happy are those servants who hearken.

Glory be to God! Despite this, the followers of the Bayan are seen to be the most ignorant of all peoples and the most heedless of all religions. They have failed to comprehend the Day of God and remain heedless and veiled from that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Bayan. Souls who have not attained even a drop from the ocean of knowledge, like the opposer from Kirman and his followers, have wandered through valleys of fancy and idle imagination, remaining deprived and forbidden from the lights of the Morn of certitude. They went to the isle, saw the dawning-place of vain imaginings, and returned. That station which from the beginning of time until now has stood and spoken before the faces of rulers, divines, mystics and servants—to this they paid no heed, occupied with their own imaginings and heedless of the Luminary of certitude. They heard that which was unworthy of hearing, and failed to present themselves in the place for the hearing of which all ears have been created, and for the beholding of whose horizon all eyes have been fashioned.

It is not known what these souls—these opposing souls—are saying or from whom it comes. By the life of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven! From the beginning of the Cause no one has been aware. This evanescent servant spent successive years with him in Iraq and elsewhere, yet the heedless souls did not present themselves to hear that of which they are heedless and to find that from which they are now veiled. In brief, the recompense of these souls' deeds prevented them from drawing nigh to the Most Exalted Horizon and deprived them of the Most Great Ocean. They advanced with hopes and returned with loss, yet they perceive not.

This is the Day of God wherein none but He is mentioned. Glory be to God! Those heedless souls are now occupied with establishing an imaginary sect, namely the Shi'ih. They worship the word and are deprived of the meaning. They cling to a pool while forbidden from the Most Great Ocean. For one thousand two hundred years and more, the misguided Shi'ih sect counted themselves the most excellent, most learned, most understanding and most God-fearing of all peoples, yet when the divine test came, all returned to

hell-fire. Thus did their divines and jurisconsults, from all pulpits, engage in cursing the Object of the world's adoration, denied His truth, and issued decrees for the shedding of His most pure blood. Neither the Sunnis, nor the Jews, nor the Zoroastrians, nor the Christians, nor any other peoples committed what was manifested by that people. I swear by the Sun of Truth that had that Holy Being appeared in another land, surely His station would have been exalted, His Cause manifest, His light radiant, and His Word all-encompassing.

This evanescent servant doth repeatedly make mention of such divine utterances as have been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and have descended from the Most Exalted Pen during the revelation of the verses, that perchance the chosen ones of God—exalted be His glory—who grace the cities and lands may preserve the people from vain imaginings and idle fancies, so that the falsehoods of former times may not be renewed, and souls may be delivered from the darksome pit of delusions. Moreover, whatever the endeavors of His Holiness and the chosen ones of that land may accomplish, in all circumstances do I beseech the True One to grant His aid and render His assistance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who with the movement of Thy finger didst rend asunder the veils and the sanctified clouds of glory! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Word, and the potency of Thy will, O Lord of all beings, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee the good of this world and the next, and whatsoever will draw him nigh unto Thee in all Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou beholdest me, O my God, gazing upon Thy face and hoping for the wondrous tokens of Thy grace for Thy loved ones. Thou art He through Whose generosity all created things have testified, through Whose loving-kindness all contingent beings have been raised up, and through Whose power all existent things have been established. Thou doest as Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thereafter, the letter from that honored brother arrived and was presented before the Countenance of the Lord of Eternity on Saturday night, the tenth of the honored month of Shawwal, and was favored to be heard. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His utterance and glorified be His majesty:

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

A mention from Us to him whose letter was presented before the Wronged One and was submitted by the servant present. We have heard what the tongue of his heart uttered and have answered him through this Clear Book, each letter of which proclaimeth before the faces of the world:

> "The Promised One hath come from the horizon of power with a great light!"

We have found from thy letter the fragrance of the love of God. We have sent down for thee that which cheereth the eyes of them that know. When thou hast attained unto My verses and the breezes of My utterance have wafted over thee, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me, and glory be unto Thee for having turned toward me, and might and loftiness, exaltation, grandeur and immortality are Thine. I testify in this my station to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou hast manifested and revealed what was hidden in Thy knowledge, and hast spoken and caused all things to speak in Thy remembrance and praise. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and King of eternity, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist Thy loved ones in the victory of Thy Cause. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power that dominateth all things and Thy might that pervadeth earth and heaven, to protect Thy loved ones from the mischief of Thine enemies.

Then open, with the fingers of bounty, the doors of Thy grace unto all peoples, that they may enter into Thy religion and recognize Thy path and acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur and the Pen of Thy will have uttered. O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee and turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not deterred by the hosts of the world and the multitudes of nations from turning to Thy most exalted horizon and hearkening to the rustling of Thy most glorious Pen. Then assist, O my God, him who hath turned toward Thee and desired to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Ordain for him that which shall profit him in all Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God! That which has been revealed would guide every weary one to the ocean of utterance and every sick one to the Kawthar of His healing grace. Through His bounty He took hold of His loved ones and delivered them from the depths of idle fancies and vain imaginings. His is the praise and the glorification, His the thanks and the bestowal. That honored loved one attained to that which has no peer or likeness. I beseech Him that He may make every letter of the utterances revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur a key of guidance and may open the doors of His favor before the faces of all, especially the people of Baha who are known among the Concourse on High as the companions of the Crimson Ark mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. Blessed are you and those whom you have mentioned and those who have attained unto the choice wine of certitude in the days of God.

Concerning what you wrote about the aforementioned person, some time ago the Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, sent this servant a letter wherein this matter was mentioned. Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds! The receipt was also sent as per your request. It should reach you. Convey my greetings to the friends and chosen ones of that land, especially to Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, who was mentioned in your letter. On behalf of this servant, convey greetings to him. I beseech the King Who doeth what He willeth—may the spirits of all who dwell in the Kingdom and the Realm of Might be a sacrifice unto His gate—that which would cause the guidance of the servants and draw nigh those in all lands. Verily our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast and firm one and every faithful and trustworthy one.

The servant 10th of Shawwal 1304

After concluding the letter, the beloved of hearts, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, brought that honored brother's letter which had been written to him. Among other things, mention was made of the ascension of his brother. This matter was answered before being asked, for in the Land of Mystery this blessed word was revealed from the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His glory:

Among the matters specific to this Most Great Revelation is that whosoever in this Revelation has turned to God and has drunk of the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, meaning from the cup of divine love—even if his relatives are not outwardly believers, after their passing they shall attain divine forgiveness and shall be sustained from the ocean of mercy. This bounty is assured for those souls from whom no harm has reached the Truth or His loved ones. Thus has God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Ruler of the hereafter and this world, decreed.

Nevertheless, this matter was again presented before the countenance of the Lord of Eternity, and this is what was revealed in response, exalted be His utterance: O thou who hast turned unto God! Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee and for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Generous. He hath forgiven the one for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. At the time of revelation, the hand of grace admitted him into an exalted paradise, as a mercy from God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and my spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds!

The whole creation hath testified to Thy bounty, and all contingent beings to Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Praise be to God! The ocean of bounty surgeth at all times with its waves, and the sun of grace shineth in every moment with its radiance. I beseech Him to aid these servants in that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity. Though this be impossible, yet with the Generous One, nothing is difficult.

Once again, glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have heard the call and have said: "Here am I! Here am I! O Beloved of the world!" and "Here am I! Here am I! O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

The servant

BH00522: Praise be befitting and worthy of the Desired One…

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of the Desired One of the world and the Lord of nations, Who through His grace hath revealed the hidden and treasured mysteries, Who hath bestowed new splendor upon utterance and adorned the Book with wondrous ornament. His Word hath endowed the world of utterance with the spirit of meaning, and the realm of words with true penetration. The power of His servants did not prevent His might, nor did the authority of those in the lands hold back His will. By His Own Self did He aid His Cause. The spiritual trumpet was His Word—it both struck down and gave life, and granted awareness. From Him was the path made manifest, through Him was the balance made evident. In every letter of the letters lieth concealed an ocean of knowledge and a Kawthar of certitude.

And this Kawthar and ocean have ever been and shall continue to be reserved for His chosen ones—those souls whom the doubts and conditions of the people of the world did not prevent, who drank from the cup of patience when they tasted the venom of tribulation. These are the manifestations of steadfastness and the essences of the chosen ones. Upon them be the blessings of God and His favors, and the mercy of God and His gifts.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne, and the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy, and the effulgences of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to assist Thy loved ones in serving Thy Cause, in remembering Thee, and in praising Thee amongst Thy servants. Then enable them to follow the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Tablets. I moreover beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to forgive him who hath ascended unto Thee and whom Thou hast raised to Thy most exalted horizon through Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty, and to forgive his relatives in such wise as to draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived in the days when that spiritual youth, upon him be the eternal glory of God, was dwelling in prison and abiding beneath His shadow, adorned with the remembrance and praise of the Desired One of the worlds. Therefore the world was filled with joy, and after its perusal and review it ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and was presented before His presence. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in reply, blessed and exalted be His words:

In My Name, the Remembering, the All-Knowing

Thy letter reached the Wronged One and the servant in attendance submitted it. From it We inhaled the fragrance of thy love, thy humility, thy lowliness, thy turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, thy hearkening to the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. We have previously revealed unto thee that which spoke of My grace and My loving-kindness, and bore witness to My mercy and My bounty. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen of God, the Lord of all men. In thy letter was mentioned him who ascended unto My horizon and turned toward the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Summit. We have revealed for him that which hath attracted the hearts of the righteous ones.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ahmad, who detached himself from all else save Me and turned toward My horizon, who bore hardships in My path and heard the taunts of the enemies for My sake in My days, who sought the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon, who traversed the path to attain the presence of the Glorious One and to hearken unto the proof and evidence from the tongue of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful, until he arrived at the Prison and stood before the Gate, and heard the Call with his own ear and beheld the Most Exalted Horizon with his own eye. We bear witness that he attained unto that which the All-Merciful had revealed in former Books and wherewith He had, through His grace, given glad tidings unto His servants.

He took the chalice of meeting in the name of the Lord of all beings and the Kawthar of reunion through His wondrous Command. Blessed is he, and joy be unto him, and happy and wholesome be it unto him.

Verily he attained, he achieved victory, he heard and he responded. We have purified him at the time of his ascension and forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones, and He is the Ancient Bestower. Blessed is he who visiteth him, as attested by My Pen in My prison and as hath flowed from the tongue of My loving-kindness. Verily he is of the people of this exalted station.

O Muhammad-Rida! Upon thee be the Glory of God, Creator of heaven! We have mentioned thy father in a manner unequaled by any mention among mentions. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty whereby the horizons have been illumined. We enjoin thee and those with thee to gracious patience, and verily I am the All-Patient, the All-Wise. By the life of God! Were what hath been ordained for him to be revealed even less than the eye of a needle, spirits would take flight and bodies would quake. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh at the journey's end.

Hearken in Persian: Praise be to God, he hath attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of the past and present. He heard and saw that which came into being from nothingness for his sake, before his ascension and after. He attained unto the verses of the Supreme Pen. He hath been mentioned with such mention that were it cast upon the earth, it would quiver and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven!"

We counsel thee to patience and forbearance and pure, sincere deeds, for he is in a station where he heareth and seeth. No matter of your affairs is hidden from him. He heareth and seeth, verily his Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have mentioned repeatedly the friends in that land, especially in these days when there hath been revealed for every city, town and village that whose fragrance shall never cease and which shall mention the loved ones in most eloquent terms. Blessed are they who attain! Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

It hath ended. Praise be to God! Before his ascension he attained unto the presence, and after his ascension they attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. At the time of the revelation of the Visitation Tablet, the Concourse on High uttered "Well done!" and proclaimed "How pleasant!" In truth, these are the days of ascension, for man attaineth unto that which hath no peer or likeness. In any case, the reins of grace and bounty, of mention and praise, are within His grasp. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Munificent, the Generous. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what was written that for a long time no word had come from the Desired One: One year before, nay more, when that deceased one was still adorned with outward life, this servant wrote a reply to the letter of that honored friend. However, due to the tyranny of an oppressor who occupied the seat of government in this land, there was delay in sending it, for that tyrant was daily lying in wait. After his removal and replacement, that letter was sent. It is hoped that by now it hath arrived. Praise be to God, thou hast been and art mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The events of the days have caused the delay in reply. For some time in this land, the deniers and the objectors have been speaking unseemly words. Though there was delay in sending, yet nothing—neither adversity, nor tribulation, nor

the opposition of the opposers, nor the denial of the transgressors, nor the authority of the oppressors—hath prevented or will prevent God, exalted be His glory, from manifesting His Cause. Verily our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, is the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

At this time, a letter which was sent to the spiritual friend His Honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard in His presence. He beseeched forgiveness for the deceased and elevated one, upon him be the Glory of God, His mercy and His grace. Likewise he sought a wondrous mention for the relatives of the deceased. Once again, each one was honored with the mention of the Goal of all the worlds and His grace and mercy, one after another were mentioned in His presence. This evanescent servant begs of the True One to ordain for all both worldly and spiritual good. And concerning what was mentioned about how they desecrated the pure tomb, praise be to God that even after his ascension there befell him that which caused the Concourse on High to cry out. These abhorrent deeds are what have caused the deprivation of the servants and the descent of tribulations before and since.

After this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, He said:

> "Be not grieved by this matter. I swear by the Sun of Justice which has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Cause that the traces of this deed shall never be effaced from the Book of the world and the scrolls of God. The idolaters burned the remains of His Holiness the Most Holy One after his martyrdom, and after the ascension of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—they did that which the signs of the wickedness and cruelty of those souls shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. O Muhammad-Rida, from the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the earth and the oppressors of the age there hath appeared that which causeth the people of the cities of justice and fairness to lament. All the tribulations that from the beginning of the Cause until now have befallen this Wronged One, since they were for God and in the path of God, have been and are beloved. Again convey mention from the Wronged One to the relatives and console them. Say: Were the tribulations that have befallen the Truth Itself to be mentioned, the world of being would beg for non-existence. Verily your Lord is the All-Patient, the Concealer, and He biddeth His loved ones to noble concealment and beautiful patience. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the relatives of His Honor Muhammad who attained and circumambulated and was present before the Face. Verily We mentioned his father before with a mention which God, the Lord of Remembrance, hath made to endure. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of Lords."

The waves of the ocean of mercy have appeared successively at their utmost height. Blessed are they who have ascended in these days, for they have attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. In any case, this servant conveyeth greetings to all and beseecheth confirmation for each one that they may attain unto that which shall be immortalized in the Book of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon the servants of God whom the rancor of the wicked hath not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all men.

The servant 10 Shawwal 1304

BH02987: Blessed is he who has aimed at the Most…

Blessed is he who has aimed at the Most Great Objective, and he who has turned towards the Supreme Horizon…

If a single pure and sincere deed were to appear with all its influences, manifestations, conditions, mysteries, fruits and all that behoveth it, this world would not have the capacity to contain its full exposition. Consider the point—though limited, how many worlds of words, letters and phrases lie hidden within it! Four alifs appear from its four directions, and each alif containeth a world. Were all the peoples of the world to attempt to interpret the point of the extended alif, which is expressed as ba', they would fail to do so. Were ye to count its verses, ye would not be able to number them'—how much less the stations of the soft alif and other alifs!…

BH00485: Praise be unto the Lord of incomparable sanctity, transcending…

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

Praise be unto the Lord of incomparable sanctity, transcending all mention and utterance! Worthy is He, the Supreme Goal, Who created the world through His Most Exalted Word and adorned it with the ornament of knowledge and understanding. His is all praise and glory, His is all might and majesty. His power was not weakened by the might of princes, nor was His Will impeded by the clamor of divines. From the earliest days, He arose before the faces of all humanity—the learned and the ignorant, the possessors of glory, wealth, power and grandeur—and summoned all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. Where were they in those days, these souls who now arise in opposition? By the life of the Desired One! They were secluded and concealed behind the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, behind multiple veils and barriers. Yet when the Sun of Proof shone forth from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's Will, they emerged from behind their veils with the swords of hatred. No person of insight, reason and understanding can deny what has been mentioned, for the Cause of this Most Great Revelation was never hidden—the hand of the enemies was ever afflicted.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all possibilities, Who art established upon the throne of grandeur and proof! I beseech Thee by the warbling of the doves of Thy most exalted Paradise to aid me in making mention of Thy loved ones and in praising them. O Lord! Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thee, seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him in what he seeketh. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

To continue: be it submitted that the letter of His Holiness reached this servant in the Prison of ʿAkka, and inasmuch as his words bore witness to his attraction, affection, and love, therefore was the gate of joy opened and the horizon of gladness made manifest. After its perusal and consideration, purpose was made unto the Most Sublime Station and the Loftiest Heights, and his supplication was presented on the night of the fourteenth day of the honored month of Shawwal before the Countenance of the Ancient King and the Desire of the world, after the dawning of the luminary of permission. And it was vouchsafed acceptance—this is the Great Announcement that was submitted at that time. These firm verses and

resplendent words shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. He speaketh—exalted be His utterance and glorified be His proof:

He is the Speaker from His Most Sublime Horizon!

O thou who gazest toward the Countenance! A servant was present at this moment before the Countenance and read that wherewith thou didst supplicate God, the Lord of all the worlds and Lord of the Mighty Throne. Verily, We heard thy call and answered thee with that which the words of the world cannot equal, nor what is with the nations. Give thanks unto thy Lord for that which hath been sent down unto thee in the Most Great Prison that which draweth thee nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Bountiful, the Gracious. Nothing whatsoever is hidden from His knowledge, neither do the accidents of the world hinder Him, nor do the veils of the people of iniquity and abomination shut Him out. There hath shone forth from the horizon of power a clear light whereby hath appeared that which was concealed in knowledge and treasured in the treasuries of the preservation of God, the Mighty, the Ancient.

Verily, We found in thy letter the fragrance of My love and thy standing for My remembrance and praise amongst My servants, and I am the All-Knowing, the Wise. Blessed is the tongue that is adorned with mention of the Beloved, and the ear that hath heard that whereby the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and the eye that hath been favored with beholding My signs, and the heart that hath turned toward My luminous Horizon. When the breezes of My utterance have wafted over thee and thou hast attained unto My verses, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the prison of ʿAkka, when I was in the hands of the enemies who turned away from Thee, disputed Thy signs, and denied what Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the lights of Thy dominion, the mysteries of Thy kingdom, the pearls within the shells of the ocean of Thy wisdom, and by the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the clash of swords of the people of error may keep me from Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. Send down upon him from the clouds of the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the Divine Call. By the life of God! Whosoever hath attained unto hearing it, neither the might of tyrants nor the power of Pharaohs hath kept him from the Dayspring of the Light of Unity and the Dawning-Place of ancient verses. With complete certitude and manifest light hath he dispelled the darkness of vain imaginings. He is the horseman in the arena of utterance. The Pharaohs and tyrants mentioned in the Tablets, past and future, refer to the divines who have prevented the people from the Divine Law and the River of God's mercy.

Consider the Shi'ih divines throughout the ages—how they cursed one another from the pulpits while uttering "O Qa'im!" night and day. Yet when the world was illumined by the lights of the dawn of His Manifestation, they all arose with swords of hatred and rancor against the Purpose of the world and the Educator of nations. The fair-minded know what that people did and said. Even now in Iran they are

occupied with cursing from all pulpits. Glory be to God! The deniers of the Bayan also cling to the same vain imaginings. It is incumbent and essential for the people of God to exercise the utmost effort in protecting souls, lest they be afflicted by the doubts of the barking ones and the allusions of the transgressors with the vain imaginings of the former party.

These utterances have repeatedly shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine knowledge that perchance those who have turned to Him may attain the ornament of awareness and may find themselves, through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, free and detached from the world and all who dwell therein. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and that whereby His Cause may be exalted amongst His servants. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones. There is no God but Him, the King, the Single, the One, the True, the Just, the Manifest.

Praise be to God that that honored friend hath been illumined by the lights of the utterance of the Lord of eternity and adorned with the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. The tongues of the world cannot adequately render thanks for this supreme bounty, nor can the pen describe or the mind comprehend this mighty table. This servant beseecheth his Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below to give you to drink of the wine of immortality. Verily, He is the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens.

And regarding what was asked about the tradition which states:

> "Knowledge is twenty-seven letters. All that the Messengers have brought is two letters, and until today people have not known more than these two letters. When our Qa'im arises, He will bring forth the remaining twenty-five letters"

- after being presented before the Most Holy Court, these exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Divine Knowledge—exalted be His glory:

"The intended meaning of the remaining letters refers to the station of the Blessed All-Embracing Word. Whosoever attains unto that Word will find himself independent of all the words of the world, and whosoever drinks of the hidden Kawthar contained therein will never be seized by the thirst and yearning of self and desire. This is that Word wherein all sciences and arts are concealed. This is the key to the city of steadfastness and the path of the community. This is that which breaks the might of idols and vain imaginings. Whosoever attains unto it has attained unto all that is befitting this day.

"This exalted Word has manifested from the world of the Divine Will to the world of Divine Purpose, and from Purpose to the realm of Lahut, and from Lahut to Jabarut, and from Jabarut to Malakut, and its manifestation in the form of the All-Embracing Word was revealed in the Tablet to Haydar-Ali and Husayn—upon them be My glory and loving-kindness. It speaks in the garment of I am manifest' and is hidden in 'I am the One witnessed.' This is that Word which split asunder the breasts of the wayward ones, and shook the foundation of the sciences and arts of the opposers and transgressors.

"The original tradition was from the Messenger of God—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—and was mentioned by one of the letters of the Qur'an. Whosoever truly attains unto this blessed Word will see himself as the most exalted of creation and will become firm and steadfast in this Most Great

Cause. He will regard the doubts of the divines and the allusions of the sources of vain imaginings as absolute nothingness and utter non-existence. Blessed are they that attain, and blessed are they that understand.

“And in one sense, what was intended by it were the sciences and arts. In these days, this Wronged One is not inclined to interpret the words of the past. It was mentioned, due to the loving-kindness shown to that soul, that which diffuses the fragrance of divine utterance. Should anyone reflect upon it and become steadfast, he will be recorded among the companions of the Crimson Ark. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to God’s Covenant, the Lord of the worlds.

“The bounty of God is manifest and evident from the effulgences of the lights of His words. His grace has encompassed all, His mercy has preceded, and His loving-kindness has surrounded all. Can anyone truly thank Him as He deserves to be thanked, or praise Him as He deserves to be praised? The very act of thanksgiving requires thanksgiving, for the enabling grace of gratitude is from Him, and likewise praise. The seeing soul is truly bewildered by the wonders of the grace of the All-Bountiful and the favors of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted.

> “I send greetings and peace to the loved ones of that land, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace, mercy and kindness, exalted be His glory. I beseech confirmation for each one. Today the people of Baha are mentioned and recorded as the Party of God in the Psalms, Scriptures, Books and Tablets. It is hoped that through His infinite grace they will arise as befits His days and His Cause, so that through their love the world may be illumined with the light of love, and through their burning passion it may be set ablaze. Verily our Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Helper, the All-Knowing. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who have testified to that which God has testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

At this moment, there came to mind of this evanescent servant the honored and esteemed Aqa Ali-Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God. It was as if his presence appeared before the face of this servant. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and grant him success in that which He loveth and is pleased with—though verily this prayer hath already been answered before its utterance. In any case, I convey greetings and glorification to him and to the honored Bik, upon him be the Glory of God, and to the honored A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, and to ʿA.T., upon him be the Glory of God, and to those souls mentioned in their letter.

I beseech for each one that which hath no peer or likeness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous. The beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in every letter maketh mention of them and the friends in that land. He hath said that Amin is a clear book in mentioning the friends of God, the Lord of the worlds. I convey greetings and glorification to all the friends in that land, especially to those gentlemen who have been adorned, honored and distinguished with the ornament of special favor from God. Glory be upon them and upon those who love them.

BH00433: Lawh-i-Abdu'l-Vahhab

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 beyond the comprehension of minds and intellects, beseemeth the holy court of that Self-Subsisting Lord Who, unaided and alone, arose before the faces of the heedless and summoned all upon earth—be they princes, divines or jurisprudents—to the Most Exalted Horizon. The might of the world restrained Him not, nor did the opposition of nations deter Him from His remembrance and utterance. The more affliction intensified, the more powerful became His utterance, until He addressed all the monarchs of the earth without veil or covering. His verses encompassed the world, and His evidences illumined receptive hearts and souls like unto the sun. Exalted be His grandeur, elevated be His dominion, triumphant be His might and power!

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and Thy Self imprisoned in ʿAkka in the hands of the heedless among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee, O Thou Desire of the world, by Thy Command through which the rain of Thy knowledge was showered upon the hearts of those near unto Thee among Thy creation and those who have turned towards Thee among Thy servants, and by the penetrating influence of Thy Word and the power of Thy Will, to assist Thy loved ones and chosen ones in spreading Thy signs, Thy remembrance and Thy praise amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Ordain for them through the Pen of Destiny that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And thereafter it is submitted that the honored friend, His Holiness Aqa Muhammad-Kazim—upon him be the glory of God—dispatched a letter to the Beloved of hearts, Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud—upon him be the Most Great Glory of God. In that epistle mention was made of that Beloved of hearts and His Holiness Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn—upon both of them be the glory of God—as well as the petition which that personage had forwarded to the Most Holy Threshold. After perusal, examination, and reading thereof, he proceeded to the Most Exalted Station, and in the presence of the Countenance, that which was recorded in the petition was submitted and attained the honor of a hearing. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply. His utterance—exalted be His exposition and glorified be His proof:

Verily He is the All-Seeing One from the horizon of glory

O Abdu'l-Wahhab! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Mighty, the Bestower! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who maketh mention of thee in the prison of Akka, inasmuch as He was an ocean of mercy unto all creation and a breeze of the All-Merciful unto the followers of all religions. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrances of Revelation and taken fast hold of the Book with strength from God, the Lord of all the worlds.

We have heard thy call from thy book and have made mention of thee with that which draweth thee nigh unto the horizon of manifestation in the Days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. We have unlocked the door of divine knowledge with the key of utterance, yet the people remain in manifest error. They have

cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging fast to that which they possess of the whisperings of the deluded.

Say: O people! Fear ye God! The Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting crieth out with the most mighty call:

> "Arise from the slumber of passion, hastening unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

The carpet of idle fancies hath been rolled up, and the All-Merciful hath come with a mighty decree. Verily, He is the Great Announcement whose mention the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Criterion. Blessed is he who hath perceived the fragrance of divine utterance and hath been made to triumph in this wondrous Day.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean, neither follow ye every ignorant one who is far astray. Give glad tidings unto them that have believed. Say: Blessed are ye for having hearkened unto the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon and turned your faces toward Him. Soon shall ye behold the fruits of your deeds from God, the Powerful, the Almighty. O Wahhab! If My most sweet call and the rustle of My Most Exalted Pen have attracted thee, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having opened before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of wisdom and understanding, for having guided them to Thy path, illumined their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, and taught them that which draweth them nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by them who hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to meet Thee, whom neither the might of princes deterred from turning unto Thee nor from acknowledging that which Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. I moreover beseech Thee by them who, by Thy leave, turned toward Thy horizon, who stood before the gate of Thy grandeur, who heard Thy call, who witnessed the horizon of Thy Revelation, and who circled round Thy will, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall aid them in making mention of Thee and offering praise unto Thee, and in promoting Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Transform the most eloquent tongue into the language of light. Say: Praise be to God! Today the horizon of the heaven of understanding is illumined and radiant with the Sun of Truth. He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation. From the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree is heard the blessed word "He Who was promised hath come." That soul should illumine and set ablaze hearts and minds with the light of utterance and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, that all may attain unto that for which they were created. This Wronged One hath, from the first day until now, without veil or concealment, summoned all unto that which God hath willed.

Blessed are they who have responded and who have uttered the word "Yea." Glory be to God! It is not known to what the deniers cling. The verses have encompassed the world and the evidences are more manifest than the sun, yet the heedless servants remain veiled save whom God willeth. Nevertheless, the power of Truth hath prevailed and the might of the Word hath encompassed all, such that despite the opposition of kings and subjects and the worshippers of idle fancies, and despite all hindrances and prohibitions, the light of the Cause is seen dawning in every land. Soon shall appear that which We have

sent down in the Holy Books and Tablets, even as appeared that which We had formerly announced unto the people. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God! That soul hath attained unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen and is adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. Though today the fruits of matters be hidden from all eyes, yet ere long shall appear that which hath proceeded from the tongue of grandeur, and those who have turned unto Him shall behold the fruits of their deeds. Verily, He doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

Section 2: "As to what was asked whether the soul…"

As to what was asked whether the soul endureth after the body's death or not, and if it endureth, what its condition will be—after this matter was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words were revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

Concerning thy question about the spirit and its survival after its ascension, know thou that it will ascend at the time of its departure until it attaineth the presence of God in a form that neither the revolution of ages and centuries, nor the changes and chances of the world can alter. It will endure as long as the Kingdom of God, His sovereignty, His dominion and power will endure. It manifests the signs of God and His attributes, and reveals His loving kindness and bounty. The pen cannot depict this station nor can any description adequately express its nature, for it is exalted above any description or praise. The Hand of Divine Bounty will cause it to enter a station that no word can appropriately describe, nor can any trace of it be found in the visible world.

Blessed is the spirit that hath emerged from the body purified from the doubts and superstitions of the nations. Such a spirit moveth in the atmosphere of God's good-pleasure and entereth the Supreme Paradise. The Maids of Heaven, dwellers of the loftiest mansions, shall circle around it, and the Prophets of God and His chosen ones will seek its companionship. With them that soul shall freely converse, and shall recount unto them that which it hath endured in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Should anyone be made aware of what is pre-ordained for him in the worlds of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, he would immediately yearn with a great longing for that most exalted, most sanctified and most resplendent station.

In the Persian tongue, hear thou, O ʿAbdu'l-Vahhab, upon thee be my glory! Concerning thy question about the immortality of the spirit, this Wronged One beareth witness to its immortality. And as to thy question about its nature, verily it cannot be described and ought not to be mentioned save to a limited degree. The Prophets and Messengers came to guide mankind to the straight path of Truth, and their purpose was that the servants might be so trained that at the time of their ascension they would, with utmost sanctity, detachment and dedication, set their faces toward the Supreme Companion. By the life of God! The effulgences of these spirits are the cause of the world's progress and the advancement of its peoples.

They are the essence of existence and the supreme cause of all the world's appearances and crafts. Through them the clouds pour down rain and the earth bringeth forth its fruits. Nothing among all things

existeth without a cause, reason and origin, and the greatest cause hath been and shall ever be these sanctified spirits. The difference between this world and that world is like unto the difference between the embryonic world and this earthly life. After ascension the soul appeareth before God in a form that is worthy of immortality and suited to that world. This immortality is temporal, not essential, for it hath a cause, while essential immortality is uncaused and belongeth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. Well is it with them that understand!

If thou wouldst reflect upon the deeds of the Prophets, thou wouldst bear witness with absolute certitude that there are worlds besides this world. The philosophers of the earth, as revealed in the Tablet of Wisdom by the Supreme Pen, have mostly acknowledged and accepted what was revealed in the divine Books. However, the materialists who believe in nature have written concerning the Prophets that they were wise men who, for the education of the people, made mention of heaven and hell, reward and punishment. Now consider: all people in every age have regarded the Prophets as superior to all others. Some have called these pure Essences wise men, while others have recognized them as being from God. Now if such souls had considered divine worlds to be limited to this earthly life, they would never have surrendered themselves to their enemies nor endured unprecedented trials and tribulations. Should anyone with a pure heart and penetrating vision meditate upon that which hath shone forth from the Supreme Pen, he would exclaim with his innate tongue: "Now hath the truth become manifest!"

As to thy question about resurrection, that which hath been revealed in the Book of Certitude is sufficient. Well is it with them that understand!

Convey my greetings to him who is named M., upon him be the Glory of God. Today the friends must occupy themselves with service to the Cause, and that service is teaching, which must be carried out with wisdom and utterance. All must hold fast unto this. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which beseemeth His Day.

We make mention in this place of him who is named ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, and We remember him with Our verses and give him the glad-tidings of Our loving-kindness. We ask God to assist him in that which will draw him near unto Him in all conditions.

This evanescent servant makes mention of the friends of God and implores success for each one, that they may exert their utmost endeavor so that perchance the horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. In any case, the Cause of God has been and ever will be all-compelling. We must all beseech Him to confirm souls for the specific purpose of teaching the Cause—but souls who are adorned with the conditions set forth by the Most Exalted Pen. In one of the Tablets these sublime words were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings. His blessed and exalted Word declares:

> "Blessed is the soul whose head is adorned with the crown of detachment and whose temple is beautified with the ornament of resignation and contentment."

The teachers must summon the servants to the most exalted horizon with perfect sanctity and detachment. They must speak for God and act for the sake of God alone.

These and similar utterances have repeatedly been revealed in the Book of God and the divine Scriptures and Tablets. Some, praise be to God, are illumined with the light of certitude and act according to the commandments and ordinances, but others, despite their recognition and acknowledgment of what has been revealed, hesitate in their actions. In this connection, one verse is mentioned. His blessed and exalted Word declares:

> "My affliction is not My imprisonment and what I have suffered from My enemies, but rather the deeds of My loved ones who claim attachment to Me yet commit that which causes My heart and My pen to lament…"

Such verses have repeatedly descended from the heaven of Will. Blessed is he who holds fast unto them and acts according to what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon those who are with you in this Most Great Cause and Momentous Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03010: This is a Book sent down by the Creator…

In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names!

This is a Book sent down by the Creator of the heavens unto those on earth that the Call may draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before His Face hath read it. We have revealed for thee that which shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and serveth as a proof unto the followers of all religions, and as a lamp in this darkness that hath encompassed all created things, and as a guide unto My straight path.

Beware lest anything prevent thee from the Lord of all beings. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It behooveth no one to put the Wronged One to the test, nor is this the Day of questioning. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to arise and say:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who hast accepted tribulations for the salvation of the peoples!"

"I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested that which was hidden from every discerning and perceiving one." Look, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, He was denied by the divines of idols and of the Torah and the Gospel. Among them was he who desired a house of gold, and among them was he who asked for a spring to gush forth, and among them was he who wished a book to descend from heaven, and among them was he who said before His face: "If this be the truth, then cause stones to rain down upon us from heaven." Thus was it decreed aforetime. Ponder that thou mayest find thyself possessed of clear certitude.

We have not entered schools. We have come from the dawning-place of utterance with a Cause before which the hosts of the heavens and earth cannot stand. Thus hath the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branch of all existence. When thou hast heard and recognized this, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and made known to me Thy way. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion, and by the hearts that have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love, and by the faces that have turned unto the lights of Thy countenance, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy Cause. Then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art powerful over all things. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

BH03583: O Muhammad-Vali! Hearken unto the call from the direction…

O Muhammad-Vali! Hearken unto the call from the direction of ʿAkka. He mentions thee with a mention before which all mentions bow down, and turns to thee from His Most Great Prison as a bounty from Him, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the possessor of all men.

When the Promise came and the Promised One appeared, each party clung to what it possessed of idle fancies and vain imaginings. They cast the command of God behind their backs, hastening to the dawning-places of conjecture. They are indeed among the wayward in the Book of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Countenance, who followed every heedless doubter. Cast aside what ye possess. By God! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined, the Desired One hath come, and that which was hidden from time immemorial hath been manifested. Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. Answer Him Who hath stood before all faces and called all to the horizon of proof.

Say: By the life of God! The proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and the heavenly table sent down. Draw nigh, O people, with humility and contrition. Let not the riches of the world and the might of nations prevent you. Turn with radiant faces to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is what ye have been commanded by Him with Whom is the Mother Book.

This is a Day wherein all things proclaim: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Most Glorious, the All-Forgiving. This is a Day whereof God gave glad-tidings to His servants aforetime through the tongue of the Messengers, and revealed its mention in the Books, Psalms and Tablets.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the trace of the Most Exalted Pen and been mentioned by the Lord of all being while He was in the hands of those who denied God's favor after its revelation and rejected Him Who came from the horizon of proof with verses that equal not what the princes possess. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thus hath the Treasury of Knowledge revealed the pearls of utterance and the Sun of Proof its effulgence and lights. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the Robe in the evening and at dawn.

BH03759: O Qasim! The Truth speaketh in the tongue…

O Qasim! The Truth speaketh in the tongue of every people, that all may comprehend that for which they were created. The Most Exalted Pen at times admonisheth, at times counseleth, and remembereth the events of the past, that all may become aware and not be afflicted anew with the vain imaginings of old.

Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect and the pride and arrogance of those people. They regarded as unclean the Jews and Christians, and likewise the idol-worshippers and fire-worshippers. The People of the Sunna they deemed lower, more rejected and more abominable than all other sects. Yet on the Promised Day, with but a slight test, they were found to be the most lost of all upon the earth. They perpetrated that which no sect in all ages and centuries had ever committed. They cried "O Qa'im!" and then martyred Him, and now in all the pulpits and cities of Iran the ignorant divines and base theologians revile the Truth and His followers. All must ponder upon that which hath been mentioned, that perchance they may not be afflicted in the future with that which afflicted the former people.

Praise be to the Aim of all the world Who hath remembered thee and caused thee to attain unto the evidences of the Most Exalted Pen. We make mention of thy brother, thy son-in-law and thy son with such remembrance as to attract the hearts and souls. We have remembered each one of them and We beseech God to grant them the grace to achieve the most great steadfastness and to remain unaffected by the cawing of the crows who speak the words of old and cling to the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect. God protect Us and you from the evil of such people.

This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save Him. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained and hearkened unto My call and have said:

> "Here am I! Here am I! O Beloved of the hearts of the longing ones and Aim of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH04435: New words have appeared and old sayings have emerged…

In the Name of the Ever-Speaking One!

New words have appeared and old sayings have emerged from the sacks of heedlessness. They say the Bayan has been corrupted, just as the previous party said and were cast into hell. Say: By God's life, ye have fabricated against Him Who created you and sustained you, and ye are accounted this day among the wrongdoers in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O heedless ones! By what proof and evidence did ye acknowledge the Bayan? Depart not from justice and equity. Do ye wish to be like the people of the Furqan (Muslims), speaking falsehood from

pulpits and denouncing one another as infidels, until in the end the fruit of your deeds becomes like unto those heedless souls?

Leave aside these calumnies. By God's life, the Bayan lamenteth for what ye have perpetrated. Though divine counsel leaveth no impression and heavenly admonition beareth no fruit, for God's wrath hath seized them and the recompense of their deeds hath deprived them.

Beseech ye God to protect you from such heedless souls. By God's life, their mention is a deadly poison and their utterance a consuming fire. They seek to prove the authority of a drop while turning away from the Most Great Ocean. Such is the condition of those heedless and veiled souls.

Yet be patient and calm in all conditions, for verily He loveth the patient and the calm ones. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to His remembrance, glorified be His majesty, and been illumined by His Word. Preserve this and be among the thankful ones.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that know Thee!

BH04436: The Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit…

In His Name, the Protector over all names!

The Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, appeared from the Dayspring of God's Command and, with supreme grace and infinite bounty, summoned the people to the blessed Word of Unity. His purpose was to awaken heedless souls and deliver them from the darkness of misbelief. Yet the people arose in rejection and protest, perpetrating that which caused the company of the Prophets in the Most Exalted Paradise to lament.

Reflect upon the Prophets of the past: each was afflicted by the rejection of the people. Some were accused of madness, others were called sorcerers, and yet others were denounced as liars. Like the divines of Iran who for years beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for the appearance of these days, yet when the horizon of the world became illumined and bright, all turned away and issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood.

When thou hearest the cooing of the Dove of My utterance upon the branches of the Tree of My knowledge, say:

> "My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou hast no partner in Thy dominion nor any equal in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy power and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Thy oneness to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies and to draw me nigh unto Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy horizon, turning away from all else beside Thee. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree and the light of Thy Cause to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH04815: This is a Book from God, the Protector…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most glorious horizon.

This is a Book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath turned unto God when the horizon of Revelation was illumined by Him Who conversed upon Sinai. They who have turned unto Him are of the party of God, inscribed in His preserved Tablet. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath remembered thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by treasures and riches. Hearken unto the Call from the supreme horizon: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and concealed from the eyes of those who denied the right of God and His Cause, and who violated His Covenant and disputed His verses when they were sent down in truth. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in its praiseworthy station.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! When the verses were sent down and the evidences appeared, the divines of Persia and those who followed them turned away and spoke that which the ancients never spoke. They cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when every rejected learned one turned away from it. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to observe justice and fairness, trustworthiness and righteousness, and kindliness. Take hold of thy Lord's command, then remind the people of His verses and give them the glad tidings of His mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who remain steadfast, holding fast to My extended cord.

BH04922: O Muhammad-ʿAli! Verily the heaven hath turned unto thee…

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Verily the heaven hath turned unto thee and the sun hath spoken in thy remembrance from a station adorned with the lights of the Countenance, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of God and clung to the hem of His bounty and drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of His grace and attained unto His mention in His days and turned toward His horizon when the servants of the earth turned away from Him, save whom God, the Lord of lords, did will.

Hearken unto the call from the Supreme Pen: verily He remembereth thee and those who have believed when God came with the standards of the verses.

When thou hearest the shrill voice of My Pen and the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Bayan, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was between the hands of those who violated Thy Covenant and Testament. I beseech Thee by the lands wherein the fragrances of Thy Manifestation were diffused and the breezes of Thy grace did waft, and by the regions which gloried over the heaven in that they were honored by Thy footsteps and adorned with Thy traces—O my Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope upraised toward the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy generosity and the splendors of the lights of the sun of Thy grace, that Thou aid me to

perform that whereby my remembrance may endure in Thy Book. Then make me, O my God, of those who have attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness, whereby nothing among all things prevented them from turning unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest.

The beings have testified to Thy greatness and all created things to Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH04988: We have mentioned thee before and gave thee glad…

In the name of the All-Loving, the Generous

We have mentioned thee before and gave thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto the call from the direction of Akka—verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. When thou findest the fragrances of revelation and drinkest the choice wine of grace, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having unveiled to me and guided me to Thy path and made me know Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Announcement and given me to drink, from the cup of bounty, the Kawthar of immortality. Thou seest me, O my God, turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and turning away from those who have turned away from Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust. I testify to Thy oneness and singleness and to Thy power and might and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the horizon which was illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and the station which was honored by attaining Thy presence, and by the shrill voice of Thy Pen and the signs of Thy greatness, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in all Thy worlds.

I know not what lieth hidden in Thy knowledge, and Thou art more knowing of me than I am myself. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst guide the peoples to Thy Most Great Path, that Thou disappoint me not of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04957: Today the Blessed Tree of Baha, which hath been…

He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Glorious Horizon

Today the Blessed Tree of Baha, which hath been planted by the hand of the Lord of Names in the Most Exalted Paradise, uttereth this most sublime Word:

> "O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty."

This Blessed Tree appeareth at every moment with fruits and with resplendent leaves, and uttereth a word. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful that the ears of the world and the eyes of the nations were brought from nothingness into being for the purpose of hearing its call. Glory be to God! The veils and clouds of the world have

prevented creation from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it.

Say: O people of the world! Deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Day of Manifestation. Strive that perchance ye may partake of the fruits of the Tree and attain unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One. Say: Throughout His entire life this Wronged One hath been in the hands of His enemies, and hath had and hath no purpose except the reformation of the world and the edification of its peoples. He Who speaketh is sufficient as a witness unto this. Ye and the loved ones of God must arise to assist the Cause for the sake of God, and must conquer the cities of men's hearts through virtuous deeds and actions. This is the irrevocable command which hath been sent down from the heaven of the commandments of the Lord of eternity. Blessed are they that hear! Blessed are they that act!

BH05630: A single effulgence from the Day Star of knowledge…

In the name of the Peerless Friend!

A single effulgence from the Day Star of knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings. Countless books have appeared, and none but God can reckon their number. One ray from the lights of the Day Star of His grace hath appeared in the form of the sun, becoming the educator and protector of the world, illumining it with its light. Were We to interpret but one letter of the Book, it would lead to an entire world and the interpretation of that letter would have no end. O people of God! This Day is your Day, for ye have heard and recognized and turned towards Him. Ye have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge, and have attained unto the hearing of His Word, and are illumined by the light of His grace. Preserve this station through His Name. Say:

O my God, my Adored One! From Thee have I come, and unto Thee have I returned. Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art He Whose power the might of the world and of nations hath failed to withhold. From a single effulgence of the Day Star of Thy generosity, oceans of bounty have appeared, and from one manifestation of the Day Star of Thy munificence, the world of existence came into being. O my Lord! Remove from me whatsoever is unworthy of Thy days, and grant me that which is meet. Thou art the Bestower Whose bounty knoweth no bounds. We are Thy servants, seeking Thee and supplicating Thee. Thou art the All-Bountiful, Thou art the Munificent.

BH05489: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One Who stands supreme over all things through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, confirming the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and speaketh: "There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." It calleth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the ear that hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have remembered those who have believed in God with a remembrance which God, the Lord of all remembrance, hath made. Every matter and every tiding that lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of lords, hath been made manifest.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Follow not your idle fancies, but follow Him Who hath come with truth and clear proof. Behold ye and call to mind what the divines of Persia wrought when the Lord of Eternity came with power and sovereignty. They denied God's proof and evidence, and committed that which hath made the Pens unable to recount. They worship vain imaginings—they are indeed among the lost in God's Book, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of revelation and turned to a station round which lights circle. Blessed is thy father—he was remembered before the Wronged One, as attested by Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. The glory rest upon him and upon thee and upon those with you, and upon those who have shown forth supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save for those whom God, the Lord of mankind, hath willed.

BH06376: O Muhtasham! The Lord of the world remembers thee…

O Muhtasham! The Lord of the world remembers thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison with that which will assist thee in what will cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of thy Lord, the Possessor of Creation. The fragrances of revelation have been diffused throughout the world, but the nations have turned away from them, having followed the dawning-places of vain imaginings. When thou hast taken the choice wine of utterance from the Merciful One, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy proof, and for having taught me that which drew me nigh unto Thee and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the suns of the heaven of Thy wisdom, and by the hands of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, to make me in all conditions a servant of Thy Cause, one who speaks of Thy remembrance and praise, and who stands firm in Thy path—the path which when it appeared caused the ways of the world to change and the limbs of the nations to tremble, except those whom the hands of Thy favor delivered.

O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I have aimed for the ultimate goal and the highest summit. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and the penetration of Thy Purpose not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy loved ones who are sincere. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH06730: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It summoneth all to that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath taught mankind the way of prosperity and made known unto them that which profiteth them, and guided them to His extended path. Blessed is the servant whom doubts have not kept back from the Lord of existence, whom the world hath not deluded, and who hath held fast unto the cord of submissiveness.

O people of Baha! Be as dawning-places of the lights of utterance unto the people of possibility, and as a heaven of bounty unto the peoples of the world. Thus have We counseled you before, and at this time, did ye but know it. Beware lest ye object to those who have not entered beneath your shadow. Set forth what ye possess. Fear God and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. We love to behold you as horizons of light unto the inhabitants of all lands and as daysprings of mercy unto all created things. Put aside what the people possess, holding fast unto that which ye have been given from God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is he who hath attained unto God's obeyed Word and unto the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. He is truly among those drawn nigh in a preserved Tablet.

BH07562: The Hands of the Cause of God have been…

In the Name of the All-Powerful Bestower!

The Hands of the Cause of God have been and are the educators of the servants. The Supreme Pen counseled all regarding the education of children and youth. Observe the trees: before grafting, their fruit is not worthy of mention, but afterwards that which is worthy of praise appears. A tree, which is counted among plants, through a small measure of cultivation attains to this station. Now reflect upon the trees of existence: if they receive the education of the true Educator, they will turn to the reformation of the world.

O Hasan-i-Qabli-ʿAli! Thou wert mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and art favored with this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Praise the Lord of the world Who assisted thee and made thee aware of the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of Manifestation. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me and made me know Thee. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no matter can prevent. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. Thou givest and withholdest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH07934: O Letter Ha and Letter Sin before Letter ʿAyn!…

O Letter Ha and Letter Sin before Letter ʿAyn! The Most Exalted Pen hath begun to move in remembrance of those loved ones who were neither veiled by the world's clouds of glory nor frightened by the might of nations. They have taken the sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and have drunk thereof at times in My Name and at other times through My love, whereby hearts were set ablaze and the horizons illumined.

We counsel thee to manifest the greater steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and mentioned me in Thy most exalted station which Thou hast named with Thy most beauteous names. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, by the lights of the dawn of Thy Revelation, and by the Tree that hath spoken through Thy command, and by the ocean of Thy bounty which surgeth through Thy will, to make me steadfast in Thy Faith and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

BH09721: O Yavar! Thy mention hath flowed from the Most…

O Yavar! Thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thy name. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of bounty, and glorified art Thou, O Lord of the servants! I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and to Thy greatness and power, and I beseech Thee by the lights of the Luminary of Thy Cause and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to aid me in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book.

O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to that which hath appeared from Thy most exalted horizon and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all beings. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and preserve me from those who have denied Thy proof, violated Thy Covenant, rejected Thy signs and disputed Thy testimony. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH09348: A mention from Our presence unto all who dwell…

He is God, exalted be His glory! The All-Wise, the All-Informed

A mention from Our presence unto all who dwell on earth, that the Call may draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them nigh unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Husayn hath appeared before Our presence and circumambulated the House, attaining unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He hath appeared and heard what the near ones heard on the Mount of Knowledge—the Call of God, the Lord of all being. We bear witness that he hath turned towards Us and traversed land and sea until he reached the Most Great Prison, the Spot wherein the Wronged One was established upon the throne of utterance with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of thee and desire to make mention of those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH10098: O Ghulam-Qabil-Husayn! Give thanks unto God for having turned…

O Ghulam-Qabil-Husayn! Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee the countenance of the Wronged One and for having mentioned thee in verses which God hath made the dawning-places of light. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and desireth for him who hath desired Him bounty and bestowal, grace and glory. He remembereth whom He willeth as a token of grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Whoso hath attained this Day unto My remembrance hath attained unto all good, as doth testify the Mother Book which is with Him. Say: O people! By God, the All-Bestowing One hath come at the setting-place, and He is the Hidden Book and the Treasured Mystery. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired, and He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

BH10916: O Baqir! We have heard thy call and witnessed…

O Baqir! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We make mention of thee with that which shall endure throughout the dominion of the earthly realm and the Kingdom. We made mention of thee before, and at this time, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. We have sent down for whosoever hath desired the Face that which shall give him the glad-tidings of the

loving-kindness of his Lord, Who hath come from the horizon of might with a Cause before which nothing can stand. To this beareth witness He Who hath circled round the Throne in this praiseworthy station.

BH00070: Praise be to God, thanksgiving to His loved ones…

Section 1: "Praise be to God, thanksgiving to His loved…"

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

Praise be to God, thanksgiving to His loved ones, and glorification to His chosen ones who have not changed His bounty, who have arisen to serve Him, who have spent what they possessed in His path, who have hastened to that which they were commanded in His Book, and who have sought from the ocean of His generosity and the heaven of His bestowal the word of His good-pleasure. These are they whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from God, the Creator of heaven. They speak not until He hath spoken, and act only by His leave, and acknowledge naught save that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the Day of Judgment and Educator of the worlds! Thou seest Thy trusted servant clinging to the cord of Thy good-pleasure, observing the stations of Thy loved ones, and mentioning them in his correspondence that the Servant might remember them in the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Summit. O my Lord! Assist him and those who are united with him, then aid them and reinforce them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and with the standards of Thy grandeur and the evidences of Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art our God, our Goal, our Object of worship, and the Fulfiller of our needs and the needs of Thy servants and creation. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath established through proof the unity of Thy Being and the uniqueness of Thy attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and Thou art worthy to answer.

The letters of that beloved one arrived continuously until two weeks ago. Their arrival was like the breezes of spring, and responses were written like rain. Despite the multitude of occupations and extensive correspondence which they have witnessed, there was no delay whatsoever in responding to the letters of that beloved one. We beseech God to assist that beloved one in that which will cause the spread of God's signs and the sanctification and glorification of His Cause. Each time a letter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke words imbued with special favors and perfumed with the fragrances of the mercy of God, exalted be His glory. And on this blessed night, which is the sixteenth of the honored month of Shawwal, that beloved one's letter which had arrived several weeks ago was once again presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court and achieved the honor of being heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Amin, upon thee be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice! Thy letters which thou didst send to the servant in attendance were presented in the Most Holy Court. That which thou didst write mentioning the loved ones of that land was all heard. Praise be to God, they have been assisted in that for which they were brought from nothingness into being. All the peoples of the world, from kings to subjects, from learned to jurisprudents and others, have been and are seekers of truth. Yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the heaven of will, all were prevented and veiled. Glory be to God! Despite

their seeking they are deprived, and despite their longing they are barred. The people of Europe turn to churches, the Jews to temples, the Muslims to mosques, and likewise other religions to monasteries and the like—all seek the truth, yet Truth itself beareth witness to the heedlessness and remoteness of these souls. The hopes of limited days and their vanities have occupied them all and deprived them of everlasting bounties and eternal favors. To this the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness in its praiseworthy station.

O Amin! Exert thyself to the utmost to promote unity among the loved ones of God. Gird up the loins of endeavour for the manifestation of unity among the people of love, particularly those souls who are adorned with the ornament of distinction. Say: O friends! When any soul, for the sake of God, showeth humility and submissiveness towards any one of the loved ones to exalt the word of unity, that humility and submissiveness becometh a means of elevation and ascension. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the Kingdom of knowledge and utterance.

That which thou didst write concerning Ali Haydar, upon him be the Glory of God, hath been noted. Praise be to God, he hath been and still is successful in rendering service before the Presence. Give him the glad-tidings of My special favours. Convey to all the friends the greetings of the Wronged One. Thou didst make mention of those who are firm in their faith and who have turned towards God, who are adorned with the ornament of certitude and who are gazing towards the Most Exalted Horizon. This Wronged One hath likewise made mention of each one. God willing, may they attain unto that which will conduce to the reformation of the world and the guidance of all peoples. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

Praise and thanksgiving be unto God, for He hath ever remembered and continueth to remember His loved ones. By the effulgent lights of the countenance of our Desired One and our Beloved, were the fruits of God's remembrance—exalted be His glory—to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would become detached from the world and all that is therein, yearning for but one word to be revealed from the Supreme Pen. At present most matters are hidden, but ere long that shall be manifested of which most people are now heedless.

Mention hath been made of the spiritual friend Ali Haydar and likewise the honoured master Naib, upon them both be the Glory of God and His favours. In truth, they are firm in the Cause and steadfast in service. This evanescent servant hath borne and continueth to bear this testimony before the Divine Throne.

Concerning the two supporters, two benefactors, two servants and two beloved ones—namely the honored brothers Naddaf, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful—after presenting your letter in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these luminous words were revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance: "O Amin, upon thee be My glory! Reflect upon God's confirmations and assistance. Whoso is for God, God is for him. I swear by the Sun of Truth that they are more renowned and well-known among the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the heavens than among the people of earth. Divine blessing has been and continues to be with them. Consider the early days of the Most Great Prison—blessings, bounties and heavenly sustenance descended like rain, but when treachery appeared, it was cut off, such that commerce was suspended and most were scattered. The Hand of Divine Power exalted the Prison to

such a degree that it rivaled the highest Paradise and the supreme Heaven, yet the treachery of the treacherous ones closed the gates of goodly gifts.

O Amin, convey to these two souls the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One. Their mention is immortalized in the Books and Scriptures of God. What thou hast written concerning their mention, their enthusiasm and their detachment is the truth in which there is no doubt. We beseech God to preserve them and make them among those who have taken their station near the mercy of their Lord in all His worlds. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Their reward is with God. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to their acceptance, their love, their steadfastness and their service. This is a testimony that neither the riches of the world nor the treasures of nations can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

The lamp of utterance is illumined with the oil of wisdom and bestoweth light and radiance upon all the cities of justice and fairness. This lamp shall never be extinguished, nor shall contrary winds prevent its light. The Command is in His grasp, He doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for the mention made of the friends in Gokchay and Chakan, a Most Holy Tablet hath been revealed for them from the heaven of divine Will, and mention of that beloved one hath also been revealed therein. I beseech God to assist them to read and understand its meanings. Likewise, a letter was sent specifically for Isma'il Bey, upon him be the glory of God.

The Beloved One mentioned in one of His letters the meeting with the spiritual friend, Aqa ʿAli-Haydar, and Sayyah Effendi, noting that he desired to meet with both them and the Beloved One. He had also written inquiring what should be done in these matters and had sought guidance. After these passages were presented at the supreme horizon and the loftiest heights, the tongue of grandeur spoke these blessed words—His glory be exalted and His bounties be universal:

O Amin! Repeatedly hast thou seen the Wronged One, and in each instance when thou didst arrive in the prison-land, thou didst circle round for successive months and didst dwell beneath the canopies of grandeur. Face to face thou didst hear that which conduceth to the building of the world, the reformation of nations, the elevation of souls and the purification of hearts. The Supreme Pen, without veil or concealment, declareth: O My loved ones! O party of God! Know with clear certitude that this Most Great Revelation hath come to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity that lieth hidden in hearts and minds. The company of loved ones in all regions must strive that perchance through the waters of counsel and the rivers of exhortation they may purify the world, so that the kindled fire may be quenched and the horizons may be illumined with the light of unity. From any matter wherein can be detected even an atom's weight of mischief, conflict, contention, or the grief of any soul, the people of God must withdraw as they would from a deadly serpent.

This exalted Word proclaimeth in the scriptures, books and tablets with the most loud call, declaring in the most clear language: O peoples of the earth! The Glad-Tidings of God have come! This is the time of joy, happiness and delight, for strife, dispute and conflict have been forbidden in the divine tablets. This is the Day of reformation, not of corruption. The people of Baha, who have drunk of the choice-sealed wine

in the name of the Self-Subsisting, must aid the Cause through goodly admonition, pure deeds and praiseworthy character. Say: This is the host of God, did ye but know, and this is the command of God, did ye but understand. Say: Verily the commander of My armies is the fear of God, did ye but perceive. Victory and triumph in this Most Great Revelation have been ordained to these mentioned hosts. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that attain.

This matter hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the tablets to such an extent that one would be hard-pressed to enumerate them. This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error. However, in certain instances where the outright denial of a matter would openly cause the fire of hatred to blaze forth, one must resort to wisdom. In any case, this Most Great Revelation hath never been, nor ever shall be, party to corruption. To this do bear witness My tongue, My heart, My pen, My scriptures, My books and My tablets.

O Amin! Convey My greetings to ʿAli-Haydar, upon him be My glory. Say: Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained the bounties of the Dawning-Place of divine mercy. We make mention of all the loved ones in that land and bid them to unity and harmony. And I am, verily, the Commander, the Ruler, the Ancient of Days.

In the early years, certain followers of the Bayan engaged in acts at the beginning of the Cause which modesty prevents pen and tongue from mentioning. They appropriated people's property without permission and engaged in forbidden deeds. After Our and your Beloved turned towards Iraq, He would counsel and advise them night and day, both by pen and tongue, until some attained to what God desired. Now, looking back to those days, some still seek through former delusions that which has been and remains rejected by God. In these situations one must resort to wisdom, for if accepted it would be contrary to truth since corruption has been strictly forbidden in the Book, and if denied it would cause sedition. In truth one is perplexed. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches God to adorn souls with justice and fairness, that love of fleeting days may not prevent them from eternal, endless bounties. Verily our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven has power over all things.

As for the eloquent and exalted praise given of the divine loved ones in the land of Ta, after this matter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these supreme words were revealed from the Mother Book—blessed and exalted be His words:

> "O Amin! Blessed art thou for having mentioned My loved ones in Ta. Convey My glory unto them, remind them of My remembrances, and give them the glad tidings of My favors. Those souls who have turned from that land towards the Most Holy Court are at this moment mentioned in the presence. We have preferred some over others and ordained for them abundant good in the Book."

End quote. This evanescent one also extends greetings, praise and glory to all, and begs God, exalted be His glory, for assistance and confirmation for all. It is hoped they will be enkindled with the fire of love and will guide the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance.

Regarding your written request to sometimes attain the presence of that Beloved One, this supplication was accepted. Praise be to God, this servant was successful and his deed was adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

Section 2: "As for your mention of the honored master…"

As for your mention of the honored master, Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, after it was presented He smiled and said:

> "Excellent is what Amin has done in mentioning him. We have mentioned him before and sent him a Tablet testifying to My grace towards him and My favors unto him. Give him the glad tidings We have given thee. Say: Grieve not, for the fragrance of My favor has not ceased, nor has My pen's movement in thy mention. Verily thy Lord is with thee in all conditions."

End quote. Indeed they have attained to that which has no equal. Happy is he and blessed is he.

And mention was made of Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon them be the Glory of God, and likewise their being enkindled with divine love. Today, which is the 16th of the aforementioned month, this servant has specifically written a letter to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, in response to his letter, and mention is made therein of the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God. That letter contains the verses of God and mentions the forgiveness of certain souls by God, exalted be His glory.

They have made mention of the spiritual friend, Haji Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, who has requested to be remembered in the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, he has attained to divine mention and heavenly grace. Blessed be he!

Another letter from that honored one, dated the ninth and last day of Sha'ban, arrived like a sealed vessel. When we broke its seal, musk most fragrant diffused, for it was adorned with mention of the Beloved of all worlds. After its reading and review, one night it was presented at the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

> "O servant present before God! Praise be to God, the Trustee has succeeded in serving the Cause. We beseech God to assist him in uniting hearts and bringing souls into harmony. O Trustee! Regarding what you wrote about unity with Ali Haydar, We have written replies both before and after. God has ever loved unity and harmony. And concerning J and A and A and other friends of that land, as well as mention of their enthusiasm, humility, submissiveness, and arising to serve the Cause of God, exalted be His glory—all attained the honor of being heard, and each received their portion and complete share from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Give glad tidings to all. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of every world among His worlds. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

Regarding what you wrote about the friends of that land and the prisoners in various countries—those souls who, in the path of God, drank from the cup of tribulations and were afflicted with hardship and adversity, and who due to the oppression of the oppressors, namely the ignorant divines, left their

homeland and arrived in the Land of Ta, which had been the dawning-place of the manifestation of the Lord of Names and Attributes—all these matters and the names of those who emigrated in the path of God were presented before the throne of the World's Intended One. After hearing them, the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance surged in such wise that all the pens of the world are incapable of describing it. His mighty and glorious Words declare:

"O Trustee! Upon thee be My Glory! Blessed art thou for having mentioned My loved ones who emigrated from their homeland due to what the hands of the oppressors wrought—those who changed God's blessing into ingratitude, broke His Covenant, disputed His verses, and arose to extinguish His light. Say: Die in your wrath! Soon shall ye find yourselves in grievous torment while My loved ones dwell in the highest Paradise, and ye shall find no way unto God. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this impregnable fortress. We desired to mention each one of them as a token of Our grace, for We are the Expositor, the All-Knowing, and We are the Compassionate, the Generous.

> "O My Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ismail. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and for having attained to His verses and the fragrances of His days, and for having endured what befell thee at the hands of those who violated the Covenant and the pledges. Hear My call and rejoice in My remembrance. By God's life! The mention of all the world cannot equal it. Blessed are the people who understand. Sorrows have seized thee in My path; let joy and gladness seize thee through My remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Loving."

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My glory! We bear witness that thou hast heard from Mine enemies that which thou wouldst not wish to hear. Hearken at this moment unto that which God hath created all creation to hear. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! I testify that Thy remembrance is the cause of the joy of the world, whereunto honored servants bear witness. Let not the happenings of the world sadden thee. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. That which delighteth the eyes hath been revealed for thee and for My loved ones.

O Siyyid Muhammad! When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of Mine utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to hear Thy most sweet call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which he who announced to the servants Thy Manifestation and what would appear from Thy presence arose, to make me turn toward Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O Muhammad-Rida! When thou art illumined by the lights of thy Lord, the Most Merciful's utterance, and hearest the call of the Wronged One, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to know Thee, taught me, and guided me. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and to drink the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! O sight! The Lord of Destiny remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, remindeth thee of His verses, and giveth thee glad tidings of His grace. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having given me to drink the cup of Thy love and enabled me to acknowledge what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord!

Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, to ordain for me that which will preserve me from the arrows of the croakers' allusions and the swords of the doubts of the infidels. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad (Na'im)! When My utterance's choice wine taketh thee and thou findest the fragrant breezes of My revelation, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison while Thou wert in the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by the letters of Thy all-embracing Word, by Thy revealed verses, by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to make me firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world have not frightened and the power of nations hath not weakened. Thou takest and givest. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Qanbar-ʿAli! Blessed is the servant who hath borne hardships in My love and heard the derision of enemies in My path. He is among the most excellent of servants before his Lord, the Chosen One, and among the most exalted of creation before the Truth. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in its lofty station.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Blessed is the servant who hath journeyed in My path, chosen exile for My Name, and accepted tribulations for My love. He is of the people of My paradise. Upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness, My grace, and My mercy, which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! There hath come upon thee what hath come upon Us. By My life! Poison in My path is honey, and fire is light, and tribulation is mercy, and adversity is bounty, and hardship is a feast. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken unto thee in the prison of ʿAkka, that thou mayest hear and be of those who render thanks.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Hajji Siyyid Mirza. Say: Blessed art thou for having turned unto My horizon and hearkened unto My call. Well is it with thee for having honored the dwelling-place of those who were forced to abandon their homes through the actions of the oppressors. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath sheltered them, honored them, fed them and shown them kindness. Verily, We are with them, hearing and seeing. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist thee, to strengthen thee, and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

All praise be to God, all have been immersed in the waves of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. After the names were presented, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in such wise that every hearer was astounded and every speaker was rendered speechless. For each of the mentioned souls, a river flowed and mercy was bestowed. Likewise, regarding those souls who showed love and affection to the emigrants, that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine will for each one beareth witness to the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy. In truth, holy souls in their stations have hoped and yearned for this station. The command is in His grasp; He assisteth whom He willeth through His mercy, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. This lowly one also conveyeth greetings and praise to each one, and beseecheth assistance from God, exalted be His glory.

The petition of Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan (ʿA.T.), upon him be the Glory of God, was received and was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence on Tuesday night, the nineteenth of the honored month of Shawwal, two hours after nightfall, and was graced with the lights of acceptance. Blessed is he and well is it with him. A sublime, most exalted, most glorious, most wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings specifically for him and was sent. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist him to receive the blessed Tablet through His strength and His power, that he may drink from the cups of his Lord's utterance, the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily, our Lord and your Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning what was submitted about the ascension of the departed wife, upon her be the Glory of God and His mercy, and her will, He said: "Her sins are forgiven." As mention was made of her in the Most Holy Presence, the blessed word of pardon was revealed concerning her. Regarding her will, what was done in consideration of wisdom was adorned with the honor of acceptance, and the remainder should be given to the Trustee, who should give it to certain specified persons.

Concerning what was requested about the other wife, upon her be the Glory of God, after it was presented before Him, a most mighty and exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for her and was sent. His bounty hath encompassed, His mercy hath preceded, and His favor hath been complete, yet the people are in evident opposition. Soon shall the veils be rent asunder and the servants shall discover that of which they are heedless today, and shall turn unto that from which they now turn away. Verily, our Lord and your Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is.

And concerning what they wrote about the parents, after it was presented in the presence of Him in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of all things, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of will. He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

My God, my God! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee by the Hands of Thy Cause, the Daysprings of Thy power, and the Dawning-places of Thy grandeur and might, to ordain for me and for those related to me that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and guide us to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Cause. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I know not what harmeth or profiteth me. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will enable me to serve Thy Cause and through which Thy Most Exalted Word may be upraised among all people. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

The favor of God, glorified be His majesty, hath seized them, and that which hath been revealed shall neither change nor alter. Verily the grace is in His hands; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Chosen One.

As to their question concerning the departure of the spirit and its state in the other worlds, after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime words, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> “O thou who drinkest the wine of My love and soarest on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of My nearness! Various statements have repeatedly been revealed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings in the Tablets. The Prophets and Messengers have veiled the understanding of this station for the preservation of the world. In truth, were a soul to reflect upon that which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen regarding these stations, he would know with absolute certitude that no faculty hath been created in this world capable of comprehending and knowing its reality. However, this much may be mentioned: By the life of God! The lights and effulgences of those pure spirits who ascend detached from the world and purified from the doubts of the nations, are the cause and source of the manifestation of knowledge, wisdom, crafts, and the preservation of creation. Death shall not overtake them, and their consciousness, understanding, power and strength are beyond the reckoning of minds and comprehension. The lights of these spirits are the educators of the world and its peoples. Were this station to be fully unveiled, all souls would seek to ascend and the world would be thrown into a tumult.”

Section 3: “In these days, one of the friends…”

In these days, one of the friends from the land of Qaf and Vav asked about this matter, and an answer was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful. It is mentioned here exactly as it was revealed, that the loved ones may drink from the wine of divine utterance and attain unto the station of supreme steadfastness.

Regarding what was asked about whether the soul endures after the body’s extinction and, if it endures, what state it will have, He, blessed and exalted be He, says: As to what you asked about the spirit and its survival after its ascension, know that it will ascend at the time of its passing until it attains the presence of God in a form which neither the succession of centuries and ages, nor the changes and chances of the world can alter. It will endure as long as the Kingdom of God, His sovereignty, His dominion and power will endure. From it will be made manifest the signs of God and His attributes, and the loving-kindness of God and His bounties.

The pen is unable to move in mentioning this station and its loftiness and sublimity as it truly is. The hand of divine grace will lead it to a station that no expression can befittingly describe, nor any other earthly thing can indicate. Blessed is the spirit that hath emerged from the body purified from the doubts and superstitions of the nations. That spirit moveth in the atmosphere of God’s pleasure and entereth the Supreme Paradise. The denizens of the retreats of the Exalted Paradise circle around it, and it consorteth with the Prophets of God and His chosen ones, conversing with them of what it hath endured in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. If anyone were to be made aware of what hath been ordained for it in the worlds of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below, he would immediately yearn with a great longing for that most exalted, most sanctified and most resplendent station.

Hear in the Persian tongue, O ʿAbdu’l-Vahhab, upon thee be My glory! As to thy question about the survival of the spirit, this Wronged One beareth witness to its immortality. And as to thy question about its nature, verily it cannot be described, nor is it meet to mention it except to a predetermined degree. The Prophets and Messengers have come to guide creation to the straight path of Truth, and their

purpose hath been the education of souls so that at the time of ascension they may, with utmost sanctity, detachment and severance, set out for the Most Exalted Companion. By the life of God! The effulgences of these spirits are the cause of the development of the world and the stations of nations.

They are the essence of existence and the ultimate cause for the appearances and crafts of the world. Through them the clouds pour down rain and the earth bringeth forth. Nothing among all things existeth without cause, reason and origin, and the greatest cause hath been and shall ever be these sanctified spirits. The difference between this world and that world is like the difference between the embryonic world and this world. In brief, after ascension it attaineth the presence of God in a form worthy of immortality and suited to that world. This immortality is temporal immortality, not essential immortality, for it hath a cause, while essential immortality is without cause and belongeth exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. Well is it with them that comprehend!

If thou wouldst reflect upon the deeds of the Prophets, thou wouldst bear witness with absolute certitude that there are worlds besides this world. The philosophers of the earth, as revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablet of Wisdom, have mostly acknowledged what hath been revealed in the divine Books. However, the materialists who believe in nature have written concerning the Prophets that they were philosophers who, for the education of the people, made mention of Paradise, hell, reward and punishment. Now consider how all people, in whatever world they dwell, have regarded the Prophets as taking precedence over all others. Some consider these ethereal beings as wise philosophers while others regard them as being from God. Now if such souls had considered the divine worlds to be limited to this world, they would never have given themselves into the hands of enemies and endured sufferings and hardships that have no parallel. If a person contemplates with a pure heart and penetrating vision that which has shone forth from the Most Exalted Pen, they will speak with the tongue of their true nature saying "Now hath the truth become manifest."

As for your letter numbered 10 dated the twenty-eighth of Ramadan, it opened a new door and brought fresh tidings, including news of your health and well-being and your arising to serve the Divine Cause, as well as word of the well-being of those friends and loved ones who are adorned with the ornament of distinction. Glory be to God! This tongueless messenger has conveyed so many words. God willing, may it ever be in motion. Patience is beloved in every station except in this one, for a messenger coming from the loved ones of Truth must move with utmost haste and arrive in quick succession.

Concerning what you wrote about the Leaf, the handmaiden of God, upon her be the Glory of God, after it was presented at the Most Holy Court, this supreme Word shone forth from the horizon of divine utterance—exalted be His blessed and transcendent Word:

> "O Amin, upon thee be My glory. You and your kinfolk have been and are of the Truth. Convey greetings to each one on behalf of the Truth and give them the glad-tidings of His grace, mercy and bounty. And concerning the Leaf, what you mentioned has been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. We beseech God to aid them both in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and Earth, and the Lord of the Last and the First."

And likewise your other letter numbered 1 and dated the 6th of Shawwal was a book in praise and glorification of the Goal of all the worlds and His loved ones and chosen ones. A hundred thousand thanks to the Intended Lord that He granted you the grace of mention and this servant the grace of hearing. The Command is in His hand and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about sending the prayer of Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, so that it might be presented in His presence—at this moment this evanescent servant was present in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and, after permission was granted, presented it. When it was concluded, the gate of this utterance was opened with the key of grace—blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "Verily We have heard your call and have answered you time and again. Praise be to God, in every letter your mention has been made. The Sun of Grace has ever been shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of divine mercy. You have attained to that which the world has been awaiting. Grace is in His hand and bounty is in the grasp of His power. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

Praise be to God! The Sun of Divine Bounty has encompassed the world of being and His favors are like torrential rain descending at every moment upon His loved ones. Who is capable of rendering thanks unless His aid takes hold and His bounty accepts what has appeared? He is the All-Generous and He is the All-Powerful.

The petition of Aqa Mulla Muhammad (ʿA.T.), upon him be the Glory of God, after being submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, a special Sacred Tablet was revealed and sent to him. May he, God willing, drink from the Kawthar of utterance and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. Furthermore, the Tongue of Utterance spoke these exalted words concerning him—blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "Praise be to God that he has attained to recognition and acceptance. We beseech God to grant him steadfastness, for the liars of old have emerged from behind the veil and are diligently striving to organize a party like the party of before. O Trustee, beseech God not to deprive His servants of the luminary of justice and fairness. Verily, He is powerful over all things."

This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches God, exalted be His Glory, for that which causes steadfastness and arising to serve the Cause. Praise be to God that through divine grace, mercy and forgiveness he has attained and is mentioned by the Supreme Pen. Blessed be he.

Regarding the mention of Mulla Ghulam-Riday-i-Jasbi, upon him be God's eternal Glory, and the mention of his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love, after being submitted before the Divine Presence, these exalted words were revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him—blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O Ghulam-Rida! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causes the exaltation of His Word and the

steadfastness of His servants. Beseech God to protect His servants lest they become afflicted with the darkness of idle fancies and vain imaginings like the former party, and remain deprived of the lights of true unity. The people of the Bayan have newly intended to organize a Shi'ih party. May God protect Us and you from the evil of these people. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty."

This servant is astonished at how quickly they became veiled and heedless of what they have seen and continue to see. What profit did the former party gain, and what service did they render unto God on the Day of Reckoning, except to occupy themselves with cursing from pulpits and issuing verdicts for bloodshed? Now consider the lack of vision among the people. By the Sun of Truth, they are deprived of hearing, sight, and understanding. May God grant vision and bestow fairness.

And likewise regarding the mention of Mashhadi Nasru'llah, Mashhadi Husayn, Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq and his brother, upon them be the Glory of God, after this matter was submitted before the Divine Throne, these verses shone forth from the Dayspring of clear signs—blessed and exalted be His Word:

"O Nasru'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God! For God's sake I speak, and for His Face I declare: The luminary of fairness is veiled and the light of justice is not visible. Steadfastness is like the phoenix—mentioned but non-existent. Beseech God to make thee and His loved ones firm and steadfast in His Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Mashhadi Husayn! Upon thee be My Glory! This Wronged One remembers thee in prison, that perchance through the breaths of remembrance thou mayest hold fast unto the cord of the One remembered—a hold which the entire world would be powerless to sever. This is the station of man. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto the cord of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds."

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee at a time when it is imprisoned and wronged before the heedless ones. It counsels thee to steadfastness in His Cause. Whosoever hath drunk from the waters of steadfastness is numbered by the Most Exalted Pen among the dwellers of the Crimson Ark. Blessed art thou and blessed are they that are with thee and have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Today steadfastness is accounted as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is he that hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones. Jinab-i-Amin hath made mention of each one; therefore all have been blessed through the influence of the Most Exalted Pen. We have made mention of those whose names thou didst recount before the Wronged One, and We have sent down for them that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is he that hath turned towards Him, and woe unto them that have turned away.

This servant conveys greetings and glorification to each one, and gives them the glad-tidings of God's favors. This is the day of turning towards God, of attention and steadfastness. Blessed are those souls whom the whisperings of Satan have not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon nor deprived thereof. Glory and praise and honor be upon you and upon those who are with you and love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 19th of the honored month of Shawwal 1304

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Section 1: "He Who is our Purpose, our Beloved…"

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

He Who is our Purpose, our Beloved, and our Object of Worship beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is His Manifestation, His Self, His Visible Form, His Sovereignty, His Cause, and His Power. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Through Him the letter Kaf was joined to its pillar, the letter Nun. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of His utterance be upon His loved ones and companions who have not broken His covenant and testament, who were not hindered by the doubts of the skeptics nor the gestures of the heedless, and who were not frightened by the hosts of princes nor the clamor of those in the realm of creation. They turned with illumined hearts and radiant faces on a Day when all but those whom God, our Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, wished, turned away.

And further: O beloved of my heart, thy letters and writings have descended like copious rain. Praise be to God, thou art remembering with thy tongue, hearing with thine ear, witnessing with thine eye, turning with thy face, accepting with thy heart, taking with thy hand, and writing with thy pen. Glory be to Him Who hath strengthened you, guided you, caused you to know, established you, and granted you a great kingdom in His remembrance and the service of His Cause. Though outwardly there hath been separation due to God's consummate wisdom, the writing of letters hath joined that which no separation can part nor any change or transformation affect. Exalted be His glory, universal His bounty, great His grace, and mighty His bestowal! The replies to thy beloved letters were written in detail, but their dispatch was delayed this time, and this brief note is hastily submitted. For it is crystal clear that no glad tidings and no joy or delight can be greater than a message from the Most Holy Court. Its tidings revive the soul and its effect bestoweth life upon decayed bones. How then could there be delay, given your burning desire and this evanescent servant's sincerity?

The letter from the honored friend Abbas (upon him be the Glory of God), which the spiritual friend Ali Haydar (upon him be God's glory and favor) forwarded, was presented at the Most Holy Court. The answer to his question was revealed from the heaven of divine will, and as commanded, this servant wrote and sent it to Ali Haydar for delivery. This was truly a great bounty bestowed upon him, for questions had previously been forbidden, as revealed in response to a petition from one of the divines. His blessed and exalted Word states: "This is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: ʿHere am I, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven!"' Nevertheless, the answer to his question was graciously given and dispatched. Happy is he! We beseech God to assist him in that which befitteth His Cause and His days.

O beloved of my heart! According to the command, when you give an amount to any person, let them not think it is continuous, for if they understand this it will cause you difficulty. Often there is nothing available, as most times in this land expenses are met by borrowing from others. However, the teachers

must receive sufficient means that they need not be dependent and accept nothing from others except for the love of God, love of His Cause, and the exaltation of His Word. If such souls are found, the Cause will move faster than lightning and encompass all lands.

Regarding the specified amount, according to instructions it was bestowed upon some, including Mishkin-Qalam who, with his family, left Cyprus several months ago and came to the Most Holy Court, thus losing their government pension. Many travelers have also come this year. Five people, one of whom is Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Yazdi, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, were given fifty tumans. As no cash was available, according to instructions Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, obtained it from some sources to be repaid later.

Since your departure nearly a year ago, very little has been received. Though the Cause rests with God, exalted be His glory, this is meant to inform you. Regarding what you wrote about borrowing if necessary from his honor Afnan or Haji Shaykh Muhammad-ʿAli, upon them both be the Most Glorious Glory of God, nothing has been borrowed yet. Whatever was needed was obtained from outside sources and spent here and for the community, as you are aware.

When your latest letter arrived, permission was granted to receive that amount, perhaps to pay scattered debts. A small amount for the House has not yet been received but was deposited with his honor Afnan. These days there is intention to discuss the matter of the House. The pool is still not finished—had you been here, it would have been completed quickly. This servant, considering the blessed word revealed in the Book from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names which states "Enlarge thy skirts, O Jerusalem," has begun this work.

Another matter: ten tumans were previously given to the honored Hajiyyih, upon her be the glory of God, from the people of Kaf. The intention was not to receive it back, but the honored lady mentioned during her departure and return about returning this amount there. It became known they had borrowed this amount as a debt and intended to repay it. Thus it was arranged to be given there to the honored beloved Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be the glory of God and His favors. Later it was decreed that it should not be accepted. The honored Amin should, on behalf of the Truth, relinquish it to her and convey greetings and expressions of favor on behalf of the Wronged One. This has not been forgotten and remains mentioned. End.

And likewise they said to tell him that Mulla Ahmad and Khan did not come to the Most Holy Court, although you mentioned they had said "We will go there too." In any case, let it be known that truthfulness, justice and fairness are rare to find in the world, and if found are as scarce as the philosopher's stone. Mulla Ahmad's purpose is clear, but poor Khan is unaware and knows not the cause and reason thereof. May that leaf, upon her be Baha's blessings, beseech God's grace that He may rend asunder the veils of tyranny and oppression, and deprive not His servants of the effulgent rays of the Orb of justice and fairness. He is the Potent, the Powerful.

Regarding his honor the Bey, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, praise be to God, after his petition and that of the beloved one, it was once again crowned with acceptance, and a separate leaf concerning this matter is enclosed which will come to view. And that they wrote they are proceeding to

Hamadan is very good, for one of the companions in that land committed a deed that caused the tears of the sincere to flow and the sighs of those near to ascend. Therefore some hearts were saddened. O Amin! Such souls have ever been the cause of the Faith's abasement among the people. Beseech God to grant the doer the grace to return, that he may repent like unto Nasuh and take refuge with the Truth, exalted be His glory, from sins and transgressions.

And likewise this exalted word was uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur: O Amin, upon thee be My glory! If the people of the Furqan (Qur'an) had acted according to the Law of the Apostle of God, the lands of Islam, which they imagine to be the people of unity, would not have been encompassed by the people of misbelief. Each day they seize and take away a member and a portion thereof, and until now they have not understood what is the cause and reason. O Amin! Nevertheless We have concealed, for the Truth, exalted be His glory, is the Concealer and the All-Patient. All are commanded to gracious concealment and beautiful patience. Blessed are they that attain! The friends of that land too, if they conceal, will be accounted among those who conceal in the sight of God.

Similarly, in Kurdistan, according to what had been written, a person there committed such deeds as the Pen is ashamed to mention, but knowledge thereof rests with our Lord. If you were to journey there and convey greetings and salutations to the friends on behalf of the Truth, and show kindness and favor, it would be acceptable in the sight of God. Some barking dogs who consider the Truth heedless and themselves learned have passed through those regions and are striving to lead people astray. In any case, that beloved one, and every fair-minded person, and beyond them the Truth, exalted be His glory, bear witness that these barking ones neither were nor are aware of the foundation of the Cause.

Whatever they say, they have heard from the liars of the world—like the Shi'ih sect who heard certain fabrications from some ignorant ones, which caused them to inflict upon the souls of Truth, on the Day of Manifestation, that which made the Pen weep and the Tablet lament. It is hoped that hearts and minds will be refreshed by the sweet fragrances of that beloved one's utterance. In any case, let the friends of Ha and Mim, as well as Kurdistan, exert mighty efforts in this matter and give glad tidings to all, that they might attain, through the breathings of revelation, to that which shall never change. Certain matters occurred in that land which this servant heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. May the Truth, exalted be His glory, grant fairness to the barking ones and sustain His loved ones with the Kawthar of supreme steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Section 2: "Another matter concerns an engraver who spent some…"

Another matter concerns an engraver who spent some time in Hadba (Mosul), outwardly in agreement but inwardly a hypocrite. Glory be to God! Until now they have not realized what Day this is and what Manifestation! They drink from the spring of vain imaginings yet count themselves among the people of certitude. They walk in the wilderness of idle fancies yet consider themselves companions of assurance and tranquility. God forbid that anything like the former community, namely the Shi'ihs, should appear in the world. Reflect upon the deeds of those oppressive souls—what they claimed and what they did, how their words and deeds differed. At this moment I was summoned to the most exalted horizon, and after attending, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words, exalted be His utterance:

O servant in attendance! Write to his honor the physician, upon him be My greetings. For a long time the Supreme Pen has been speaking about the deeds of the former community. The wisdom in this is that later souls might become aware and informed, that perchance they might not be afflicted with former vain imaginings. The deniers of the Bayan are occupied with those same idle fancies. By God's life! Until they cross the gulf of vain imaginings, they will not enter the ocean of certitude, and until they pass beyond the path of names, they will not attain to the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the truth about which there is no doubt.

We beseech God to grant vision, for by the Finger of Power the veils have been rent asunder. We hope that the people of the Crimson Ark will not be afflicted with the suspicions and vain imaginings of the past, nor will they sully their hearts and minds with the foolish utterances of this one and that. The copy of the letter written to Husayn, known as Sukhte, was sent. Glory be to God, how he has progressed! He has become a wanderer and has learned from the white bankers. What that beloved one has seen is but a drop from his ocean of nonsense. It would be very good if he were to send such writings to all regions. Ask God to bestow a subtle light upon the vision of the people of the world. In any case, this servant has seen many things and has much in his possession, but I pray and seek assistance from all the friends that He may guide those veiled souls and remove from the world the foul odor of ignorance, unawareness, rancor and hatred. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

If you inquire about the news of this land, praise be to God, all are well. For some time, the two luminaries of the heaven of grace, namely His Honour Aqa Mirza Diya'u'llah and His Honour Aqa Mirza Badi'u'llah—may my spirit be a sacrifice for their coming—and the people of the pavilion of purity have gone to Beirut and will return in a few days. The pilgrims to the House of God this year have been many, praise be to God, and have attained their goal. I beseech the True One not to deprive anyone and to confirm and assist all in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One.

Mention was made of the friends of that land. After this matter was presented before the Lord, He said: Convey greetings to all from the Wronged One. We remember them as We have remembered them before, and We beseech God to protect them from the evil of every oppressor, to guard them with the hosts of the seen and unseen, to assist them to act according to what is in His Book, and to draw them near to Him in all conditions. Goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are God's ladder among His creation; through these every soul ascends to the ultimate goal and the highest summit. Blessed is he who attains unto them, and woe unto him who neglects them. They must associate with all people with the spirit of fellowship and with love and affection. Love is God's light among His creation; through it every light appears and the world is illumined by it. It is the cause of creation and its manifestation, as expressed in His exalted Word:

> "I was a hidden treasure and loved to be known, therefore I created creation that I might be known."

Hold fast, O friends of God, to love and fellowship, kindness and unity. Your station is above all stations and your conditions above all conditions, for you are the people of unity and the companions of detachment.

Ask God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth, to protect you from the arms of the ungodly and the swords of the atheists, and to assist you against His enemies through His bounty and generosity. Verily, He is the most powerful of the powerful and the most generous of the generous. Praise be to God, for He is the goal of the mystics and the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and earth.

This ephemeral one beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist His friends in preserving the pearls of His love and in that which will quiet the fire of hatred in the world of creation.

As for the matter of the House, some time ago His Honour Alif and Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wrote to this servant that the honored physician, upon him be God's peace and favor, has requested a power of attorney. This servant presented this before His presence and He said:

Half of the funds remain outstanding; therefore, We did not wish to issue a decree in this regard. Half of the funds have reached them; We await the remainder, after which whatever is commanded will be most acceptable. God is witness and testimony that We desire no harm to befall anyone, hence the matter remains postponed. We know not what the honored physician, upon him be peace, has done. In any case, We beseech God to soon arrange the means for these funds to be given.

In all conditions, this evanescent servant beseeches and hopes for the loftiness, exaltation, glory and elevation of that beloved one. Were it not for the unwise actions of the friends, I would have caused much trouble. Praise be to God, that beloved one is mentioned in most times. All the friends and pilgrims send their greetings and praise, and this servant conveys greetings and praise to each of the friends in that land. That land and those regions have ever been and remain in view. For each one I seek divine confirmation that they may be assisted in that which causes the elevation of the Cause and be strengthened in steadfastness, which is the mightiest foundation. Verily, He will aid them through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

At this moment, having intended to approach the Holy Shrine, He appeared before the Presence and the Lord spoke thus:

> "We send greetings from this Station to the physician, upon him be My glory, and to the leaf who is with him, and to his son who was mentioned before and after in the presence of the Wronged One, and to the unified ones and the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

This servant also conveys greetings to the honored leaf and to the son, upon them both be the glory of God, and beseeches God to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon your honor and upon those who have acknowledged and recognized the word that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00535: Praise, sanctified above mention and utterance, befitteth Him Who…

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

Praise, sanctified above mention and utterance, befitteth Him Who is the Desire of all worlds, Who with a single call summoned the denizens of earth to the most exalted horizon. Through that call the ocean spoke forth "Here am I, here am I," and the land proclaimed the blessed word "At Thy service." Every created thing is engaged in His remembrance and stands ready in service. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the call of all things, and the eye that hath been adorned by beholding His lights, and blessed is he who, being informed, was not deprived or held back by the world's rejection and denial, but rather turned toward Him in detachment from all else and attained unto the supreme honor, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. Prayers and peace be upon the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations, through Whom appeared the decree of return and the Book spoke forth "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing," and upon His family and companions, through whom were opened the gates of grace unto all creation and through whom was manifested God's binding Word—perpetual and eternal peace.

Glory be to Thee, O Illuminator of the horizons, by Thy Name that shineth from the heaven of Thy grace, and by the Fire kindled in the Tree of Thy Cause, and by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power and majesty, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty and is worthy of the heaven of Thy grace and bestowal. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to Thy cord and turning to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the realm of creation to protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament and who have encompassed Thy lands and Thy domains without any proof from Thee or any clear evidence from Thy presence. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy creation. Then enable them to remain steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

O beloved of my heart! All the exalted missives, whether addressed to the friends or to this evanescent one, all had their source and culmination in the Most Exalted Horizon, emerging from that Beloved One and reaching their intended destination. This is a testimony which every person of insight, experience, and sound knowledge would confirm. Mention of you and praise of you, since all was for the sake of God, returns to God and is accepted by Him. Every mention thereof attained to that which was intended and desired. Praise and thanksgiving be to God that these remembrances reached their station and the response emerged from the seat of grace and favors. Each one was favored in response with that which had and has no likeness or equal. They are forever mentioned by the tongue and specially favored with grace—praise be to His in all conditions.

From the opening of each letter, the musk of utterance was diffused and the fragrance of knowledge was spread abroad. After inhaling, reading, turning to, and becoming acquainted with them, they were brought to that station where they attained the honor of being heard in His presence, and then from the Dayspring of Knowledge appeared such utterances as testified of themselves to your ranks of sincerity, detachment, adherence and devotion, and likewise contained mention and praise of all the friends in that land. Each one was mentioned individually with such praise whose fragrance shall never end and shall not be erased from the Book, and whose light shall never set nor decline from the Most Exalted Horizon, now and forever. At the time of the manifestation of grace and bounty, such joy and delight seized this servant

that I am powerless and unable to describe it. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testifier to what has been submitted. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Commander, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! The fire of love has a wondrous burning that is not quenched by the water of mention and utterance. The more it is mentioned, the more the essence of being demands. In truth, this is the station of "Is there more?" At this time when the pen is moving and the face is turned and the heart is receptive, the presence of the beloved spirit of His Honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, came to mind. His mention gives strength to the spirit and his praise nourishes the soul, for it is a fragrance from the true rose garden and a flower from the spiritual paradise. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times for his exaltation, ascendancy, glory and elevation.

Praise be to God that they have attained to that which is acceptable and mentioned. Further, I submit expressions of devotion to the service of the beloved of the heart, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. God is witness and testifier that night and day they have been and are mentioned in heart and tongue. Their mention is a wondrous bounty and a spiritual feast. The servant beseeches his Lord to strengthen him, make him successful, and honor him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

At this time when the loved ones of God, each one prominent and renowned, have turned their complete attention to that spiritual beloved, his honor Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, their letters each bore mention adorned with the ornament of humility, submissiveness and sincerity, with each word opening a door of joy. The servant begs for him confirmation and success, and that which will preserve his remembrance throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. The Pen loves to mention the Pillars Ayn Ayn Ayn Ghayn in this station and beseeches God for their glory, advancement and elevation. In truth, the fragrance of unity was diffused in one station, as the Pillars were adorned and distinguished with three Ayns.

If all the pens of interpretation were to engage day and night in explaining this letter, they would surely fall short, for He says "The believer cannot be described." Likewise His Holiness the letter Ghayn, upon him be the glory of God and His care, which has been and is comprehensive of perfect and complete numbers. Glory be to God! The grace of God, exalted be His majesty, has encompassed His loved ones and friends in all things. I beseech Him, exalted be His station, for their protection, loftiness and ascendancy. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

The offerings of that beloved one, which in truth were each like a cutting sword for the day of mourning, like a rain-bearing cloud for the day of thirst, and like a brilliant light for the day of eclipse and night of darkness, arrived and at that very moment were graced with the gaze, and this is a true testimony to the sincerity, sanctity and purity of that beloved's deeds. God suffices as witness. Glory be to God, its radiance almost veiled the light of the sun despite its brilliance and splendor. Since the manifestations of these matters and the appearance of these causes are in truth from the effulgences of the Luminary of the love of God, therefore whatever is mentioned or flows from the tongue has been and is befitting.

The Water of Life flows from the spring of love and the comfort of the world exists through its comfort. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it and understood its mysteries. Verily they are among the successful ones in God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. In truth, the pen and tongue of this servant have not and will not be able to adequately praise and extol that which has appeared from that beloved one. However, I beseech God, exalted be His majesty, for confirmation and seek success, that He may reveal that which cannot be concealed and which no veil can obscure. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer.

At this time mention was made of the sugar that was sent, although it has not yet arrived. Nevertheless, God is witness and testimony that the palate of the soul has been sweetened by it. All these are manifestations of love which appear and are revealed in the world of being. That very mention which flowed from the tongue of that Beloved concerning its dispatch cannot be equaled by anything hidden and treasured in the earth in the estimation of the friends and chosen ones. In truth, love is a sovereign that is mighty and a ruler that prevails. The world of motion and stillness is within the grasp of its power. Although love is the dawning-place of joy and delight, there are times when it becomes the manifestation of endless grief and sorrow, and such a time is these days, for one of the Most Exalted Names, the Beloved of the heart, ʿA.L.—upon him be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing—according to the command intends to proceed in that direction, and from this separation the very essence of being is consumed. How well did the one speak who said:

"Love has departed from this city toward another city,

From whose rising and setting two cities were turned upside down"

In any case, I have been and am beseeching from the Self-Sufficient Lord reunion, meeting, nearness and gathering. With the generous ones no affair is difficult. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us beneath the shade of the Tree of His providence and the pavilions of His grandeur, and to ordain for us that which profits us in every world of His worlds, and to open before our faces the gates of His mercy, and to send down upon us from the heaven of His bestowal a blessing from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous. Peace and praise and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glory be to God! Before its arrival it possessed all those perfect mentions and was considered a wondrous and exalted blessing. Now that it has itself arrived and made the world a sugar-garden, I know not what mention to make or what to say. In any case, its sweetness surpasses all the sweetnesses of the world and its delicacy excels all the delicacies of the nations. Praise be to God! Its absence was the cause of its presence, and now its presence is the cause of eternal mention. I beseech and entreat God, exalted be His glory, to adorn this existence with such an ornament that no likeness or similitude may be seen for it. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

Praised be God! Praised be God! God's will prevails, His purpose penetrates. We are all as nothing; all that exists is Him. The reins of awareness are in His hand, and the cord of knowledge is in the grasp of His

power. What are we? Who are we? We are but manifestations of ignorance and embodiments of forgetfulness. For when the beloved of my soul, his honor the one named M.H., upon him be God's peace and favor, was hidden from this servant's sight at the time of writing, after reflection and investigation into its cause and reason, I pondered what could be the cause and reason. Suddenly it became apparent that it was intended that a separate, special mention should again be made of him, and that he should repeatedly be brought before my presence.

In any case, after alertness and remembrance, he appeared before me and revealed that which all the treasures and riches of the world could not equal even one letter thereof. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! In truth, he was and is worthy of special favor, and this servant, with the tongue of the inner secret and the secret of secrets, and the manifest and the most manifest, conveys greetings and praise to him, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for His ancient and renewed grace. Verily, He has power over all things. The light of the new lamp has shown forth with new oil at this moment. Although mention of it existed in the world of remembrance, at this time its mention arose from the thoughts like a banner—"Here am I!

Where is my portion? What is my share?" After all, my messenger and presenter and lighter is kindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. Indeed, right is with him, therefore I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that his mention and his light may ever remain luminous through the oil of wisdom and the utterance of God—exalted be His station—and continue to shine and gleam in the niche of the world with a manifest light. Verily our Lord is the One who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

BH01688: Praise befits the One sought by all, Who has…

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

Praise befits the One sought by all, Who has ordained the good news of the health of friends to be among the finest blessings of the world, and Who has renewed and continues to renew the world through pure and goodly tidings that are the cause of joy and delight. Praise be unto Him, again praise be unto Him. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and chosen ones, and upon Him with whom prophethood began and ended, and upon His family and companions, an everlasting peace forever.

And now, the letter of that spiritual friend has made old things new and withered things fresh. It was like an agile sweeper, for it swept away the straw and stubble of care and grief and spread the carpets of joy and delight. In truth it was not a sweeper but a spiritual messenger, for the fragrance of love was inhaled from it. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid that honored friend and make him the recipient of special favors, together with health and wellbeing and blessing and wealth and ability. After reading and becoming informed of its contents, I turned in supplication and presented it before His presence. He said:

> "O Ali, upon thee be My peace and My glory. Thy letter arrived and the servant in attendance mentioned what thou didst mention. It was right and correct. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee and to set right all thine affairs. Be thou not sorrowful in any way. Verily He is the One Who sets right the affairs of His servants. Verily He hath power over all things."

As to what thou didst write regarding the property at the door of the house which is with the peasants, that whatever they have should be taken, whether livestock or other things that may exist—after this matter was presented He said:

> "O Ali, fix thy gaze upon the horizon of justice and fairness. Action must not depart from mercy and loving-kindness. Therefore if means exist there is no objection to taking payment, but in their absence thou must be patient. In all cases consideration for the poor is necessary before the Wronged One. Take what they are able to give and obtain promissory notes for the remainder. O Ali, mercy hath preceded and the form of compassion standeth present before His face. God is witness that were it not for this gathering, We would not take a penny. Take what is reasonable in this Cause of Mine. This is what We have counseled Our loved ones and friends before and after. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good."

"As to thine own debts, act as thou wishest, for thou art in debt and no blame resteth upon thee. Grieve not over this debt. For years this Wronged One was in debt and no one knew of it. Days and nights passed in prison with no sustenance at hand. Through patience and forbearance and resignation and trust the days came to an end. According to the servant present, the essence of food attributed to God was present, for in the noble tradition it is said: 'Hunger is God's food, by which He giveth life to the bodies of the truthful."'

> "As to what was written about barley, it is not necessary since good barley can be obtained here. But as for wheat, it would be good if whatever amount possible could be obtained from there or elsewhere and sent. This too only if possible, otherwise no."

O my God, my Lord and my Master! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book and by the Preserved Tablet and by the hearts of Thy Prophets which Thou hast made repositories of Thy utterance and treasuries of Thy remembrance, to aid him who hath turned to Thee and dwelt in Thy vicinity for successive years. O Lord! Take his hand with the hand of Thy loving-kindness, then send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant 6 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1304

BH03592: I testify, O my God, my Lord and my…

He is God, exalted be His glory! Grace and favors.

I testify, O my God, my Lord and my Support, to the sanctification of Thy Being from all likeness and the exaltation of Thy Essence above all comparison, and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond the comprehension of Thy servants and exalted above their descriptions and remembrances. Thou shalt ever be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Lord of all contingent things, by the treasuries of Thy knowledge, the dawning-places of Thy inspiration, the repositories of Thy revelation and the manifestations of Thy

signs, to ordain for Thy servants that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Then enable them to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art He through Whose loving-kindness all existence hath testified, and to Whose grace all in the seen and unseen realms have confessed. I beseech Thee not to disappoint us of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, nor to withhold us from the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thou seest and knowest, O my God, him who hath turned to Thee and held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom to assist him in all conditions to remember Thee, praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Supporter.

The letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Abbas-Quli, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], containing nineteen French liras by draft of the beloved of hearts Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His grace, and through the honored Mr. AF ʿL, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, reached the servant in the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram in the year 1304.

BH01045: Praise be sanctified above tablet and ink unto…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be sanctified above tablet and ink unto the Educator of countless worlds, Who is worthy and deserving, Who created creation and manifested all necessary means through His mighty strength and perfect power. He bestowed sight that His signs might be beheld, hearing that His utterance might be heard, tongue that it might move in His praise, heart that it might be illumined with the lights of His knowledge, hands that they might grasp His Book, and feet that they might stand firm in His Cause. His is the grace and the bestowal, His the greatness and the praise, His the favor and the glory.

Glorified art Thou, O my Creator and Illuminator of my heart and Strengthener of my limbs! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the pearls concealed therein, and by the splendors of the Sun of Thy grace and whatsoever wisdom Thou hast ordained therein, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest Nabil-i-Nabil clinging to Thy cord and holding fast to Thy robe and standing in service to Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Muhammad, Thy Beloved and Thy Chosen One, and by the ocean of His knowledge and the light of His countenance and the heaven of His wisdom and the sun of His grace, to make him assisted in that which will draw him near unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest him speaking Thy praise; enable him to achieve that which will elevate the station of man in the contingent world. O Lord! Thou seest him in all conditions mindful of Thy verses, gladdened by Thy favors, and steadfast in Thy love amongst Thy servants. Strengthen him through Thy sovereignty, then ordain for him what befitteth Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And now, O beloved of my heart! Praise be to God, thou art ever remembered. From God—exalted be His glory—I have sought, and do ever seek, for that well-beloved one, honour and exaltation, loftiness and sublimity. Continually do the breaths of utterance of the beloved of hearts, His Holiness S-M—upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of all creation—reach us. In truth, with consummate mercy and compassion doth he deal with the servants of God, of whatsoever kind. This servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm his presence, to strengthen him through His bounty and generosity, and to grant him success by His loving-kindness. Verily He hath power over all things.

The friends—namely, the delight of the eyes, Jinab-i-Ibn and Ibn-Akh—upon them be the peace of God and His loving-kindness—I convey unto them greeting; and likewise, should another friend be found, I remember him also, and implore, on his behalf, aid from God—exalted be His glory.

To the honoured friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli (S)—upon him be the peace of God and His mercy—I offer greeting. This servant entreateth the Lord of the seen and the unseen to confirm him in that which shall render him honoured among His servants, noble amidst His creatures, and remembered by the tongue of His creation. He, verily, is powerful to do whatsoever He willeth; by His word "Be," and it is.

Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Husayn and Aqa Ahmad—upon them be the peace of God—have been, and are, remembered. The days of their sojourn and their presence, and, in very truth, their humility, have not passed from sight, nor shall they ever pass.

Furthermore: the limpid verses of that spiritual friend, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi—upon him be the glory of God—were received, and were read, at a time when the Beloved stood before the countenance of the Desire of the worlds, even while those within the pavilion of loftiness were present. Happy is he—blessed is he—for the warbling of the dove of his remembrance upon the bough of the Lote-Tree of his recognition. We beseech God to confirm him in that which He loveth and approveth. Verily He is potent to do whatsoever He willeth. We have remembered him aforetime, and We remember him now, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. End.

Thy own verses likewise were read repeatedly. In truth, the leaf was adorned with remembrance, praise, supplication, and steadfast adherence unto God—exalted be His glory. He said: Blessed be his tongue, for that which hath flowed from it hath borne witness unto that which behoveth; and blessed be his heart, for that it hath turned; and blessed be his ear, for that it hath heard. We beseech God to sustain him, confirm him, and grant him success, as a bounty from His presence and a grace from His threshold. Verily He is the Most Bountiful, the All-Generous. End.

If you write anything to the spiritual beloved, His Honour Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him be God's peace, convey on behalf of this servant greetings, praise, remembrance and glory. Praise be to God, they are blessed with the heavenly feast and eternal bounty which is the recognition of the Truth, exalted be His glory. May it be pleasing and wholesome unto him.

Another matter concerns the return of the beloved of the heart, His Honour Amin, upon him be God's peace and favors. Until now, which is nearly a year, nothing substantial has arrived. That beloved one is aware that in these days they wrote to this servant that if you wish to receive two hundred Ottoman liras from the beloved His Honour Shaykh, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, the funds are available here. They

wished to send it to His Honour, the beloved of the heart, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of Baha'u'llah, and they also sent some to purchase and send silk from Rasht. Then they suspended it, writing that they feared it might result in loss like the shawl of the previous year. In any case, if possible, they should send it. That beloved one is aware of the affairs here and the expenses of this land.

Likewise, thirty Ottoman liras have been sent as a personal trust by His Honour Afnan, Jinab-i-Alif va Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of Baha'u'llah. They have written for that beloved one to send this as well. Surely that beloved one will act as befitting, but must act according to what is possible. This matter was mentioned as it was necessary, otherwise it was not and is not worthy of mention. Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to what they are commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 2nd of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram 1304

BH03485: Your letter was received and read. Praise be…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

Your letter was received and read. Praise be to God, it indicated your well-being and good health. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds, Whose mercy and bounty have preceded and made these servants hopeful. Both the disobedient and obedient partake at His table of generosity. His ocean of grace has no shore and His sun of bounty knows no bounds—it shines upon both garden and wasteland. What tongue is capable of giving thanks for these bounties and what heart is worthy to comprehend these stations? From Him do we seek assistance and from Him do we beseech help. In truth, if His grace were to pause, we would all perish. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist you to remember and praise Him and to act in accordance with that which leads to eternal salvation.

Praise be to God that we met and renewed our bond of friendship. God willing, may you be enabled to do that which befits servitude before God, the True One. However, this servant did not think that you would remain in Beirut until now, since according to instructions you should proceed to Iraq via Aleppo and from Iraq to Iran. I beseech God to assist you to act according to what has been ordained.

God willing, with the utmost joy and fragrance proceed from Iraq toward Iran. As was told to you, we shall write your recommendation to Iran. Be assured. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has encompassed and continues to encompass all. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist and enable you to do what is right. Verily He is the Most Wise of judges and the Most Merciful of the merciful. There is no God but He, the King, the True One, the Manifest Justice. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

BH00444: This is the Tablet of God, the All-Protecting…

Section 1: "This is the Tablet of God, the All-Protecting…"

This is the Tablet of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, to the loved ones of God in Khalajabad.

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

We have desired to make mention of My friends out of My grace, for verily I am the Ancient Bestower, that the call may attract them to the Supreme Horizon and draw them nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save God and His signs. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Lord of Eternity was in His Most Great Prison.

O Baqir! We have sent down verses unto thee and revealed that which testifieth to My loving-kindness, My grace, My bounty, My generosity and My mercy, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Give thou the glad-tidings of My remembrance unto My servants and of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. We have made mention of them before and adorned them with the tokens of My Most Exalted Pen, for I am the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ʿAli-Akbar! We have seen thy remembrance and have remembered thee, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Clear Book, every letter of which beareth witness to the unity of God and His singleness, and to that which hath been sent down in His precious and wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, for having guided me unto Thy straight path and caused me to turn toward Thy horizon while the people were in manifest denial. Beware lest the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment keep thee back. Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people of the verses of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thus have the waves of the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful been wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and turned towards Him, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

O ʿAli-Asghar! When thou art illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of utterance and hast quaffed the choice wine of life from the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, beneath Thy shadow is my purpose, in Thy presence is my aim, before Thee is my desire, meeting Thee is the utmost object of my hope, and attaining Thy presence is my wish. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy grace and mercy, O Thou Most Merciful of the merciful!

O namesake of the Desired One! When the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree hath enkindled thee on the Mount of Utterance and the attraction of thy Lord’s call hath seized thee, say: My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, and the fire of Thy love hath enkindled me, and Thy separation hath taken patience from my grasp. Have mercy upon me, O my Creator and my Desired One! Ordain for me to attain unto Thy presence and to stand before the door of Thy grandeur, or decree for me the reward of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O ʿAli-Akbar! When thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of immortality which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and guided me unto Thy path and sent down unto me Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of the morn of Thy Manifestation and the signs of Thy unity and the banners of Thy power to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Lutf-ʿAli and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and inform him of that which hath appeared and shone forth in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily thy mention is a lamp of prosperity for the people of the world and a sign of eternity amidst the nations. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O Siyyid Muhammad! When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of My utterance and art seized by the fragrances of My verses, say:

My God, my God! Blessed is the pathway that leadeth unto Thee and the evidence sent down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness. Blessed is the earth honored by Thy footsteps, the place that hath been granted Thy presence, and the servant who hath heard Thy call and turned with his heart toward Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the treasures of knowledge and arts were revealed and the river of utterance flowed throughout creation, to ordain for me that which shall make me content with Thy good-pleasure and acknowledging of what hath proceeded from Thy Most Exalted Pen. May I never say concerning any of Thy commandments, “why” or “wherefore.” O Lord! I wish to be submissive, humble and content before the manifestations of Thy power and decree. Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O Siyyid ʿAli! Thy name hath been honored by the glance of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, and He hath revealed for thee that which fire cannot consume, nor dust devour, nor air alter, nor the passage of ages and centuries change. It shall endure as long as My kingdom and My remembrance among My servants endure. Preserve this station through My Name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! When thou hearest the nightingales of My utterance singing upon the highest branches and the dove of My knowledge cooing from the most exalted station, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and King of the Kingdom of eternity! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause, the rustling of the Tree of Thy Manifestation, the flowing of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and the rushing of the winds in the garden of Thy bounty, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have offered up their breasts in Thy path, their eyes for Thy love, their spirits for the exaltation of Thy Most Exalted Word, and their bodies for the manifestation of Thy Cause, O Lord of all beings and Master of the throne above and the earth below! Thou art the Omnipotent through Thy will and the All-Compelling through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

O Pen! Make mention of Hasan who hath heard and turned, and desired to drink the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and to arise to serve His Cause and His loved ones through whom the signs of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, have been spread abroad.

O Husayn! The Ancient Beauty turneth unto thee from the Most Great Prison and counseleth thee and His loved ones to justice and fairness, and to trustworthiness whereby the light of glory and detachment hath shone forth throughout creation. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord. He hath assisted thee and honored thee with the traces of His Most Exalted Pen. He is, verily, the Almighty in both the beginning and the return.

O Habibu'llah! The Beloved hath come, yet the servants turned away and the people of the lands opposed Him. The matter grew so severe that the verse of emigration was sent down from the heaven of divine Will. When He departed, the House wept at His separation while the smile of Yathrib appeared at His meeting. O people of God! Behold then remember what befell God's Messengers and His chosen ones, and what was said concerning Him Who sent them, and what was visited upon Him by a wicked and most lost people.

Section 2: "O Muhammad Ja'far! The Wronged One mentioneth thee…"

O Muhammad Ja'far! The Wronged One mentioneth thee for the sake of God that thou mayest find the fragrance of utterance and remain steadfast in a Cause at which every deceiver hath lamented, every heedless one hath been disturbed, the foot of every ignorant one hath slipped, and the fire of hatred hath been kindled in the heart of every remote scholar and every stubborn oppressor. We beseech God to assist thee and My loved ones to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause.

O Muhammad-Kazim! Is He Who is remembered in prison or under the will of every oppressor who turned away and denied? Is the Beloved among His loved ones or between the fangs of wolves? The embodiment of tyranny has mounted the throne of oppression and has committed that which caused the countenances of the Most Exalted Paradise to strike their faces in grief. Thus has the matter been decreed in this manifest Prison. Yet his oppression hath not prevented Us from manifesting justice, nor his denial from exalting the Word, nor his misbelief from proclaiming the unity of God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Neither his might nor his power have deterred Us, nor have his hosts frightened Us. To this beareth witness whosoever hath attained Our presence and every truthful and trustworthy one.

O Ali-Murad! The Beloved of the world lamenteth for Himself and saith: The peoples enter temples, churches, mosques and cloisters in My name, yet they are heedless of My Self, turn away from My presence, and do that which causeth My breast to be straitened and My heart, My Pen, the dwellers of the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My grandeur to lament. Thus hath heedlessness encompassed them from all sides. We beseech God to unveil for them a token of His grace and guide them to the straight path.

O Muhammad-Hashim! The call is most loud, yet the channels of hearing are in manifest constraint. Beseech ye God not to deprive His servants. Praise be to God, souls who have accepted the Faith have each been blessed with the lights of the Luminary of utterance and have drunk from the hand of bounty the water of everlasting life. O people of God! Ye are the fruits of the Tree of Knowledge. Let not this exalted station slip from your grasp. Hold fast unto that which is befitting and worthy.

O Muhammad-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth all to that which is the cause and source of God's good-pleasure, exalted be His glory. Great is the Cause. The people of God must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and beseech Him to protect them from the doubts of the barking ones and the insinuations of the transgressors. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil of those who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have disputed His verses and denied His proof and His evidence. Verily, He is the

Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! When thou hearest the call of God, the Lord of Lords, and drinkest the choice wine of utterance at journey's end, turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and say:

My God, my God! I have cast away all else but Thee, holding fast the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy verses, the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the Word whereby they who have professed Thy unity have soared to the atmosphere of Thy nearness and good-pleasure, and the sincere ones to the precincts of Thy might and grandeur, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are drawn to Thee, who have been so inebriated by the wine of Thy sweet utterance that they have forgotten all else but Thee, turning their faces to the light of Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy Cause, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. Send down upon me a mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of generosity hath surged in the world. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Ghulam-Husayn! The Wronged One calleth aloud from the horizon of the prison, guiding all mankind. Glory be to God! The lights of His Revelation have encompassed the world, and the Cause of God hath appeared manifest as the sun. Yet the peoples of the world remain occupied with their own concerns, deprived and forbidden from the rain of divine mercy and the spring showers of heavenly grace. The conjectures of His servants have prevented them from that which is hidden, and their vain imaginings have debarred them from the Self-Subsisting Lord. Blessed is he whom the people's turning away hath not hindered, and mighty is he whom the oppression of the servants hath not weakened. If anyone today should deny this Most Great Cause, what other cause could he succeed in proving? Nay, by God! He who turneth away from this manifest and evident Cause hath ever been turned away from the Truth. To this beareth witness My Pen, through whose scratching all things were attracted and moved to utterance: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty.

O Ahmad! The One True God hath come with the standards of His verses and appeared with the banners of His clear signs. Yet the various peoples remain deprived and forbidden from Him. Each faction holdeth fast to a cord and cleaveth to a vain imagination. The colors of the world and the ornaments of the peoples are a barrier that interveneth. Blessed is the one possessed of power who, with the arm of certitude, hath rent asunder the veils and removed the barrier. Throughout the nights and days, the Tongue of Grandeur hath mentioned and continueth to mention the peoples with loving counsels and goodly exhortations, reminding them thereof. We beseech God to aid all and guide them to the Dayspring of lights. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My handmaidens who have heard the call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and who have believed in Him Who hath come from the horizon of might with the standards of verses. We beseech God to aid them, make them successful, and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords. O My handmaidens and My leaves! Give praise to the Goal of the world in that ye have, in the Most Great Prison, attained unto the word "O My handmaiden!"

The ears of God's loved ones have ever awaited this blessed word, and most have lamented in their longing to hear the word "O My servant!"

The reins of grace have ever been and still are in the mighty grasp of God. He doeth what He willeth and is not asked of what He doeth. He is indeed the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. Blessed are ye, for ye have recognized the days of God's Manifestation and attained unto the knowledge of the True Goal. Well is it with you and joy be unto you. Beseech ye God that He suffer not His handmaidens to be afflicted with vain imaginings as were the handmaidens of the Shi'ih sect. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH01261: Praise be to that Desired One Who is worthy…

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

Praise be to that Desired One Who is worthy and befitting of all praise, Whose love is the cause of unity among all the peoples of the world, and servitude unto Whom is the cause of salvation. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Verily praise cannot reach the court of His might, and mention cannot attain the threshold of His sanctity. Whatever is composed of letters and expressed in words is created—how can it be worthy of the most holy and exalted Court of the Desired One, Who hath created the world with a single word? In any case, since He hath commanded us to praise Him, we praise Him, and since He hath enjoined love, we attribute ourselves to Him in all conditions and seek from the ocean of His grace that which pleaseth Him.

Glory be unto Thee, O our God! Aid us to remember Thee and praise Thee, and to accomplish that which will improve the affairs of Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Thereafter, thy letter arrived and was received. After it was read and understood, it was presented at the Holy Threshold, and He said:

O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, accepted countless afflictions for the unity of God's servants. How many nights in the prison of Tihran did He endure the cruelty of enemies. If ye were to count the tribulations of the Wronged One, ye could not reckon them. Repeatedly were We imprisoned and banished, and from land to land were We carried, until finally the prison of ʿAkka was designated as Our abode. These fleeting days of the world have never been, nor are they now, worthy of any attention. Man must strive to prepare for God's infinite worlds and arise with complete determination to accomplish that which is pleasing to the Friend. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Praise be to God! His honour hath been confirmed, and what he wrote is true and hath been graciously accepted. As to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rahim—upon him be the glory of God—leave of favour was accorded; yet his coming dependeth upon his own inclination. And as to the sojourn of thyself in that land, permission, as an act of grace, hath been granted for a time; nevertheless thou must keep thine eye fixed upon wisdom. Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali—upon him be the glory of God—likewise hath leave to

set out, that is, to turn his face thither. In sum: whatsoever thou didst write, after being laid before the Presence, hath received leave of favour—concerning thy remaining, and the turning of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali, and likewise the coming of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rahim—upon them both be the peace of God.

This servant seeketh from God that He may assist His loved ones in that which will cause the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. I convey greetings, praise, love and affection to Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, and I say that deeds performed for God's sake will not remain nor ever shall remain concealed. A pure deed is like the spring rain—its effects are manifest and evident. I beseech God to assist him in that which will transform the sorrows of that land into joy and delight, that the seeds of love, affection, unity and concord may sprout forth.

Praise be to God, he hath intended to make the journey, and this intention hath been accepted. After it was presented before Him, He said:

> "God willing, may he be assisted in that which is the cause and means of eternal salvation. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto that which most people are observed to be deprived of. Now he must strive, perchance he may become the cause of awakening those who sleep and the salvation of the heedless."

We beseech God to assist him to turn toward the Wronged One, that he may hear and see. Verily He is the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This Wronged One hath ever desired the good of God's servants and commanded love, affection, kindness, unity and concord, and such deeds and character as would cause the manifestation of human perfections. God sufficeth as a witness.

God willing, may all be assisted and enabled to act according to that which hath been mentioned. This servant mentioneth in His presence that which would cause the light of unity to be acquired. Indeed, it hath been long since we have seen him. It would be most excellent if he would come, both to be freed from sorrows for a while and to attain the most great bounty. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist us in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

You wrote nothing about your spiritual friend, that spiritual youth, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors. Wherever he may be, God's favor hath been and is with him. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon him and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01385: Praise be unto Him Who is the Purpose…

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

Praise be unto Him Who is the Purpose of the world, Who befits all glory, Who created the world through love, ignited it with love, guided it with love, and caused it to attain its goal. Exalted be His favors and magnificent be His grace!

To continue: The letter from that light of mine eyes arrived. Praise be to God, the news of health and well-being and the arrival of each was the source of joy and delight. Likewise, after your petition was presented before Him, He spoke thus:

> "Verily, the Wronged One implores God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Master of the hereafter and this world, to assist you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, to confirm you in that which will exalt the station of man, and to aid you in achieving that which He loves and is pleased with."

Perchance the friends of God may become the cause of humanity's salvation and the means of extinguishing the fire of hatred that has ever been and continues to be ablaze in the hearts of the world's peoples.

We beseech God to confirm you. We make mention of Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon whom rest God's peace and grace. God is aware and bears witness that this Wronged One has ever desired for him that which has no equal, and none of what was said concerning him was confirmed. We mentioned to ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon whom be peace: let them not be saddened, for none of what people have said has been accepted. From the earliest days until now, both S.M. and Nabil-ibn-Nabil have arisen to serve, having surpassed their peers and companions. They have ever been and continue to be confirmed. What We desired was that all tongues should speak in praise and glorification of their trustworthiness and piety. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor.

If one or two souls should speak ill out of personal motives, it is unworthy of mention. Truth has been and will be distinguished from falsehood. Say: God, then leave them to their vain imaginings. We beseech God to grant such confirmation that its effects shall become manifest throughout all regions. No slanderer's word is acceptable, and no mischief-maker's mention is worthy of attention. If certain matters appear dubious to some, they are clear and evident before God. They must arise to serve humanity with perfect wisdom and engage in their work with the utmost joy and fragrance, in such wise that they neither become distressed by the vexing words of the world's heedless ones nor be hindered from their own affairs. They have taken hold of the Cause and are occupied with it. Deeds must be for God's sake. Not an atom's weight of good works has been or will ever be left unrewarded.

O Nabil-i-ʿAli! Be assured of thy Lord's grace, seek His mercy, call upon Him for help, rely upon His favors, hold fast to His cord, and cling to His robe. Can that which is done for God's sake remain concealed or be altered? Nay, by His very Self! He verily witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. In all conditions, we seek His aid and assistance. This Wronged One has ever been among the fangs of wolves, yet the tongue remains eloquent and the Pen in motion. The knowledge thereof is with God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Glory be upon thee, O Nabil-ibn-Nabil, and upon thy son, and upon whosoever unites with thee in God's Cause, assists thee, and stands with thee in all conditions. Can one imagine a greater favor than this? Nay, by His very Self! The mention testifies, the utterance bears witness, and the Word identifies, speaks, and proclaims. Every possessor of hearing and sight beholds the light of favor dawning from the horizon of these words. Blessed are they that behold! Blessed are they that hear!

This evanescent servant beseeches God to confirm that beloved one in such wise that none shall have cause for words. Assuredly this prayer has been and will be answered. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good, the reward of those who act, the reward of those who turned to Him in the early days when most of the servants in all lands turned away. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Witness, the Beholder, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I remember that light of mine eyes, Aqa Shaykh Ahmad, upon whom be God's peace, and I beseech God for his health, well-being, elevation, and exaltation. Peace, praise, remembrance, and glory be upon you and upon God's friends and loved ones.

The servant 12th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1304

BH02681: After praise to the Pure Knower and Raiser…

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

After praise to the Pure Knower and Raiser of the celestial spheres and Revealer of the station of dust, it is submitted that once again the detailed letter that was promised was not sent, as various necessary writings intervened. This much is submitted that, praise be to God, the prison land is now calmer compared to before. Some of the friends of God arrive and others depart—each day He is in a new condition and His Cause in a new state. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist that honored one in that which will remain forever mentioned and enduring. To the friends in every land and place where they may be, I convey greetings, glorification and praise. God willing, may they drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that the books of the world will not prevent them from the Most Great Book, and likewise that words will not hold them back from the ocean of meaning. This is not difficult for God our Lord.

Regarding what you wrote about obtaining four hundred from two sources—nothing can be obtained from the two mentioned sources. According to what was stated, they have no cash on hand. And likewise you said that the honored Amin, upon him be the glory of God, has written nothing. In any case, it would be difficult for them to fulfill payment of this sum. These two matters were written so that that beloved of the heart may be informed.

And regarding what you wrote about proceeding to the land of H and M—this is very good, and likewise to Kurdistan, for two souls in those regions have spoken that which caused divine displeasure and have done that which made justice itself weep. However, we have concealed their names—you too should conceal them. Verily your Lord is the Concealer. This matter is necessary, namely attention to those two places. And now those two individuals have departed. Some of the imaginary hosts have also passed through those regions. Glory be to God! Most of the servants are occupied with previous vain imaginings and have not realized that those vain imaginings of the previous party produced no fruit, such that now they should again remain deprived of the Lord of Names through vain imaginings. The Command is in His grasp—He does and decrees as He wishes, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those with you.

BH05750: This is a remembrance from the Wronged One…

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

This is a remembrance from the Wronged One to the chosen ones of God and His friends who have believed in Him and His perspicuous Book, that the remembrance may draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them near unto God, the One, the All-Knowing. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One—verily He will aid thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the deluded ones have slipped. Verily He maketh mention of thee, that when thou attainest unto My remembrance and hearest My call, thou shalt remember God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and assist thee and ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His near servants. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made clear unto me Thy path, and revealed unto me Thy proof, and guided me unto Thy testimony, and given me to drink from the cup of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to make me of those whom the world hath not kept back from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, and whom the ornaments of earth have not prevented from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Ruler of the throne above and the dust beneath. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy bounty to ordain for me the good of the world to come and of this present one. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from the horizon of God's loving-kindness rest upon you and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH06263: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee in a Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us. We have remembered thee with that which the treasures of the world cannot equal, as He with Whom is the Mother Book doth testify.

Say: O people of the earth! By God, the Lord of Religions hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. Fear ye God, and follow not your desires. This is what ye were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets.

When the breezes of revelation waft over thee, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me and taught me that from which the people of Thy realm have turned away—they who violated Thy Covenant and Testament. I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty and the

fruits of the Tree beyond which there is no passing and the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to make me steadfast in Thy love, speaking forth Thy Name and turning unto Thy Face. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

BH06142: This is a mention from the Wronged One…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the Choice Wine when the Self-Subsisting appeared with manifest sovereignty. This is a Book which calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all unto the All-Knowing, the One. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the Call, and be not of the heedless ones. Raise up your heads from the couch of heedlessness and desire. By God! The Cry hath been raised, the mountains have passed away, the Balance hath been set up, the Trumpet hath been blown, and all who are in earth and heaven have swooned away, save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath appeared with truth.

Cast away vain imaginings and their sources, and idle fancies and their dawning-places, turning unto the lights of certitude. This is the Day whereof ye were promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken, as the Wronged One was seated upon His mighty throne. When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and hearest My Call [and attainest unto My Tablet], say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and holding fast to Thy mighty cord. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06358: O people of God! Inquire ye of the people…

O people of God! Inquire ye of the people of the Qur'an: Where is Jabulqa, and what of Jabulsa? What hath become of those illusory cities?' They have condemned as a liar that hapless Ja'far, who did not speak falsely. For uttering a single truthful remark, he hath been branded a liar from the early days of Islam to the present time. God's malison on the head of the people of tyranny!

BH07946: O Rahim! His Holiness Moses appeared with mighty signs…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Rahim! His Holiness Moses appeared with mighty signs, yet they did not accept Him. Each day He manifested with a proof, a clear evidence, and verses revealed, yet still the opposers and deniers acted without justice or fairness, until the cry "the hosts of God, they shall be victorious!" was raised from the horizon of divine triumph and the banners of victory were planted upon the loftiest stations. Thus were Pharaoh and his hosts drowned as recompense for their deeds. Verily God seized him for his sin and delivered Moses and his companions. He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that He guided thee and directed thee to the straight path. Thou hast heard what Moses heard upon the Mount. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. Say: Praise be to Thee for having unveiled for me and rent asunder my veils and strengthened me to acknowledge Thy unity and taught me Thy Cause and guided me to Thy straight path. Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the mystics!

BH07878: This is the Day whereon He Who conversed…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One

This is the Day whereon He Who conversed with God hath been established upon the throne of utterance and calleth all who are in the realm of creation unto God, the Lord of Lords. O concourse of men! By God, the Most Sublime Vision hath appeared and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from the most exalted horizon:

> "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower."

Cast away what ye possess and what the divines and theologians possess, and take hold of that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily He is with you in every world of the worlds of your Lord. Beware lest fancies and vain imaginings withhold you from the horizon of certitude. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel you. Make haste and be not of them who saw and denied the bounty of God, the Lord of the Day of Return. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon them who have held fast unto My cord and soared in Mine atmosphere and have not violated My Covenant and My Testament. These are the people of Baha, to which testifieth the Mother Book that is with Him.

BH08550: In My Name, the All-Subduing above all names!

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O Rahim! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, therefore have We made mention of thee. Strive thou that perchance thine eyes may be enabled to perceive that for which they were created, and likewise thine ears to hearken unto the Call that is raised.

The whole world maketh mention of the Truth, each according to their own measure offering praise, yet when the time of His manifestation came, all were found to be heedless and turned away. We beseech God that He may aid thee to make mention and to offer praise, and to remain steadfast.

The clamourers and the hypocrites are occupied with leading the servants astray, and likewise the divines and the doctors of law. Say: My God, my God! Protect Thy servants from the evil of the barking ones and the hypocrites who have taken for themselves lords besides Thee. Then I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH02430: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the heaven of bounty the table of utterance, and through it hath adorned the world and quickened the nations. And blessing and peace be upon the Most Mighty Pillar and the Most Hidden Mystery, Who was concealed in knowledge and treasured in hearts, through Whose movement the celestial spheres were set in motion and the mysteries of eternity were revealed and the nightingale of proof sang upon the highest branch in the world that there is none other God but Him. And upon His family and companions through whom the breeze of the All-Merciful wafted throughout creation and the Word encompassed all religions. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Help in Peril.

And furthermore, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your love. The servant hath attained to that which was the dawning-place of joy and gladness and the treasury of remembrance and praise. When he drank from his words the wine of mystical knowledge, he approached the Most Exalted Station and presented it before His presence. The Lord, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him, said:

“O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion! Thy letter hath repeatedly come before the Wronged One. We have read it and made mention of thee with a mention that illumineth the eyes. We beseech God to assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to send down upon thee a blessing from His presence, from the heaven of His bounty. This is what the Wronged One desired for thee in the beginning of days. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Answering. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who are steadfast and firm.” End.

Unto God be glory and praise, and unto Him be power and grace and bounty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

As for what thou didst mention regarding Abbas-Quli, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], and what he desired regarding the decree of the Book, after it was presented before His presence, this is what was revealed in reply:

“O Muhammad-Mustafa! We have heard what thou didst write regarding Abbas-Quli and what he desired in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist him and make him successful in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Make mention of him on My behalf and remind him of what hath flowed from My Pen, and give him the glad-tidings of the acceptance of what he sent, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.” Thus it ended.

The servant remembereth him and beseecheth God his Lord to ordain for him the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and He is the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

The servant, on the 20th of Dhu’l-Qa’dah al-Haram, 1304

BH02424: O thou who gazeth upon Mine horizon and drinketh…

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of My loving-kindness hath been wafted among My servants!

O thou who gazeth upon Mine horizon and drinketh the wine of Mine utterance from the hand of My bounty! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it draweth thee to the horizon of the heaven of My Revelation and bringeth thee nigh unto the court of My holiness and giveth thee to drink once again, from the hands of My favor, the choice wine of Mine utterance.

I bear witness that thou hast taken the chalice of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drunk therefrom despite those who turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon and exchanged the grace of God for disbelief and hypocrisy. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are recorded among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

As We sat upon the throne, the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and read it before the face of the Wronged One. We found it purified from the allusions of the world and the doubts of the nations. Blessed be thy pen, thy tongue and thy heart. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He hath testified for thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the duration of His mighty and glorious Kingdom.

We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy turning and turned unto thee with the ocean of utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge revealed the pearls of wisdom and understanding from the shell of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and attained. Woe unto the heedless!

When thou art illumined by the lights of Mine utterance and findest the fragrance of the Robe from My words and verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me in the Most Great Prison, enabled me by Thy power and might to shatter the idols, illumined mine eyes to behold Thy signs, purified mine ears from the words of the world that I might hearken unto Thy call, loosened my tongue to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, and adorned my heart with the ornament of Thy love and the light of Thy knowledge.

I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation before which the necks of the Pharaohs bowed down and the limbs of tyrants trembled, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy service, speaking Thy praise and holding fast to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Assist me through Thy grace and bounty to open the doors of hearts through Thy name and remembrance, to remind them of Thy signs and give them glad tidings of Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence and Thy grace which hath preceded the seen and the unseen.

O Lord! Thou beholdest me attracted by Thy verses and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge which none hath known save Thyself, to preserve me and Thy servants from the doubts of the baying ones, the allusions of the heedless and the clamor of the deniers. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things.

Every tongue testifieth to Thy power, every eye to Thy might, and every heart to Thy greatness and choice. Thou art He by Whose command the standard of the Most Great Name was raised before the nations and the banner of utterance was hoisted on the most exalted station. The power of the world and the might of the nations cannot frustrate Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Dominant, the Almighty.

BH03845: Glorified be He Who testified to His own Self…

He is the One manifest through proof, holding in His right hand the evidence and explanation

Glorified be He Who testified to His own Self by His own Self before the creation of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and within His grasp lies the kingdom of creation. He giveth life and causeth death, He taketh and He giveth, and He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained. This is a letter from the Wronged One on the Day of God, Lord of mankind, to him whose name was brought before Him in the Most Great Prison, that the explanation might draw him nigh unto his Lord, the Most Merciful, and strengthen him to shatter the idols through God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have stood before all faces on a Day wherein the hearts of the learned were sorely troubled and the limbs of all names did tremble, and We have manifested the Cause without veil or concealment.

Among the people were those who turned toward the horizon of Revelation, and among them were those who turned away, and among them were those who took hold of the Book with such might as could not be weakened by the hosts and armies of the world. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. When thou hast drunk from the ocean of My utterance and beheld the lights of the Sun of My Revelation, say:

My God, my God! My hope is in Thy nearness and my desire is Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Finger of Thy Will, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love and detached from all else but Thee and speaking in Thy praise. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and drawn by Thy signs, and I desire naught but to stand before Thy face and attain Thy presence. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and King over the seen and unseen, to withhold not from me what I seek from the wonders of Thy grace. Ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee and standing before Thy gate. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH03979: Verily the Letters call out from the Divine Lote…

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Utterance

Verily the Letters call out from the Divine Lote Tree that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, yet the people are in doubt and behind a veil. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people are in strange delusion. This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur calleth out with the most

exalted call, summoning all unto God, the Lord of Lords. Verily the Book speaketh through this Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the world were shaken, save those who heard the Call and said:

> "Here am I, O Lord of the verses! We heard Thy call, we called out to Thee from the shore of the Most Great Sea, and we saw Thy remembrance and remembered Thee with that which its fragrance shall never be cut off. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

When thou hast taken the choice-sealed wine from the hand of My bounty and drunk thereof in My Name, say:

> "My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to hearken unto Thy call and to stand before Thy throne. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, to confirm me in that for which Thou didst create me. I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the Word whereby Thou didst illumine the world and guide the peoples, and by the Lote Tree which appeared on the Mount of Knowledge unto the son of Imran, to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, and steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise among Thy servants with the wisdom which Thou hast commanded all to observe in Thy scriptures and Tablets. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Most High, the Most Great."

BH04349: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names!

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names!

O Muhammad, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.

O Perfumer, He Who hath been chosen from among the hands of the wicked calleth thee from this Most Great Prison wherein the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all kings. Thy letter which the Trusted One sent hath arrived and been read by the servant who was present. We have answered thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Let nothing among all things nor worldly events cause thee grief. Set aside what the people possess, taking what thou hast been given from God, the Lord of existence.

We have heard the call of thy wife. We beseech God to aid her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. She may say:

> "My God, my God! I have turned to Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and gave up their spirits in Thy path, to ordain for this Thy maidservant that which shall profit her in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is in her heart and what profiteth her and what she

possesseth. She knoweth not what is with Thee and what profiteth her. Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. O my Lord! Aid her and ordain for her the good of the hereafter and of this world. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We make mention of thy other wife. We beseech God to draw her nigh and aid her to be steadfast in this Cause which God hath sent down in the books of old as a token of His grace. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

The glory be upon thee and upon them both from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH05033: The Wronged One maketh mention of him from God…

He is seated upon the throne of utterance.

The Wronged One maketh mention of him from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting—mention of one who hearkened to the Call and turned towards it when the people were in manifest opposition. Blessed is the heart that turned towards God in His days, and woe unto every doubting learned one.

Say: O people, cast aside what ye possess. By God, that which the pens are powerless to recount hath come to pass. Come ye, come ye, that I may show you God's most exalted horizon and cause you to hear His sweetest call. Beware lest the paths of the world hold you back from His straight path. How many a servant lamented in separation, yet when the Sun of Manifestation dawned, denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance and heard My call from the words of My Book, say: My God, my God! I have forsaken the world out of love for meeting with Thee and for what lieth with Thee, and have cast aside what the peoples possess in hope of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of eternity and Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to assist me in serving Thy Cause in such wise that the doubts of Thine enemies and the signs of the tyrants among Thy creatures shall not hold me back. O Lord! Take the hand of this poor one with the hand of Thy bounty, then deliver him from the darkness of idle fancies through Thy power and might. Write down for him that which will draw him nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH05867: A Book sent down by the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

A Book sent down by the Wronged One for him who hath chosen for himself a path unto God, that he may render thanks unto God at morn and eventide. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the precincts of the Prison, and having beheld thy name We have remembered thee in a Tablet which God hath made a guide unto His servants. Verily He is, over all things, powerful. That which He desired hath appeared and been made manifest, as a token of His grace. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen which was, by God's command, set in motion. Let not the might of the people weaken thee,

nor the tyranny of any oppressor who standeth remote from the truth cause thee to fear. Take hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, and follow not any overbearing doubter in this Cause. Take the chalice of Mine utterance in My Name, then drink thereof through My remembrance which hath caused the limbs of every oppressor who was deprived of the breezes of revelation to tremble. When thou hast inhaled the fragrance of My verses and attained unto My Book, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Fire through which Thou didst manifest Thyself on the Mount of Knowledge unto the son of Imran, and by Thy Command whereby Thou didst subdue both men and lands, to aid me to remember Thee and serve Thy Cause in such wise that the clamor of the people of Thy kingdom and the opposition of Thy creation shall not hinder me. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

BH06938: Verily the Tablet appears at times in human form…

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

Verily the Tablet appears at times in human form, calling all to the Mighty, the Bestower. At other times it appears in the form of a Book, proclaiming: “The Promised One has come with a Cause before which all parties are powerless.” And yet again you behold it elevated like the heaven, with suns and moons dawning from the horizons of its utterance—which none has comprehended save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. In all conditions it gives glad tidings to the servants and reminds them of the signs of God, the Lord of all religions. Blessed is the one whose strength the power of the world could not weaken, and blessed is the one whose steadfastness the might of the wicked could not subdue.

Give thanks to God for the Wronged One’s remembrance of you in prison and His revelation to you of that which draws you near to the Mighty, the Chosen One. We beseech God to make you enkindled with the fire of His love and speaking His praise among His servants, such that through your call the call of the world will be raised up. Verily your Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving. The glory be upon you and upon those who have not changed God’s bounty, who have accepted and taken hold and have said: “Praise be to Thee, O Master of all necks and Subjugator of the winds!”

BH07309: All the world hath ever loved and still loveth…

In the Name of the one true God!

All the world hath ever loved and still loveth the Truth. All turn unto Him and consider themselves to be of Him. The transgressor is confident in His grace and bounty, and the obedient one is enkindled and gladdened by His love and favor. All seek Him, yet remain heedless of Him, for the paths have become diverse, but His path is manifest and clear to them that possess insight. Say: O my God, my Worshipped One! I make mention of Thee, and hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and cling to the hem of Thy mercy. I seek from Thee Thine ancient forgiveness and search after Thy boundless grace.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Prophets and Messengers that Thou aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving,

the All-Bountiful. Remember the handmaiden of God on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may aid her to remember Him and praise Him and to observe that which hath been revealed in His perspicuous Book.

BH07994: The Wronged One begs His Lord to assist His…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Wronged One begs His Lord to assist His loved ones to remember Him, praise Him, and serve His Cause, the firm, the mighty, the impregnable. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When thou hearest the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having awakened me through the breathings of Thy Revelation, made known to me Thy ancient bounty, and shown me Thy wondrous generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the signs of Thy grandeur, and by Thy Prophets and Messengers whom neither the might of the oppressors deterred from drawing nigh unto Thee, nor the tyranny of the Pharaohs from turning toward the light of Thy countenance, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, adorn my temple with the ornament of piety, and my head with the crown of virtuous deeds. Thou art the Judge on the Day of the Covenant and the Illuminator of the horizons. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word “Be” and it is.

BH08313: The True One hath come, yet the people remain…

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

The True One hath come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. The Promise hath appeared, yet mankind abideth in strange delusion. The horizon of divine knowledge hath dawned with the Day-Star of certitude, yet most men remain heedless. They have cast aside that which is with God, clinging to that which they possess, and verily they are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, may be exalted. This is a Day in which the sweet savors of past ages have been wafted abroad. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it and discovered it; woe unto every heedless doubter. We beseech God to assist thee and reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to draw thee nigh unto Him, and to aid thee to serve His binding, mighty and wondrous Cause. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God’s covenant and His testament, who have turned with radiant faces toward the horizon of their Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH11691: Praise and glory befit His chosen ones, who have…

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

Praise and glory befit His chosen ones, who have ever been and shall forever remain the manifestations of the Divine Will and the embodiments of His All-Merciful Purpose. These are they who have drunk from the chalice of steadfastness and have partaken of the choice wine of God's love. By the Sun of Truth I swear, with every drop they drink thereof, the denizens of the highest Paradise exclaim "How pleasant!" and the inhabitants of the loftiest Heaven cry out "How delightful!" These are they who are the dawning-places of the effulgent light of God's Name, the All-Powerful, and the manifestations of His victorious Name, the All-Subduing. Before their might, all worldly power is accounted as the weakest of things, and in the face of their steadfastness, the armies of nations are reckoned among the most abject of servants. They have drunk from the cup of immortality and have detached themselves from all else but God. The colors of the world deceive them not, and its ornaments engage them not. Through their endeavors is raised the tabernacle of glory, and by their service are hoisted the banners of triumph. Glorified be their Creator, their Sustainer, their Helper, their Strengthener, their Guide, and their Inspirer!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose command was revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and concealed within the repositories of Thy power, and through the breezes of Whose Revelation the dwellers of the graves arose in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy bounty and the mysteries enshrined within Thy Book, to aid Thy servants in that which will establish the sanctity of Thy Being and the transcendence of Thine Essence. My God, my God! This servant beareth witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and acknowledgeth that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, to forgive Thy servants through Thy grace and bounty, and to assist them with the hosts of Thine invisible realm.

Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Thou beholdest him who hath been named ʿAli-Akbar, who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause, who hath spoken Thy praise, and who hath desired to spread Thy verses and to exalt Thy Word. I beseech Thee to strengthen him through Thy grace and favors, and to ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below.

And furthermore, the letters which that spiritual beloved sent in the name of the beloved of the heart, Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon Him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Court and were presented before the Countenance of the Object of the world's desire and were honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

Verily, We were speaking in remembrance and praise of God, pacing in My chambers and pondering upon the Most Great Announcement and what was visited upon it by His enemies who violated His Covenant and Testament, who denied His signs and disputed His proof. Then the servant who was present came with thy letter and presented it before Our face. We hearkened unto it and revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance that which guideth the servants unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One hath appeared and made manifest the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He hath guided the servants unto the Dayspring of His signs, made known unto them His path, caused them to hear His call, and revealed for them that which draweth them nigh unto His horizon. Among them are those who denied, those who turned away, those who pronounced judgment against Him, and those who cast aside the world in their longing to attain His presence and their ardent love for His verses. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken from the Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the Call and departed from thy home, seeking the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, until thou didst attain His presence, hear and witness. Verily thy Lord loveth His loved ones, maketh mention of them in His Book, and giveth them the glad-tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have cast aside all else save Me and have taken what hath been sent down from My presence. These are among the Concourse on High in the Book of God, the Goal of them that know. Say to the Daysprings of idle fancies: Cast aside this day what the people possess, for the Self-Subsisting hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the dawning-places of the Sun of Certitude. Cast aside conjectures and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. This is a word—whoso holdeth fast unto it, neither the doubts of the world nor the intimations of the suspicious shall cause him to slip. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto it; he is reckoned among the people of certitude in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

When thou hast drunk from the chalice of My utterance and been seized with the wine of the Kawthar of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn unto Thee and to proclaim that which Thou didst command me. I was heedless, but the fragrances of Thy verses and the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation awakened me. I was asleep, but the hands of Thy bounty aroused me. I was ignorant, but Thy gift made me to know. I was seated, but Thy firm Command caused me to arise. O Lord of Eternity! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy mighty Throne and by what was hidden in Thy knowledge, O Goal of them that know, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants with the lights of Thy utterance and adorn their temples with the ornament of resignation and contentment in the kingdom of creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be to God! The effulgences of the rays of the Most Great Luminary have encompassed the world. That which hath been revealed—its fragrances shall never fade nor perish, and its mention shall endure in the Book of God as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Praise be to God! They have drunk that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of, and have heard that which ears were forbidden to hear, save those whom God hath willed—our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of them that are nigh unto Him. Today the Truth seeketh a helper who would sacrifice himself for the sake of God—that is, who would occupy himself day and night with teaching and with whatsoever may promote the Cause of God, inasmuch as the cawers in every land and region either arrive or emerge therefrom. This is among the tidings that flowed from the Most Exalted Pen during the

days when the Most Great Luminary was shining from the horizon of Zawra. At one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered this most exalted Word—His blessed and exalted Word:

"O servant in attendance! Often it happens that in this land too a cawer is found. Certain souls have loved and do love discord, lying in wait until they find a calf to raise the standard of dissension. The friends of God must be vigilant and remain so steadfast that none shall find occasion for such mentions that cause corruption and are the source of discord." Thus it ended.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God—exalted be His glory—and imploreth Him to assist His servants and grant them fairness, that all may, with utmost steadfastness and detachment from the world and all that is therein, hold fast unto that which guideth mankind. Assuredly that spiritual friend exerteth mighty efforts in refining souls, purifying hearts, and establishing the steadfastness of the servants. At one time this blessed word was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur—exalted be His utterance:

"O servant in attendance! This land, in its inmost mystery, is not free from corruption." Thus it ended.

Thus did He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things inform us aforetime and afterward in a perspicuous tablet. This servant conveyeth greetings to all the friends in that land and beseecheth God to assist each one to achieve that which is enduring and everlasting. The world and all that is therein shall perish, save the Divine Word. Blessed is the soul that hath attained thereunto, and likewise the deed that hath appeared for the sake of God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing Witness.

The sublime, blessed, and holy Tablets which were requested in the letter of his honor Ism-i-Jud and Aqa Mirza Muhammad—upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]—for certain friends, have all, in accordance with that spiritual friend's request, been revealed from the heaven of divine favor and have been given that they may be dispatched. Among the coincidental events is that some time ago this evanescent servant sent especially for that spiritual friend a letter containing the words of God. After some time it became known that its dispatch was delayed and it was returned again to this ephemeral one. The purpose is that ye have ever been and continue to be remembered.

As to what you have written regarding my brother, that he has not given any funds for his Huquq and that from here a receipt was sent, and this matter has become a cause of hesitation or doubt or, God forbid, a cause of turning away—Glory be to God! These matters pertain to this servant. For whatever names you send, this servant sends receipts. What relation do these matters have to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Sanctuary? Moreover, what has been understood from the words "He doeth what He willeth"? Whatever appears from the True One, glorified be His majesty, is truth in which there is no doubt, as the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, has said: "Should He pronounce the earth to be heaven, or heaven to be earth, He speaketh the truth; and should anyone say Why?' or Wherefore?' such a one hath disbelieved in God." In any case, such matters pertain to this servant, and this servant sends the receipt.

As to what Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has written regarding this matter—that his honor Ustad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, has sent two payments and this servant has requested and sent receipts. However, regarding Ustad Kazim, my brother, his honor

Ustad has never sent any receipt in his name. Yes, his honor Ustad Kazim Haddad Ardikani, upon him be the Glory of God, had given several payments for which I requested receipts. Two or three receipts arrived and I sent them to the honored Afnan, his honor A. H., upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, to deliver. Since the note did not mention Ustad Kazim Ardikani, his honor the esteemed one thought it was for this Ustad Kazim. As he would profess belief before me and his honor Afnan, while at times associating with the manifestations of Satan, divine tests overtook him in this way. I beseech the Exalted True One not to test this servant, for no soul can emerge from tests except through God's grace taking his hand.

These matters have been written by Jinab-i-Amin. Today relationship is cut off, for the relationship with God has come between. Now that spiritual beloved is related to the Truth and to those near and sincere. Beyond the stages of acceptance, devotion and faith, they have been engaged in service for years and have held fast to teaching God's Cause. Whatever is hidden is manifest before God. Not an atom of deeds has been or will be without reward. I beseech God to confirm that honored one in all conditions, just as He has confirmed him before. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory and praise and laudation be upon you and upon God's loved ones there who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the cup of the bounty of our Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty.

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BH01011: We have desired to make mention of the party…

He is the One who speaks from His most exalted horizon!

We have desired to make mention of the party of God and His loved ones, to remind them of His verses and to give them the glad tidings of His favors and His mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O My loved ones in Gukchay! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily it draws you to My Kingdom, guides you to My path, exalts you among My servants, and brings you near unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Previously there came a letter from him who was named Amin in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. He mentioned you and We have mentioned you in truth and have revealed for each one of you that which testifies to God's favor and bounty. Give thanks to your Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily He has turned toward you and revealed for you that which shall never be exhausted throughout the endurance of His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. To this testifies He with whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. Thus has the horizon of utterance been illumined with the light of proof. Blessed is he who has witnessed and seen and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of the Messengers!"

O My loved ones in Chakan! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning. We

have turned toward you and revealed for you that which all the remembrances of the world cannot equal. Give thanks to your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Your letter came before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance before His face read it. We have answered you with a Tablet from whose horizon shines the light of your Lord's favor, the Lord of creation. Glorify the name of your Lord and remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Blessed are you for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. By God! The trace of My Pen is better for you than whatsoever has been created on earth. Give thanks to your Lord for having made you know Him, taught you, and guided you to the straight path. Beware lest the happenings of the world sadden you or the doubts of the nations prevent you from this Cause whereby feet have slipped save those whom God has protected through His grace and delivered through His loving-kindness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Chosen One.

In the Persian tongue do We speak that all may drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and may arise to that which beseemeth His days. O friends! Praise ye the Beloved of the world Who mentioned you in the Most Great Prison, showed you the way, and granted you the grace to attain that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of and forbidden from. Reflect upon the former party, that is, the party of the Shi'ih. Throughout centuries and ages they spoke in the name of Truth and uttered His praise from pulpits, beseeching from God, glorified be His majesty, in the evening and at dawn, at night and in the morning, to attain His presence and His days.

Yet when the appointed time came and the Dawning-Place of verses appeared from the horizon of God's will, glorified be His majesty, the divines of Persia, one and all, occupied themselves with cursing and reviling. In their wickedness they reached such a point that they pronounced their verdict against the Essence of Being and the Intended Lord and shed His blood. Now the barking ones desire to adorn a party like unto that party and to afflict the people with the vain imaginings of the past. Open your eyes and reflect upon the deeds of the former party. Until now they say from the pulpits that which causeth the holy ones of the most exalted Paradise to weep and lament. Fie upon them and perdition unto them!

O party of God! If ye truly ponder on matters pertaining to that party, ye shall find yourselves established upon the throne of steadfastness and the seat of certitude, freed and delivered from intimations, doubts, suspicions and idle fancies.

O friends! Today is the day of service, the day of remembrance and praise. We have aforetime informed all concerning the cawing of the ravens and the clamor of the froward ones. That which hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Pen, all the world is powerless to alter. It behooveth each one among you, when he hath quaffed the wine of knowledge from the cup of My bounty and been illumined by the lights of My utterance, to say:

My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy unity, and that this Day is Thy Day, and this Cause is Thy Cause. Thou hast manifested and made clear Thy path, and sent down from the heaven of utterance Thy proof. I testify that no cause can withstand Thy Cause, and no power can rival Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens and the mines of Thy wisdom and the repositories of Thy knowledge, and by the Light wherewith Thou hast illumined the world, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, to make me steadfast in Thy love, detached from all else but Thee, attracted by Thy verses, and enkindled with the fire of Thy sacred Tree.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne above and earth below. I beseech Thee not to deny me the wonders of Thy grace. Then ordain for me, O Possessor of existence and King of the seen and unseen, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and aid me in serving Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

My God, my God, my Goal, my Beloved, the Ultimate Object of my desire and hope! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty wherewith Thou hast adorned existence, to illumine my face with the light of Thy knowledge, mine eyes with the vision of the horizon of Thy revelation, my heart with attraction to the source of Thy wisdom and knowledge, and mine ears with hearkening to Thy most sweet call and the sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Leave me not to myself. Take my hand with the hand of Thy loving-kindness, then deliver me from the pit of doubts and idle fancies. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation to aid me and Thy loved ones to act in accordance with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then illumine us with the lights of Thy good-pleasure in such wise that we move not except by Thy command and permission, and desire naught save what Thou hast desired for us through Thy bounty and loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling over those who are in earth and heaven, and the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

BH01060: A Book revealed by this Wronged One for him…

In His name that dawneth from the exalted horizon

A Book revealed by this Wronged One for him who hath caught the fragrance of the utterance, at the hour when the All-Merciful ascended His mighty Throne, that the Remembrance might draw him unto the Most Great Sea, whose billows surge before the faces of all mankind; and from its waves is heard: By God! the gate of heaven hath been flung open, and the Fashioner of the heaven hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Blessed art thou, O Mua¸¥ammad, in that the attraction of My call hath seized thee, hath made thee to know My path, hath taught thee My Cause, and guided thee unto My most great Announcement. Thy letter reached Us in the Most Great Prison; We heard thy remembrance and thy praise, and We answered thee with a Book whereunto the books of the world can never be likened, and have remembered thee with a remembrance whose light, shining from the horizon of the divine Tablet, hath caused all other remembrances to bow down before it. Of this beareth witness He with Whom is a manifest Book. Thou art he who hath held fast to the cord of thy Lord’s bounty, clung to the hem of His mercy, and turned towards His horizon when the people were in grievous error.

Say: O people of the Furqan! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily it hath been raised in the prison before the faces of all religions. Follow not your selfish desires, but follow Him Who

calleth you unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Say: Beware lest the manifestations of this world and its ornaments prevent you from Him by Whom the Dove of Glory warbled in the All-Highest Paradise, and the Maiden of inner meaning sang in the Most Exalted Heaven, crying out and saying: The Day is come, and the people are in wondrous doubt. Say: O people of Faran! Read ye what is with you and what hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Fear God, cast aside idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Self-Subsisting hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on earth cannot stand. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of Mine utterance, and been attracted by My remembrance and My call, say:

My God, my God! Thou seest this servant turning toward Thy horizon, directing his face to the lights of Thy countenance, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, firm in Thy oneness and singleness, and holding fast to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest the tears of mine eyes in my separation from Thee, and my sighs in my remoteness from Thy presence. I know not, O my Aim and my Beloved, what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen, by Whose movement Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven. Hast Thou ordained for me to attain Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur, or hath Thy binding command and Thy firm decree prevented me therefrom? I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy command whereby the rivers flowed, the trees bore fruit, and the seas surged, to make me in all conditions speak Thy praise and stand firm in Thy Cause, in such wise that the limbs of Thine enemies may quake and the hearts of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs may be perturbed.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning to Thee in all conditions and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the sweet savors of Thy revelation to aid Thy servants to acknowledge what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity and what hath flowed from the Pen of Thy grace. Thou art He Whose power all created things have testified to, and Whose sovereignty all things possible have witnessed. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And We make mention of the Friend, upon him be My glory, and We remind him of the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and We give him glad tidings of His mercy which hath preceded all created things and of His bounty which hath encompassed existence itself, both small and great. O Friend! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. Verily, He hath accepted all manner of tribulation for the exaltation of the Word of God, yet the people are in manifest denial. We stood before all faces and summoned them to the most exalted Summit and taught them that which would draw them nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have been attracted by the sweetness of My call, and We have sent down for them that which was a fountain of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. And among them are those who turned away from the Face, following every doubting learned one. And among them are those who arose in opposition, and those who pronounced sentence of death against Me. Thus was the matter decreed, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards Me and borne witness to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, and my Support, for having remembered me whilst I was in the midst of them that turned aside. I beseech Thee

to assist me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise and in the service of Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be the glory of God, the One, the Single. We make mention of those who turned towards God when the horizon of Revelation was illumined with the light of God's loving providence, the Mighty, the Great. And We desire to make mention of the friends of God and His loved ones, both male and female, who have ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory which hath dawned from the heaven of bounty be upon you, O people of Baha. Ye are they who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament. Ye have turned unto Him and have recognized His Manifestation, His grandeur, His sovereignty, His might, His power and His dominion.

Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen before your ascension and after your ascension to the Most Glorious Horizon. We beseech God to forgive you and to remit your sins, to rain down upon you from the clouds of His heaven of generosity the showers of His mercy, and to ordain for you that which shall adorn you with the ornament of joy and ecstasy. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over all things. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of proof. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen. Woe unto every sinful denier.

O Muhammad! Hearken in the Persian tongue. In the days when all were scattered by the onslaught of tyranny and concealed behind veils, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause in such wise that the oppression of the world could not prevent Him from uttering the Word. God is Our witness and Our testament. No fair-minded person can deny this fact. And when the world was illumined by the light of the Cause, all rushed forth from behind their veils with drawn swords—that is, the deniers of the Bayan. In any case, beseech God to protect the servants from the new delusions of the deniers. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

BH01295: O beloved of my heart! Your mention, which was…

In the name of God, exalted be His glory, His is the majesty and power!

O beloved of my heart! Your mention, which was described in brief, was received, bringing the fragrance of love and bestowing a fresh gift. Now, in response to your brief letter, I must present a brevity that contains length, and that is the letter Mim which appears at the beginning of the name Mahbub' (Beloved). In one station its numerical value is forty, which some have described as the perfect number, and this number was associated with the time of the Seal of the Prophets, may my spirit be sacrificed for His sake. God is witness and testifier that from the name Mahbub' new breezes of love and knowledge are manifest and evident. Whosoever attains unto this has attained unto all good. The Command is in God's hands, the Desired One of the mystics and the Beloved of those who are near.

Now from your brief letter, indeed from the first letter of the name alone, countless books of love, fellowship, affection, and unity can be derived. When your handwriting arrived and its contents were

perceived, it gave new power to the taste. In truth, a sweet intoxication from this wine occurred. At once, approaching the Presence, it was presented, and He said:

They have partaken of their share from the Kawthar of divine love at every moment and received their portion. We beseech God to grant him at all times that which will draw him near and through which his clear Cause will be exalted.

This pearl of brief utterance which hath appeared from the ocean is a brevity wherein infinite worlds lie concealed, and likewise the realms of meaning and utterance. Praise be to God that those beloved ones have been and continue to be successful in all conditions, and whatsoever they sent was truly for the sake of God and complete endeavor was expended therein—it was and shall ever be worthy of mention. Its effects have preceded and its fruits shall follow. The fruits of divine favor from it are manifest, brilliant and evident, for it became present, watchful and aware of mention and praise. From that direction, that beloved one and that one who turned to God—the true Haji who was present and attained—were partners and helpers in that service, and from this direction were all-encompassing favors and countless bestowals. Now observe how something that was not worthy of any mention became the cause of all these favors appearing. His is the praise for His bounties, His is the praise for His utterances, His is the praise for His favors, His is the praise for His benevolence, and His is the praise for His mercy that hath encompassed us. It is most clear and evident that these favors had no connection to him, yet God made him the cause for their appearance.

That spiritual beloved, His Holiness Ali, upon him be the glory of God, the One, arrived and delivered the spiritual repasts and the fountains of the All-Merciful. God is witness that this servant hath ever desired to make mention of you. All aspects of the heart have been seized by the rays of mention and praise shining from that direction. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that this supreme bounty may endure and that its manifestations may ever remain constant and its fragrance diffused. In brief, the surging waves of separation are not yet stilled—at every moment they appear with new force and in different form. The separation from Ali hath wrought and continueth to work such effects. God willing, its consolation shall come through another meeting, and the command is God's, the Possessor of Destiny.

The envelopes which were destined from the beginningless realm to become the bearers of Tablets and the extenders of spirits have in these days arrived through the endeavor of that beloved one and shall attain infinite outpourings. In truth, these envelopes were and are the beloved envelopes of the world and are accounted as one of the divine treasuries, for within them are stored and concealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance and the gems of knowledge and certitude. How can the pen describe or the heart enumerate? We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us with you and bestow upon us that which hath no likeness or peer. Verily He hath power over all things.

I convey humility, submissiveness, mention and praise to each of the loved ones in that land, and I seek for each that which shall cause the world's advancement and the progress of nations. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Prayer and peace and mention and glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH01589: In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon…

In My Name, the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance!

The breezes of utterance have wafted, the fragrance of divine knowledge has been diffused, the sun of unity has shone forth, the moon of oneness has appeared, the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree has been raised, and the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen has been heard. Then We saw the conditions of the earth transformed and altered. When We turned Our gaze, We beheld the Faithful Spirit come to hearken unto My call, and the Spirit stood before My face, and the Primal Point circled round Me. Thereupon the tongue of My grandeur spoke that which I am unable to recount to you. Blessed are they who were present, who heard, who attained, and who returned to their stations by My command, and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

When that carpet was rolled up, We spread another carpet. We concealed the mysteries and revealed what was befitting for the people of the land, and I am the Mighty, the Unconstrained. O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance, whose letter appeared before the Throne, sent by one who was speaking My praise, who stood firm in service to My Cause, who turned to My horizon, and who would transcribe My verses at all times. Verily, he was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Mother Book.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with a mention whereat the world was stirred with longing for the meeting with the Ancient King, and the Maids of Paradise came forth from their chambers to hearken unto the call of their Lord, the Possessor of the Day of Return. Thy letter was presented and the Most Great Branch, who was present before the Throne, read it. We have answered thee with verses which God hath made as an ocean of light for His loved ones, as a globe of fire for His enemies, as the All-Highest Paradise for His chosen ones, and as the exalted Paradise for those who circle round the Throne. Thus have We sent down verses for thee and expounded them by Our command, that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Take thou the chalice of My utterance in My Name, then drink from it with My remembrance and say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me while in the grasp of enemies, and thanks be to Thee for having turned towards me when I was in a fortress built of polished stone. By Thy might, O my Desired One, my Beloved, the Ultimate End of my hope and my expectation! The thirst of my heart is not quenched save by the Kawthar of Thy utterance, nor the agitation of my heart save by the rain of Thy mercy, nor is my inner being gladdened save by the manifestations of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy bounty to ordain for me from Thy grace that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and be a lamp whereby I may walk in Thy worlds and be illumined amongst Thy servants. Then ordain for me that whereby my soul may find tranquility. Verily, I know not what profits me. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

We make mention in this station of thy mother, whom thou didst mention in thy letter. We beseech God to assist her, to strengthen her, and to grant her that which will solace her eyes and gladden her heart.

Verily, He is powerful over all things. Verily, he who hath attained unto My mention and the traces of My Pen is of the people of Baha in the sight of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the maidservant who hath attained, and the servant who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

We have sent down for him who was named Muhammad that whereby the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Blessed is he who hath taken it with power from Us and found from it the fragrance of the mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Hashim! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee from the Pen, which, when it moved upon the Tablet, all created things were stirred with longing to hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious. We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Rejoice and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having mentioned me and sent down for me that whose fragrance shall never be cut off. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of what is and what has been."

At the end of the Tablet We make mention of My loved ones who have soared in My atmosphere and taken My Book, whom neither the doubts of the transgressors nor the signs of the deniers prevented. They drank the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My bounty. They arose and proclaimed:

> "O peoples of the earth! Set aside what ye possess. By God! The Lord of Heaven hath come with sovereignty that neither the hosts of rulers can withstand, nor the clamor of divines can prevent, nor can the might of those who denied what was sent down from God, the Powerful, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, cause Him to fear."

BH01830: Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Cause, sent down His verses and commanded all to act with rectitude. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, All-Wise Commander. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from this far-distant Shore. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Watching. He witnesseth and seeth, and nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee to attain recognition and given thee to drink of the choice wine of utterance from the hands of His bounty. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

That which thou didst address to God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One hath read it. We have sent down for thee that which was a pearl in the shell of utterance and a light at the horizon of possibility. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is the tongue that hath been occupied with My remembrance, and the house that hath been honored by My praise, and the air that hath been perfumed by My wondrous utterance.

O Muhammad! The ocean of utterance hath surged in the realm of possibility, and that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praised, hath been made manifest. Say: O heedless ones! Raise your heads and behold that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the tender mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you, or the might of any remote oppressor frighten you. By God! The ocean of verses hath surged when the Manifestation of clear proofs came, yet the people are in evident error. Desire hath kept them back from the Lord of all beings. Thus have their souls prompted them. They are indeed among the idolaters. Say: O people! Fear God and believe in Him Who hath come to you with a mighty sovereignty, on His right hand the hosts of revelation and inspiration, and on His left the angels and the Spirit, if ye be of them that know. And before Him walketh the Point of the Bayan, saying:

> "O my people! Your sayings and deeds have put me to shame, after We counseled you night and day. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of them that turn aside. In every leaf We commanded you to present yourselves before the Countenance, yet when He appeared ye turned away and denied, and committed that which caused My heart and My Pen and the Supreme Concourse and the most exalted Paradise to lament. Every discerning soul beareth witness to this."

O people of the Bayan! We have sent down for you the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and ye were commanded to that which would draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon. Ye cast behind you that which ye were commanded and took up that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Say: O sources of knowledge and manifestations of arts! Hearken unto the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. He hath come from the horizon of power with a manifest sovereignty.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having attained unto the traces of My Pen while the Wronged One was in this mighty prison. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance for the promotion of His mighty and wise Cause. Know thou that should anyone bring thee all the books of the world, leave them behind thee. Thus doth the All-Knowing command thee from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Informed. We have found those who turned aside among the people of the Bayan to be more lost than the people of the Furqan. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and We are among the witnesses. God hath forgiven those two whom thou didst mention in thy letter, as a grace from His presence. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

When thou hast taken the cup of My utterance and drunk therefrom in remembrance of My Name, say:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, assured by the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy grace, and anticipating the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and by Thy mysteries which none save Thyself hath known, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, such that neither the doubts of the doubters nor the signs of them that turn aside may keep me back from Thee. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Triumphant, the Omnipotent."

BH02067: O Ruhani! Your letter was received and attained…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O Ruhani! Your letter was received and attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. The fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful wafted from its words. Your prose bore true witness to your steadfastness, acceptance, and devotion, and your poetry proclaimed with the most exalted call the degrees of steadfastness, detachment, adherence and supplication. We heard and saw that thou hast been and art successful in all conditions. That which was mentioned by Aqa Muhammad-Rida attained the honor of His presence. We heard his call and this most exalted utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's expression in response:

O Muhammad-Rida! We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We took a cup in thy name and drank therefrom the choice sealed wine. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. O Muhammad-Hasan! The fragrance of sincerity was diffused from thy mention. We took a handful from the Most Great Sea and drank it when thy mention was flowing from My Most Exalted Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings! Thou hast mentioned Me in such wise as hath enraptured the hearts of them that have turned and drawn nigh. O My handmaiden, O My leaf! Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto a name uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur in His exalted and glorious station. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those handmaidens whose names were presented before the Wronged One in this mighty stronghold.

And We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn who hath in this hour attained unto the breezes of revelation and been encompassed by the mercy of his Lord. God hath forgiven him as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. And We make mention of his wife as a mercy and favor from Us. We beseech God to ordain for her that which will draw her nigh unto Him in all His worlds. And We make mention of the mother of Dhabih and bear witness to her devotion and acceptance on a day whereon the men of earth and their mighty ones and their learned ones turned away, save whom God, her Creator and Fashioner and Rememberer, willed. Blessed is she and joy be unto her.

O Muhammad-Husayn! We have adorned thy head with the crown of My love and thy temple with the ornament of My remembrance in this station which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Great Announcement. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Spiritual One! We have made mention of thee and thy kinsmen. Give them glad tidings from Me and remind them of My verses and illumine them with the lights of what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And We counsel them regarding deeds and character that the fragrance of My mercy and providence and bounty which hath encompassed the horizons may be diffused from them. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His loved ones. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens in that land and illumine them with the lights of the Orb of the providence of God, exalted be His glory. O Spiritual One! Thou didst attain in the earliest days when the people were in manifest doubt and strange delusion. Thou didst turn to the horizon when the people were in great [opposition]. That which flowed from the tongue of thy heart in praise of the Goal of the worlds, We have sent to the pavilion of glory. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04116: O ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! Praise be…

He is the One speaking from the Supreme Horizon

O ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that whereof the world remaineth heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. The Light is radiant, the Cause is resplendent, the Sun of Truth hath risen, the heaven of grandeur is upraised, the ocean of knowledge is surging, and the river of mercy is flowing. Blessed is he who, in this wondrous and blessed Day, hath not been deprived but hath attained unto that for which he was created. Praise be to God, the Spiritual Elder, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath drunk from the ocean of recognition and tasted of the Kawthar of steadfastness. Despite the tribulations that descended and the hardships that befell him, he remained firm on God's path and held fast to His cord. The world and its vicissitudes, the nations and their might, withheld him not. His mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Blessed is he who hath recognized him and who hath visited him.

The spiritual youth was also present before Us and attained unto all that was revealed in God's Book, both past and future. Happy art thou and he. Ye have ever been and continue to be remembered by Us. I counsel you to wisdom and utterance. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land. We beseech God to aid all to promote His Cause and to act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The glory proceeding from Us be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kindred and give them the glad-tidings of God's favor. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH04040: My tongue and My pen bear witness that thou…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

My tongue and My pen bear witness that thou hast turned to the Wronged One, clinging to His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast traversed land and sea until thou didst reach the shore of the Most Great Ocean and didst behold the waves of His utterance and the pearls of His knowledge, and didst drink the choice wine of revelation from the cup of thy Lord's bountiful favor. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, and by Him was the trumpet blast sounded, and all who are in the heavens and earth were struck down, save those whom God rescued by the hand of power. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed art thou, O Azim, for having arrived and heard the call of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and for having attained unto that which was inscribed in God's Scrolls and Books and treasured within the hearts of His Messengers. We beseech God to aid thee and assist thee in serving Him, in remembering Him and praising Him, and to reinforce thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Nothing can withhold Him, nor can anything elude His knowledge. He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When thou beholdest the radiance of Baha in his countenance, convey My greetings unto him and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and earth. Blessed is Ali-Akbar! We bear witness that he turned to God, the Lord of all men, in the earliest days, and rent asunder the veils of glory with the finger of certitude, and shattered the idols of vain imaginings by the command of God, the Lord of all worlds. We, verily, aided him and drew him nigh and taught him and made him know, and showed him My straight path and the Great Announcement. Splendor be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty, this unshakeable Cause.

BH04505: The Book of God hath been sent down…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

The Book of God hath been sent down from the heaven of divine loving-kindness, and the horizon of the world is illumined with the splendors of the Most Great Luminary. All hidden mysteries and treasured signs have become manifest and visible. Blessed is the soul whom the veils of learning have not debarred from the Dayspring of divine Revelation, and whom the obscuring doubts of the people have not withheld from the Most Great Ocean. This is His Day, and this is His Revelation. Know ye its worth and seek steadfastness with utmost humility and supplication. This is the Supreme Gift and the Most Great Holy Table. Strive that ye may attain that which hath no like nor equal. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Bestower, He is the Most Generous. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Most Exalted.

Praise be to the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who hath aided thee to make mention and glorify Him, and guided thee. Say: O my God, my Adored One, my Object of Worship! Thy servant beareth witness to Thy unity and oneness, and beseecheth from the wonders of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy generosity, and whose manifestation and appearance shall never be erased from the book of the world, which no cloud of vain imaginings shall conceal, and which no mists of idle fancies shall prevent from shining forth. O Generous One! Every possessor of insight and hearing hath testified to Thy generosity and borne witness to the precedence of Thy mercy. Deprive not Thy servants from the ocean of recognition, and withhold them not from the lights of the countenance of Thy Revelation. Thou art the Bestower, the Compassionate. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH04473: The servant was present with your letter and presented…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

The servant was present with your letter and presented it before the Countenance. Praise be to God, the fragrance of steadfastness was wafting from it. Ask of God to make this fragrance lasting and enduring, for the treacherous lie in ambush and thieves wait at the watchtowers.

Make the friends of God aware that they may attain to such a station that the prevention of preventers, the croaking of croakers, and the doubts of doubters may not deprive or forbid them from the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Each of the friends mentioned in the letter attained the remembrance of the Wronged One. Night and day the tongue speaks and the Pen moves—whoever turned, was adorned with the embellishment of the Supreme Pen, some outwardly and some inwardly. Convey to each one greetings from the Wronged One.

Recite unto them the verses of thy Lord that their hearts may rejoice thereby and the verses may attract them to a station wherein they see naught in existence save God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them, assist them and protect them with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

When thou hast hearkened to My utterance, say: "My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. And I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in steadfastness in Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty News." And remember what one of Thy chosen ones said: "O Lord! Leave me not alone, and Thou art the Best of inheritors."

BH04466: God testifieth that there is none other God besides…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent.

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him. His is the creation and the command. He exalteth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and abaseth whatsoever He desireth through His decree. Verily He is the One Whom the might of the powerful cannot weaken, nor can the ascendancy of the learned prevent Him. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O namesake of the Desired One! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning and thy devotion to God, the Lord of all beings, until thou didst appear and hear the call of the Wronged One, and didst attain unto that which lay hidden in the hearts of the chosen ones and was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor. He hath forgiven thee and made mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in My lands—those who have turned towards My horizon and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered when the Beauty of the Pre-existent One was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. We beseech God to aid thee

to serve His Cause, to reinforce thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee in every world of His worlds that which shall be as a lamp before thy face. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who have heard the call and have said: "Here am I, O Lord of Names!" and "Here am I, O Desired One of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH04909: O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, and bids thee to beautiful patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Grieve not over the incidents of this world. That which no eye of creation hath seen hath been ordained for him who hath turned towards God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. That which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of earth hath been ordained in the Most Exalted Paradise for My loved ones. He Who possesseth the Manifest Book beareth witness to this. Sorrows have encompassed Me from all directions through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought—they who have cast the Book behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One and drinkest the Choice Wine sealed with the Name of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to attain unto the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen and for having made mention of me through the tongue of the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self while He was in the hands of His enemies. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy religion, such that neither the clamor of the ignorant nor the might of those who have denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament shall prevent me. Then ordain for me, O Lord of existence, that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy bondsmen. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

BH05100: We have manifested the Cause, sent down the Book…

He is the One Who has dominion over earth and heaven!

We have manifested the Cause, sent down the Book, made clear the Path, and brought forth the Proof—yet most of the people remain behind an evident veil, their vain imaginings having prevented them from the days of God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Your letter came before the Wronged One, and he who was present before His face read it. We answer you with this wondrous Tablet. We have remembered those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Thy Lord is verily the True Witness. Every soul who has turned to My verses has attained—to this testifies the Book of God, the Speaking, the Present, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Give thanks to God that He has aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Source of His laws, and has forgiven thy mother who ascended by His command—He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Upon her be glory, and We have sent down mercy from Our presence—verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. We make mention of thy sister and thy family from this Most Great Prison and from this Spot wherein the atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of the worlds!" Every servant hath attained to My mention and My favor, and every handmaiden to My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus hath spoken the tongue of the All-Merciful in the kingdom of utterance, and He is the Commander, the Ancient of Days. Glory be upon thee and upon My servants and handmaidens who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05432: Vain imaginings have deprived the world of the lights…

In the name of the one true God

Vain imaginings have deprived the world of the lights of the Luminary of certitude. The vain imaginings of the Shi'ih sect have been renewed, for the deniers of the Bayan cling to the conjectures of that sect. Glory be to God! What strange intoxication has seized the people of the Bayan! They have witnessed and heard the verses of God at all times, yet remain heedless and turn away. The people of God must, at all times, beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to protect the loved ones of this Most Great Revelation from the vain imaginings of the past and future. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Blessed art thou and blessed is the promoter of My Cause, whom We named Khalil in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen, and Afnan, as a token of grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We beseech God to strengthen him and assist him to champion His Cause through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is verily the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. We beseech God to confirm them all in the Most Great Steadfastness and enable them to achieve that which will exalt the Word of God. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05753: My remembrance is unto him who hath remembered Me…

He is the Herald between earth and heaven

My remembrance is unto him who hath remembered Me, and My favor unto him who hath turned toward My horizon, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Hear thou the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond the ocean of grandeur: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." I created creation for My knowledge and taught them My straight and manifest path. Among them are those who denied My proof, those who disbelieved in My signs, those who turned away from My remembrance, those who pronounced sentence for the shedding of My blood, and those who cast away the world, turning unto My Most Great Name, saying: "Thine be the praise, O Lord of the worlds, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Goal of them that know!" Give thanks

unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee and preferred thee above most of the people whom thou seest in manifest doubt.

We make mention of him who was named ʿAbdu'llah as a bounty from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We heard his call and answered him that the rapture of the Call might seize him and draw him with his heart near unto My luminous horizon. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon him who was named Baqir who conveyed unto thee My firm command and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Merciful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken while in its mighty prison.

BH05632: The son of the spiritual elder, upon both…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

The son of the spiritual elder, upon both of whom be my glory, has, with the permission of the Lord of humanity, set out for the Most Great Goal. He endured the hardships of paths by land and sea to attain the presence before the Face of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, he arrived and was blessed with meeting and hearing. He forwarded that leaf's letter to the Most Holy Court. After it was seen, this Most Mighty, Most Holy Tablet was sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness. Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to the handmaidens of that land. Say: O my handmaidens! Today is the day of service and assistance.

Aid the Truth through mention and praise. His loving-kindness seized you, His grace encompassed you, He confirmed you and granted success, such that you have outstripped most men among the divines and the learned ones. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! Gather together with wisdom and remember the Beloved of the worlds through utterance, despite those who followed their desires, turning away from the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women who heard the Call and believed in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest One.

BH05649: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

In the Name of the One God

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that for whose knowledge all the worlds have been brought from nothingness into being. From the Hand of the Favor of the Lord of Names thou hast drunk the Kawthar of immortality, which is the recognition of the Ancient Being and the Lord of all nations. However, the Most Exalted Pen counseleth you to preserve that which He hath bestowed, for the opposers have ever lain in wait for those who have turned towards Him. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon and for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Daysprings of Thy inspiration to protect me from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs and have denied that which hath appeared from Thy presence.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and directing my face to the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Most Great Throne and of the Exalted Seat. Praise be unto Thee, O Manifest Light and Lord of the heavens and earth. The Glory of God be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Specific to that region, in accordance with the request of the Trustee, a Tablet and receipt of arrival were sent. Deliver them.

BH05782: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and through Him the trumpet hath been blown, the path established, and the balance set up, and through Him hath appeared that which was in knowledge. Whoso believeth in Him hath believed in God, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance and thy turning towards Him and thy arrival and thy standing before the gate that was opened unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou didst arise, turning toward God, and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain His presence and didst hear the call of the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and didst witness that which had been hidden from all eyes throughout ages and centuries.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled me to draw near unto the court of Thy glory and to arrive at the ocean of Thy oneness and to stand before Thy countenance and to be present at the revelation of Thy verses. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in all Thy worlds that which beseemeth Thy bounty and grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH06168: Your mention was made before the Wronged One…

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

Your mention was made before the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in reply, that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou mayest attain unto supreme steadfastness, in such wise that the calumnies of the calumniators and the falsehoods of the antagonists may not withhold thee from the divine path nor keep thee back from the waters of heavenly knowledge. The enemies of the Faith have been and still remain in ambush, and like unto the Shi'ih divines have arisen to lead the people astray. They have appeared with such guile and craftiness as hath never before been seen or heard. In these days some of the falsifiers have turned towards those regions and continue to do so. Beseech thou God to protect and assist you to that which beseemeth His Day. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and make mention of them from the Wronged One, that they may perchance attain unto new life through the waters of the All-Merciful's utterance and remain steadfast in the Cause of God.

BH06329: O Ibrahim, beloved of the All-Merciful! By the will…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Ibrahim, beloved of the All-Merciful! By the will of God, exalted be His glory, the Sun of Manifestation dawned from the horizon, yet the heedless ones denied Him and accepted not His proof. Later, the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, arose from the horizon of God's Will and summoned the people to the straight path of God. However, the divines and rulers denied Him and rose up against Him, inflicting upon Him that which caused the very atoms of creation to lament and weep at His oppression. The heedless and ignorant ones have ever clung to their vain imaginings and turned away from the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Source of inspiration, as is witnessed today by every person of insight and testified to by every person of understanding—the appearance of the Truth with clear proof and evidence, and yet the turning away of all created things.

Blessed is he whom the tales of the world have not deprived of the Most Great Word, and whom the veils of the peoples have not held back from the Truth. Such a one is numbered among the companions of the Crimson Ark, as attested by the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Tablet.

BH06727: The Book hath been revealed, the evidences are manifest…

In the name of the Goal of the world

The Book hath been revealed, the evidences are manifest, and the Luminary of the Cause hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of revelation. Yet the heedless servants have turned away, denying the Proof of God and rejecting His Divine Testament, perpetrating that which no oppressor of old hath ever perpetrated. The Supreme Pen calleth out at all times, summoning all to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the call and turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon.

O friends! This Day is the Day of God—know ye its value. The barking ones and the treacherous lie in wait, striving zealously to lead the servants astray. We beseech God to protect His loved ones and grant them a portion of the sealed wine. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and We beseech for each one that which hath no likeness or equal. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

BH06871: In My name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

In My name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Mahmud! The Wronged One makes mention of thee through His grace and remindeth thee of the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. We have heard thy call, made mention of thee, and by reason of thy turning unto Us have turned unto thee from this far-distant Scene, and We counsel thee to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of names have quaked, and I am verily the All-Knowing Counsellor.

The people of the Bayan have turned away from Him Who revealed it and their Sovereign, and have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, save those who heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled us to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee."

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounties. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the lights of the Orb of Thy proof to make me detached from all else save Thee and speaking in Thy praise and glorification in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from turning to the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07062: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon

This is a mention from Us to him who has turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, on a day wherein most of the servants who broke God's covenant and His testament turned away from Him and said that which the ancients never said. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the lights of the Countenance, and the heart that hath turned to God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the direction of the Prison, and We have seen thy turning to Us and have turned to thee from this exalted station. We beseech God to assist thee and My loved ones to serve His Cause, and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Unique, the Self-Sufficient Who hath taken no partner in His dominion. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. When thou attainest unto the verses of the Most Exalted Pen, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having made known to me Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is."

BH07240: A Book sent down by the All-Chosen One…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

A Book sent down by the All-Chosen One to him who has turned to Him on a Day when every faithless deceiver turned away. He heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. They have lost, they who denied God's proof and His signs, and he has gained who heard and responded. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in the Book. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause and aid thee to serve His Cause with humility and dedication. Thank God for this most great bounty, that He hath mentioned thee in such wise as shall draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the effulgences of the light of thy Lord's manifestation, the Lord of all men. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. And We make mention of Muhammad before

Husayn and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath encompassed the horizons. We beseech God to assist him in that which beseemeth His days. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH07077: In My Name, the One Who rules over all…

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

A mention from the One Who makes mention of him who hath believed in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained, that the remembrance and utterance may attract him to the Kingdom of knowledge—the station wherein the Summoner proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower!" Thy name was presented in the Most Great Prison. We make mention of thee with that which no mention can equal. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, speaking My praise, holding fast unto My cord, and clinging to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all men. Beware lest anything among all things prevent thee from the Lord of Names, or the oppression of those who have denied the Beginning and the Return cause thee to fear. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and by the splendors of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy grace, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom neither the hosts of the world nor the armies of the nations can frustrate. Thou givest and withholdest. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Forgiving!

BH07490: Verily the Book speaketh and counseleth all…

He is the True, the Trusted One

Verily the Book speaketh and counseleth all to that which hath been sent down therein from the heaven of Will and inscribed therein by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O Sadiq! This is the Day of witnessing and utterance, the Day wherein God hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne and proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

Grieve thou not over anything. This is the Day of joy and gladness, inasmuch as the All-Merciful hath come from the heaven of proof with an irrevocable decree. Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Take ye hold of the Tablet of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. Verily it will draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon and guide you to the extended path of God. Thus have We sent unto thee the breezes of utterance from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that fear not, neither are they grieved. The Glory be upon thee and upon every patient and grateful one.

BH07915: O handmaid of God, praise the Goal of all…

In the name of the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate

O handmaid of God, praise the Goal of all worlds Who enabled you to attain unto a son who turned to the most exalted horizon and attained that which was recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the divine Books. Praise be to God, he drank from the sealed wine—this is that wine which the chosen ones and pure ones of God in centuries and ages past would beseech from God, exalted be His glory. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled Thy handmaiden to turn to Thee and place her trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for me and my daughter the good of this world and the next. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning to Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint her from the ocean of Thy generosity and the luminary of Thy favor. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07811: He it is that gazeth from His most exalted…

He it is that gazeth from His most exalted horizon

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw him to the most exalted horizon and bring him nigh unto His praiseworthy station. This is a Day wherein the breezes of God have wafted and the fragrances of Revelation have been diffused. Blessed are the people who recognize.

When thou hearest My call and perceivest the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and made me recognize Thy Proof. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance to aid me to stand firm in Thy love and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Thou hast ever been, O my God, in the heights of might and power and majesty, and in the summit of glory and greatness and grandeur. Neither do the clamors of the world hinder Thee, nor the veils of the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08599: In My Name, Who warbles upon the branches

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O peoples of the earth! The gate of divine knowledge has been opened and the All-Merciful has come with the kingdom of utterance, yet the people remain heedless and astray. Your letter has arrived and from it We perceived the fragrance of your love for God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. We have heard your call and have answered you with a Tablet that no other tablets can equal. Read what has been sent down to you from the heaven of bounty—it will draw you nigh to the most exalted station. You behold the Wronged One in the midst of enemies, yet He summons all to God, the Subduer of verses. Neither the mention of the divines, nor the word of the jurisprudents, nor their clamor has deterred Him. I have manifested My Cause before the faces of My creation with a power that has shaken the pillars.

Give thanks to your Lord, for He has remembered you with that whose fragrance shall not cease throughout centuries and ages. The glory be upon you from Us and upon those whom the oppression of them that denied the Beginning and the Return has not hindered.

BH08454: The Call has been raised, the Mother Book revealed…

He is the One Who dawns from His most exalted horizon

The Call has been raised, the Mother Book revealed, the Path made manifest, yet the people are witnessed to be in evident error. Blessed art thou for having turned and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Guard this station through the Name of the Lord of Names, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in ambush. Say:

My God, my God! Protect this Thy servant from the doubts of the cawers and the intimations of the infidels. I am the one who, O my God, have clung to the service of Thy loved ones out of my longing for Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause that hath encompassed the world and by Thy sovereignty that hath subdued the nations, to make me in all conditions firm and steadfast in Thy Most Great Cause, whereby the hearts of the world were shaken except for those whom Thou didst preserve through Thy ancient grace and Thy mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH08444: The Wronged One at this moment makes mention…

In the name of the one true God!

The Wronged One at this moment makes mention of one of the handmaidens of God and gives her the glad-tidings of God's grace. Today the ocean of divine mercy is surging and the Luminary of bounty is shining from the horizon of the world. Blessed are those servants and handmaidens whom the colors of the world and the doubts of the nations have not prevented or deprived from the lights of the Most Great Luminary.

Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who confirmed thee and granted thee success in turning toward Him. Thou didst set thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon and didst attain unto the verses and words of God, exalted be His glory. Know thou the station of this bounty. Most of the people of the earth today are heedless and veiled, while thou, through God's grace, art assured and turning toward Him. Guard this station as the pupil of thine eye. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Exalted.

BH08084: We make mention of Baha'u'd-Din at this time…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

We make mention of Baha'u'd-Din at this time and give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Hearken unto the call from the direction of sorrow from this Wronged One, Who hath borne tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We love to behold those who have turned towards the Countenance, but the idolaters have intervened between Us and them. To this doth testify the Book of God, the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy. Render thanks unto God for having mentioned thee and caused thee to know and hear, and made thee among those endowed with knowledge. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and taught me and made me to know. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world to ordain for me the reward of those who have circled round Thee and stood before Thy gate and heard Thy call and beheld Thy horizon. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09714: O Hashim! The Promise hath come to pass…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Hashim! The Promise hath come to pass, to this the Promised One Himself doth testify. The Hidden One hath been made manifest, and God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, hath borne witness unto this. The All-Merciful hath come with clear proof, yet the people perceive it not. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this Sealed Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause, whereby the limbs of every ignorant outcast have quaked with fear, and to assist thee in that which will exalt His Cause. Verily, He is the One Who hath dominion over what was and what shall be. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH00790: Praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things…

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

Praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things, befitteth the One desired by all the worlds, Who hath ordained tribulation exclusively for His loved ones. Blessed are they who are nigh unto God—those souls who have ascended by the ladder of tribulation unto the most exalted heights. These are the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty. They have ever fixed their gaze upon the most sublime horizon. Hardships did not prevent them from turning toward Him, nor did adversities hold them back from drawing nigh unto Him. Rather, the trials of the world and its afflictions served to feed the fire of love and increase its flame. Verily, whosoever becometh aware of the changeability, transformation and evanescence of the world, no earthly thing can wither his spirit or deprive him of joy and delight. His gladness is in God, and his pleasure is for God's sake. His intimate companion is "We are God's" and his close associate is "and to Him shall we return." When the heart is illumined with the lights of divine knowledge and is filled with the remembrance, praise, love and affection of God, glorified be His majesty, no space remaineth therein for the sorrows of the world and the tribulations that descend upon it to enter or penetrate.

Glory be unto Thee, O Light of the world, Illuminator of the world, Subduer of the world, and Dispeller of the sorrows of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which the breezes of the dawn of Thy grace have wafted over Thy servants, to assist Thy Afnan to attain unto Thy presence and to hold fast unto that which hath been ordained for them through Thy bounty and favors. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies and from the malice of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to open before their faces the

doors of Thy grace, that the fragrances of Thy utterance may attract them to a station wherein the conditions of the world and its tribulations will not sadden them, nor will the deeds of those who have turned away from Thy most exalted horizon extinguish their ardor. Then enable them, O my God, in all circumstances, to draw nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit is a sacrifice unto your remembrance and service! Two epistles from your honor arrived, one before and one after—each was a key to the cities of love, affection and attention. After reading and becoming apprised of their contents, I approached the Most Exalted Station and presented them before His face. His blessed and exalted Word states:

> "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Reflect upon the tribulations that have befallen the Self of God, and likewise what came to pass upon the Prophets. The divine love so overtook them that the afflictions and adversities of the world were regarded by them as a feast of delight and joy. The opposition of the world and the denial of the nations did not prevent them from turning toward God, nor did it deprive them of the greatest joy. Through the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance and what was ordained for them, they regarded the world as non-existent and null. At every moment, on wings of joy they would ascend to the heights which is the station of nearness and meeting. And if the worlds and their conditions were confined to this world, they would never have delivered themselves into the hands of their enemies. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of this Prison—those Essences of being ever stood firm in the station of submission and contentment, to such degree that the tyranny and oppression of the people of the world did not deter them from steadfastness in the Cause. When the heart is connected to the Most Great Ocean, it beholdeth the world and all that the people possess as a shadow that will soon perish and pass away. Perchance what hath befallen you may become the cause for the manifestation of God's hidden and divine favors. You are related to Him, and what hath come upon you occurred after certitude and acceptance. May there appear through this that which will bring solace to the eyes and joy to the hearts. None is aware of the mysteries of consummate wisdom. This Wronged One beareth witness to this in this remote Prison."

Say: "My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thee. Thou seest the weakness of Thy loved ones and the strength of Thine enemies and their tyranny in Thy lands. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby Thou hast subdued all things, and by the influence of Thy greatest signs, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest me in the midst of sorrows. I beseech Thee to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will cause me to soar in Thy atmosphere, to be attracted by Thy verses, and to take refuge in Thy presence. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. I am the one, O my God, who hath acknowledged Thy unity and Thy oneness. Thy all-encompassing knowledge hath preceded me, and Thou knowest that which will exalt me and enable me to achieve what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

In truth, the consequences of affairs are veiled from perception and vision. None but God, exalted be His glory, has been or is aware of them. Often it happens that from these sorrows, the gates of joy, delight, gladness and exultation are opened. Today there exists no station, no bounty, and no honor greater than what has been bestowed upon the Afnan. At one time this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of creation in this connection, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "O servant present! Often does God, exalted be His glory, make that which is distant the cause of nearness, and many a sorrow He transforms into supreme joy, and how many a constriction He changes into expansion. The bounty is in His hand and within His mighty grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, night and day for that which will gladden and refresh the soul. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Regarding the countenance of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory, the Greater Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory, was commanded to write that it should be given to the Greater Holy Mother, her mother, whether it be in that land or with whomsoever it may be. This matter was conveyed some time ago. I beseech God that He may aid souls to act in accordance with what hath been sent down from the heaven of His command.

The letter of Mulla Shafi', upon him be the Glory of God, which you forwarded, was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and an answer hath been revealed which will be sent subsequently. Likewise, one blessed Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for the Greater Holy Mother, upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have been and are remembered at all times. Some time ago, harm was inflicted by an oppressive government, and each day some new tribulation and affliction became manifest and evident. God will change it through a command from His presence. Verily, He hath power over all things. The purpose is that his honor hath also shared in the sorrows with the Divine Lote-Tree.

To the honored Afnans of that land I convey greetings, praise and glory, and likewise to the friends of that land. I beseech God that He may illumine those regions with the light of the Afnan and manifest a new world. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the Lord of the Throne and earth. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, who love you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

The servant 26th of Dhi'l-Hijjih 1304

BH02344: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that it may draw mankind nearer unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath desired to make mention of one of His Afnan who was attracted by His verses, soared in His atmosphere, spoke forth His praise, held fast unto the cord of His grace, and took hold of the Book of God with such strength that neither the pharaohs

of the earth nor the tyrants of the land could deter him, and who arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that neither the might of those who disbelieved in God and His signs, nor those who turned away from His straight path and His mighty announcement, could cause him to stumble. Thou hast been mentioned before the Face and shalt continue to be as thou wert. Verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions. He is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Ism-i-Jud, who circled round the House by night and day, desired thy mention. We have therefore mentioned thee in this mighty Tablet. The Wronged One beareth witness to thy devotion, thy humility, thy submissiveness, thy steadfastness, and thy service to the Cause of God, the sovereign Truth, the manifest Justice. Thou hast performed for God's sake that which shall not perish through the duration of His kingdom and His dominion. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thy breast may be dilated thereby and thy heart rejoiced. Even so have the glances of the Wronged One been directed towards thee from this far-distant spot.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My Afnan, remind them of My verses, and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for them in the Crimson Book from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We beseech God to protect them from the croaking of every croaker and from those whose hearts and tongues are not in accord. This is what We informed you of before, and at this moment nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is the Concealer, the All-Forbearing, the Mighty, the Great. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee and hearken unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

One day Ism-i-Jud—upon him be My glory—attained the presence of the Countenance and expressed boundless love and embarrassment regarding the Afnan—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness. He mentioned that he had been the cause of his trouble. In showing kindness and love there was no hesitation. He asked from God—exalted be His glory—for that which endureth and remaineth. We said: O Ism-i-Jud! The Afnan have come into being from nothingness for the service of God—exalted be His glory. He and all that is with him shall return unto God. This word hath been inscribed by the divine Pen at the very heart of God's Book. Well is it with him and pleasant it is unto him. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the loved ones of that land. We beseech God to unite the hearts and tongues of His servants, that the evident bounties and revealed verses may not be deprived of their influence and fruit. Thus hath the Pen of the Wronged One spoken at this moment. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02487: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of the Final Return, that the utterance may draw him to the Kingdom of knowledge and bring him near to God, the Lord of Lords.

Your letter has come before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and the servant in attendance before His face read it. We found from it the fragrances of your sincerity, your turning to God, and your love for God, the Lord of all beings. We have answered you with a Tablet from whose horizon shines the light of grace and favor, that you may rejoice and thank your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed are you for having believed in God and His signs when the divines and jurists of the earth denied Him—they who would mention God morning and evening, beseeching that He grant them the honor of meeting Him Who was promised in the Books, the Psalms and the Tablets. But when He came from the horizon of power, they pronounced against Him an injustice at which all things lamented, as testifies the Mother Book.

When you have taken the cup of knowledge in My Name and drunk thereof through My love, turn your face toward the Most Great House of God and say: "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me when people were in manifest error. Glory be to Thee for having strengthened me when the people were behind a thick veil. Thanks be to Thee for having awakened me when the servants were in strange slumber. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to make me in all conditions hold fast to Thy cord and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and generosity, speaking Thy praise among Thy servants such that neither the might of the oppressors nor the power of the aggressive ones may weaken me.

O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward Thy horizon, awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden, who has cast aside all else but Thee, taking hold of Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the dawning-places of the sun of Thy proof to preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament, who have denied Thy proof, who have disputed Thy signs, and who have turned away from Thy countenance. Ordain for me, O my God, my Master and my Hope, from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me near to Thy Most Glorious Horizon.

Then write down for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Protector of humanity, the Possessor of Names, and the Creator of heaven. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who have drunk the wine of Thy revelation and the Kawthar of Thy inspiration, who have hastened to the place of sacrifice out of longing to meet Thee and yearning for Thy good-pleasure, and upon those who have remembered them and visited their resting-places and recited what Thou didst send down for them from the heaven of Thy Will and the kingdom of Thy Purpose. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

BH04703: Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above all…

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

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above all mention and utterance, the Goal of all worlds, Who illumined the universe with the lights of oneness and raised high above the loftiest horizon the Most Great Standard of "Verily there is none other God but Him." The might of princes hindered Him not, nor held Him back from His purpose. He sent forth His Messengers and revealed His Books that all might attain

unto the straight path and be made ready to recognize the momentous News on the Day of Resurrection. His is the praise and bounty, His the grace and bestowal. He created and showed the way that all might attain to that which was the purpose of creation. Exalted be His favor and exalted be His all-embracing mercy and His mighty generosity. Blessing and peace be upon the Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, through Whom messengership and prophethood were concluded, and upon His family and companions, forever and ever eternally.

Thereafter, Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be the peace of God, arrived and made mention of you. Therefore this Wronged One hath once again turned toward that direction, that He might give thee to drink of the Salsabil of love from the cup of faithfulness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and make thee successful in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the Day of Judgment and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Should thou find a friend, convey greetings from the Wronged One, that the greeting might draw him nigh unto the Lord of all beings and confirm him in that which hath been revealed in the Book.

BH05362: Praise befitteth and is meet for the Purpose…

He is God, exalted be His station!

Praise befitteth and is meet for the Purpose of the world and the Object of worship of all peoples, Who through His most exalted Word created earth and heaven and brought them forth from nothingness into being for the recognition of His sanctified Self. And this recognition is not attained except through the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, the Daysprings of His inspiration, the Sources of His Cause and the Recipients of His knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the cord of His recognition and become detached from all else besides Him. He hath educated creation through the tongue of the Books and the Messengers, that they might attain to the station of “Blessed, therefore, be God, the most excellent of Makers.”

We have mentioned thee repeatedly. Muhammad-Quli hath once again sought to express his love, and thus do We make mention of him. We counsel all the loved ones of God to observe the fear of God and that whereby hearts and minds are concealed. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the valley-bed flowed and through Whom the Light shone forth from the horizon of the Hijaz, to send down upon this Thy servant from the heaven of Thy bounty the rains of Thy loving-kindness. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, detached from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee to make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens.

BH06825: O Javad! The Lord of creation hath come…

He is the One Who commands on the Day of Return.

O Javad! The Lord of creation hath come with a Cause that affairs could not prevent and with a sovereignty that was not veiled by the doubts of those who broke the Covenant of God, the Lord of Lords.

They cast the Book behind their backs and took what they were commanded by the Dayspring of vain imaginings. Thy letter was received and the servant in attendance read it. We have answered thee with verses by which the hearts of the wise have been attracted. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. That which hath befallen Us hath caused eyes to weep and hearts to melt. By the life of God! They are the ones who denied God's proof and His evidence, and committed that which caused sighs to ascend.

When thou attainest unto the verses of thy Lord and findest from them the fragrance of utterance, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having aided me to turn towards Thee and for having sent down upon me, in Thy path, that which Thou didst send down upon Thy chosen ones whom the might of the wicked did not deter."

I beseech Thee, O King of the kingdom of earth and heaven, by the mysteries of the realm of power, to make me steadfast in all conditions in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH06937: Verily the Book speaketh, yet the people hear not…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Verily the Book speaketh, yet the people hear not; and the Pen warbleth, yet mankind knoweth not; and the Tablet lamenteth over what hath befallen the Cause of God, the Lord of all being, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of thy brother in verses that all the books of the people cannot equal, as the Tongue of Grandeur doth testify in His glorious station. Verily thy brother turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon by the command of his Lord, and traversed the pathway until he attained unto the Gate, and heard the Call, and beheld the Supreme Horizon. Blessed be he and thou, and whosoever acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the outpourings of Thy days, and the showers of Thy mercy, and the manifestations of Thy power, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then forgive me through Thy grace and bounty, and have mercy upon me through Thy tender care and favors. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things.

BH07415: O Muhammad-Husayn! You have always been remembered and still…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Muhammad-Husayn! You have always been remembered and still are. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, for thou art unaware of the ultimate outcome of things. "It may be that you hate a thing which is good for you." Reflect upon the tribulations of the Wronged One. That which hath come upon Him hath caused those who are nigh unto God to weep. All that thou hast done in the path of God hath been recorded in the Book by the Pen of the All-Bountiful. We have repeatedly made mention of thee this time. Verily, He loveth faithfulness and hath commanded His loved ones to hold fast unto it. Say: "My God, my God! Aid me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Then ordain for me that which will exalt me through Thy

greatness and sovereignty, and will assist me among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty." The splendor from Our presence be upon thee and upon God's loved ones in that land. We have remembered them with Our beauteous remembrance. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07949: O Zaynu'l-Abidin! We mentioned thee before, and now again…

He is God! There is none other God but Him!

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! We mentioned thee before, and now again, since Muhammad-Qabli-Ali hath appeared before the Wronged One seeking bounty, these few words flow from the Pen. We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will exalt thee and decree for thee that which will profit thee. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, and by Thy Cause through which Thou hast subdued the world and guided the peoples, and by Thy Messengers and Thy Books, and by Him through Whom Thou hast raised the banner of unity among Thy servants and the standard of detachment in Thy lands—I beseech Thee by Him and by His kindred and companions to assist me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Then protect me from the evil of the idolaters among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08585: O Lutfullah! God willing, may you be occupied…

In the name of the one Friend

O Lutfullah! God willing, may you be occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, throughout the nights and days, in such wise that the affairs of the world shall not make you heedless of the Most Great Cause. You have been and continue to be remembered before the Wronged One. You are mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen as being among the people of the prison. Give thanks to your Lord for having enabled you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self at a time when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. Say: My God! I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy clear tokens to make me in all conditions hold fast unto Thee and gaze toward Thy horizon. Then ordain for me what is best in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below.

His likeness abides safe, tranquil and at rest beneath the shadow of loving-kindness. We send greetings to the loved ones of that land and give them the glad-tidings of divine favors. The Glory be upon thee.

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BH00055: O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the eternal glory…

Section 1: "O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the eternal…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

O spiritual youth! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God! Thy letter attained the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Presence of the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou for having cast aside the world, turning toward the Most Great Prison, until thou didst attain the presence of the Ancient King and didst hear that for which all things were created to hear. Thou didst seek, thou didst enter, and thou didst witness that wherewith the Books of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, had given thee glad tidings. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having aided me to attain Thy presence and to stand before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the signs of Thy greatness and the standards of Thy power in Thy lands, and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all creation and Thy might that hath encompassed all existence, to make me steadfast, firm and immovable in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and glorification, turning in all conditions to the lights of Thy countenance, and guiding Thy servants to Thy path. O my Lord! Thou art He Whose grace hath encompassed all and Who hath manifested what was hidden in Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Mighty Announcement to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to make me content and thankful. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O spiritual youth! From your letter was detected the fragrance of despair. Despair not of God's spirit, neither lose hope in thy Lord's mercy, nor grieve in His days. Verily We have summoned thee, given thee glad tidings, inspired thee, taught thee and caused thee to know, that thou mayest give glad tidings to the servants concerning the manifestation of Truth and His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power. Beware lest anything prevent thee from what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to the Book and what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Almighty, the Powerful.

The world of the Bayan hath been transformed into the world of the Shi'ih, in its essence, its outward form, its names, its attributes, its delusions and its imaginings. Nay, its people are seen to be even more remote, more debased and more ignorant.

Wherever thou meetest the people of God in any city or region, convey to them the greetings from the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the lights of the Luminary of the heaven of the grace of the World's Desired One. Convey My glorification to the people of Darakhsh and say: O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. Verily it hath been raised up in this Most Exalted Station, this Most High Summit and this Ultimate Goal. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless.

Ye have been beneath the glances of your Lord's mercy. Give thanks unto God for this mighty favor. Beware lest anything among all things occupy you away from the Creator of heaven, or wealth and hopes prevent you from the Final Goal in this Day wherein the Temple of the Manifestation is established upon the Throne of Utterance and speaketh that which draweth the servants nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Ye are in your homeland while the Lord of the worlds was a captive in the hands of the heedless until they imprisoned Him in this place round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and hath turned with his heart to the Most

Sublime Horizon—the Place wherein the Wronged One was imprisoned through that which the hands of the aggressors have wrought.

O people of God! Arise to assist the Cause through wisdom and utterance, through deeds and conduct. Verily He aideth whom He willeth as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing. By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged in the contingent world. Take therefrom a cup in My Name, then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Beware lest the world prevent you from the Lord of all humanity, or colors prevent you from your Lord, the Most Merciful. Leave aside all else, turning unto Him, as bidden by His command, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation while the people are in evident delusion. The fragrance of the verses hath been diffused and the clear proofs have appeared. Blessed is he who hath advanced, found and attained, and woe unto the heedless.

O My Light! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Arise to assist the Cause, and know ye that the true assistance hath ever been and shall ever be the teaching of God's Cause. Today the immortal Kawthar lieth concealed in the utterance of the people of Baha. They must, through God's grace and bounty, bestow it freely that the dwellers of the graves may be stirred by the breezes of the Revelation and arise. This is the Day that hath been mentioned in the divine Scriptures of old and of later times. The people of truth must strive to attain unto and be illumined by the light of true unity, and must likewise protect the servants of God for His sake, lest they become afflicted with vain imaginings like unto the Shi'ih sect and be deprived, on the Day of Resurrection, of the light of the utterance of the Lord of all beings.

Throughout ages and centuries they took pride in what they possessed, yet on the Day of Judgment they appeared as Nimrod, nay worse and more evil. Today the trees cry out, and likewise the fruits and leaves, the stones and pits, and all things, yet there are no attentive ears. Trusting in God, occupy yourselves with quickening the dead, that perchance they may come to life and attain unto everlasting life, becoming sanctified from the doubts and idle fancies of the past and illumined with the light of the Day-Star of certitude.

O My loved ones in that land! Ye have ever been and continue to be remembered. Know ye the worth and station of the divine words. We beseech God to assist you in recovering what was lost and to ordain for you that which endureth and abideth. Soon shall all that is visible vanish away and extinction shall overtake all, but that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen hath been and shall forever remain. Blessed are they that attain thereunto. We love you and glorify you and give you glad tidings of My acceptance and favor and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye are of the people of light; therefore the radiance of the Day-Star of the horizons must needs be manifest and evident from you. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, from God, the Aim of the mystics and the Beloved of them that are nigh unto Him.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the people of Birjand, that the sweet fragrances of their remembrance may guide them to the highest horizon. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. All that hath befallen the friends of God hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen upon the Crimson Tablet. Reflect upon the power and grandeur of

creation. The earth, which outwardly appeareth to be the lowliest and meanest of all things, hath been made by Him the treasury of wealth, the source of bounty, the dawning-place of mercy, and the fountainhead of generosity and benevolence. Had the dwellers of the earth heeded that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen, all would have entered the kingdom of wealth and attained unto the supreme bounty. However, the denial of divine favors and heedlessness toward the horizon of mercy have come from the divines of the age. These are they of whom the Pen of the All-Merciful hath formerly revealed:

> "They have exchanged the favor of God for disbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition."

Render thanks unto the Lord of all beings Who enabled you to turn towards Him, to know Him, and to manifest humility and submissiveness in days when the limbs of the world trembled from the fire of hatred and rancor, and the hearts of the people were agitated. That which hath befallen His loved ones is a treasure hidden with God and a preserved trust. Blessed are they who have borne tribulations in His path. Soon shall the station of each one become manifest and evident as the sun. The hand of justice hath ever been and remaineth mighty.

O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Forgive the negligent and pray for the sinners. Beseech God to awaken the heedless. Ye are the dawning-places of glory, kindness and mercy, for the signs and attributes of God, exalted be His glory, are made manifest through those possessed of certitude and souls that are tranquil and well-pleased. Blessed is the one who retireth to his bed with a heart purified from malice, hatred, doubts, allusions, and the troubles of the world. Beseech ye God to adorn His servants with the ornament of wisdom. This Wronged One, while in the land of Ta, maintained cordial relations with its ruling Amir. Supplicate God, exalted be His glory, to aid and confirm the Amir and grant him success in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One hath been for God's sake. We have accepted successive tribulations and continuous calamities for the exaltation of the Word, the reformation of the world, and the unity of nations. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every informed one testifieth to this.

O My loved ones in that land! Praise ye the Lord of all beings Who hath enabled you in His days to attain unto the outpourings of His Pen, and hath caused to be sent down for you that which shall never set from the horizon of the heaven of grace, that which no veil can obscure and no cloud can prevent. By God's life! Were ye to become aware of the fruit of the utterances of the Pen, ye would all soar upon the wings of certitude and assurance, in a state of attraction and rapture, in the atmosphere of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God not to withhold from His party His hidden and manifest bounties. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

O Pen of Eternity and Herald of the world! Turn thy face toward thy loved ones in Sarchah, then make mention of them with such remembrance as will set aflame their hearts and cause their souls to soar. Verily remembrance is a light by which hearts are illumined, and a fire by which the hearts of the righteous are set ablaze. Blessed is he who is illumined by this light and enlightened by the rays of this effulgence, and who is set aflame by this fire in the days of his Lord, the Master of the beginning and the end. Blessed are ye and happy are ye! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to your turning and your

devotion on a day wherein every idolatrous doubter turned away from the Countenance—they who followed their desires and committed that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and the companions of this station to lament.

O My friends! The gate of bounty hath been opened before the face of all the world. Beware lest the veils of the peoples prevent you from the Most Great Name. Cast aside what the people possess, turning with your hearts unto God, the Lord of Lords. When ye have attained unto the breezes of revelation and what hath been sent down from the Pen of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O our God and our Desire, for having enabled us to turn unto Thy horizon, to hold fast unto Thy cord, and to cling to the hem of Thy garment. We beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy loving-kindness, and the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee at all times.

Then write down for us the good of this world and of the world to come, and that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are near unto Thee, who have taken the chalice of contentment from the hands of Thy bestowal and have drunk in Thy name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful." Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken on the tenth night of the month of fasting, as a bounty unto all beings. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of them that know."

And We make mention in this station of him who turned unto My horizon and attained unto My days and soared in My atmosphere and spoke My praise and migrated, turning unto My face, until he stood before the gate of My grandeur and appeared before My throne and heard My sweetest call and beheld My most exalted horizon, which We have adorned, both its outer and inner aspects, with his body. We beseech God, exalted be He, to send down upon his grave the rain of His mercy and the outpourings of His grace. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Praise be unto God! In the first days he turned with sincerity; the tribulations that befell him did not prevent him from the direction of the Divine Unity. He arrived and dwelt for numbered years beneath the shade, circling round the Wronged One, and after the passing of time and the appearance of his appointed hour, he set out for the Most Exalted Horizon. The grace of God took hold of him. God hath forgiven him as a bounty from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Section 2: "In this moment the gaze of the Wronged…"

In this moment the gaze of the Wronged One hath turned with loving-kindness toward Jadhba. O people of Jadhba! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast to that which beseemeth the days of God. The word that in this Most Great Revelation will save and assure mankind is this: Observe ye the heaven and its stars, and likewise the Tree and its fruits, and its appearance and manifestation and effects. This word is accounted before God as among the lord of words. Ponder ye upon this Most Great Revelation and its arising before the peoples, that perchance the light of the All-Merciful's utterance may illumine you and the fire of His love set you ablaze. Arise ye to aid the Cause of God. Kindle the dejected souls with the fire of the Tree, and quicken the dead through the cup of the All-Merciful's utterance. Count ye the days as precious and hold fast to that which beseemeth you.

This Wronged One hath, throughout the nights and days, made mention of the loved ones of God and summoned them unto that which draweth them nigh unto Him. The path is clear, the balance manifest, the verses revealed, the evidences resplendent, and He Who conversed upon Sinai speaketh before all faces. Yet they denied God's favors and remained occupied with their own idle fancies. Those who deemed themselves leaders and who, from pulpits, made mention of and spoke in the name of God, were all seen to turn aside and even become unbelievers at the slightest test. Would that they had been content with what hath been mentioned! The loved ones themselves are aware of the deeds of the Shi'ih divines and their followers. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and turn from that which is with the people to that which is with God. Erelong shall the fire of rancor and hatred in the hearts of the ungodly be extinguished and pass into nothingness. Beseech ye God that He may aid you in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. We beseech God to manifest from you that which will draw all near unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful.

My God, my God! Adorn Thy servants with the ornament of recognition and ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thy horizon. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy utterance, Thy sovereignty and Thy might, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which Thou hast ordained for them who soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and offered up their souls in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

Verily We desire to make mention of Faran and of those who have adorned their temples with the ornament of divine knowledge and have attained unto the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, that this remembrance may draw them nigh unto My glorious station. O people of Faran! Hearken unto My most sweet call and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. I have come for the salvation of the world and the refinement of all nations. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Revelation and hath believed in God, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest the people of error prevent you from the All-Sufficient, the Most High. Cast away what they possess, turning unto God, the One, the Single, the Sovereign over what hath been and what shall be. This is a Day wherein whosoever hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon hath prospered and hath witnessed what God Himself hath witnessed—that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O people of Faran! Take what hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Sovereign of existence. We have made mention of you before and after. Blessed are they who understand. How many a strong one hath been kept back from the Water of Life, and how many a weak one hath drawn nigh and partaken thereof through My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions—this is what We foretold you aforetime, as attesteth he who possesseth a perspicuous Book.

Thus hath the countenance of divine knowledge been illumined and the luminary of proof hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet of your Lord, the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Hearken in the Persian tongue: There hath befallen you in the path of God that which none

knoweth save the Truth. Preserve your stations and enter the impregnable fortress which hath been brought into being by the Will of God. Whosoever entereth therein shall be protected from the arrows of malice and iniquity. One pure deed in this Day excelleth the deeds of centuries and ages. Hearken unto the divine counsel and hold fast unto that which is the cause of everlasting remembrance and eternal bounty. If ears be sanctified from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, they shall hear from all things the blessed word "The Truth is come." Today the hidden is manifest and the treasured evident. The unseen and the seen are gathered in one temple. Blessed is he who hath not deprived himself, who hath taken from the Hand of Bounty the Kawthar of immortality and drunk thereof.

By the Sun of utterance which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the prison, should anyone attain unto but a drop thereof, he shall find himself exalted above all the peoples of the world. Hearken with pure ears and behold with sanctified eyes. Night and day the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with the remembrance of the loved ones. No fair-minded soul can deny the evidences of this Most Great Revelation, but rather would testify that the Light is manifest, the Sun is shining, the Cause is clear, the proof perfect, the evidence brilliant, the signs all-encompassing, and the clear tokens visible. Beseech ye God to aid you in serving His Cause. The greatest service is the teaching of His Cause.

The teachers must occupy themselves with wisdom and utterance in this momentous matter. The conditions for teachers are sanctity, detachment, as well as trust in God and severance. Blessed is he who is adorned with the ornament of detachment in teaching the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. Blessed are those servants who, purely for the sake of God, journey through the lands for the purpose of teaching His Cause and spreading His signs. By the life of God! The earth glorieth in the footsteps of such souls. Today the servant of God's Cause and the promoter of His verses is among the most exalted of creation in the Book. O people of God! Arise to assist the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance.

This blessed word has been revealed in most tablets that perchance the [heedless] servants might hear and hold fast unto it. Verily He is the All-Knowing Expounder, there is no God but Him, the Kind, the Generous.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Furugh and give them glad tidings of Our verses and Our mercy which has encompassed the seen and the unseen. O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He summons you to the praiseworthy station. O people of God! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you. Ye are they who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when every heedless and veiled one turned away. Ye have attained unto the traces of the Pen of the Lord of all beings and have heard the call of God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned you before with verses whereby all things proclaimed: "Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving." We counsel you to unity and to that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of existence. Glorify the name of your Lord and remind the servants of His verses and give them glad tidings of His grace. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

We have revealed every year for those who have ascended unto God that whereby hearts are attracted. We testify that he attained unto My days, turned unto My path, acknowledged what was revealed by My Pen and hesitated not in My firm and irrevocable Cause. He heard and responded and hastened with his

heart unto God, the Lord of this blessed Day. We counsel you as We counseled Our loved ones before with deeds and goodly character. To this testifieth He with Whom is the inscribed Book.

When the sweetness of My utterance attracteth you and the choice wine of My knowledge seizeth you, it behooveth each one of you to arise and say, turning toward My direction and the Dawning-Place of My Revelation:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for Thy supreme bounties and Thy gifts, O Lord of all beings! I testify to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all creation and powerful over all things. I beseech Thee by the establishment of Thy Temple upon the Most Great Throne and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of the worlds, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy Book, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen. O Lord! Thou seest me hoping for Thy grace and looking toward the horizon of Thy bounty and gifts, that Thou mayest ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and the reward of those who have sought Thy most exalted station and the supreme summit until they attained unto Thy presence, circled round Thy throne, heard Thy call, beheld Thy signs, and drank the Kawthar of meeting Thee from the hands of Thy grace and the Salsabil of attaining unto Thee through Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them glad tidings of My remembrance. Blessed are they who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when the great ones of the earth and its nobles turned away. To this beareth witness the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward them that have turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, and have taken the chalice of everlasting life from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, and have drunk therefrom once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: O people of the village! The Dawning-Place of Revelation maketh mention of you in verses that cannot be equaled by all the treasures. O land of the village! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath been raised within thee, and there dwell in thee honored servants who have turned unto the Supreme Horizon, whom God hath described in the Torah, the Gospel, the Psalms, and in the Furqan which the All-Merciful revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, in these words:

> "They speak not until He hath spoken, and they do according to His bidding."

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath sent down for you aforetime that whereby the gates of grace and bounty were opened unto all them that dwell in the kingdom of creation, and the river of mercy flowed amidst all creatures. To this testifieth He Who is established upon the throne of utterance in His all-praised station. We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He is in the Supreme Companion, bearing witness and beholding. To this

testifieth the Preserved Tablet through which the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful was wafted—a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Witnessed One. We have forgiven him after We purified him with the waters of mercy, for verily I am the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through My word "Be," and it is.

Section 3: "O party of God who are there! Hearken…"

O party of God who are there! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then aid Him through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime and in this inscribed Tablet. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have inhaled the fragrance of My raiment and have turned with radiant faces toward My horizon and have answered when My call was raised, and have remembered Me at eventide and at dawn, and in the afternoon and at early morn.

O Leaf of Paradise! Verily, the Supreme Paradise hath turned toward thee and hath mentioned thee in such wise that its fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. We have sent down for thee, both before and after, that which hath enraptured the hearts and souls. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge revealed its waves, and the Countenance of the All-Merciful that which beseemeth this promised Day. O My handmaidens who are there! Hearken unto My call. We have counseled you before and counsel you in this exalted station concerning that which beseemeth the days of God and this irrevocable Cause. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have turned toward the Supreme Horizon when every ignorant and rejected one and every deluded learned one turned away from it. Thus hath moved the Most Exalted Pen when the Wronged One was walking in this spot wherein the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. And We make mention at this time of the loved ones of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O party of God in Ba and Shin! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice. He calleth you from the Supreme Horizon and remembereth you with that which nothing in all creation can equal, remindeth you of His signs and gladdeneth you with tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all things great and small. Blessed are ye who have attained unto recognition in the earliest days when the All-Bountiful, the Most Exalted, was established upon His mighty throne. The affairs of the world hindered you not, nor did the doubts of the people of tyranny and wickedness deter you. Ye turned towards Him, hearkened, and said:

> "Here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, O Creator of Heaven! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all in the heavens and earth!"

Ye are they who have attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen and its bounty which hath encompassed you. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Ye have rent asunder the veils through the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and advanced when every learned one turned away and every mystic was filled with doubt. Ye are the letters of God's Book, to this beareth witness He Who came from the heaven of proof with a clear exposition.

We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement. The locusts have spread throughout the regions—this is what We forewarned you of aforetime when the Cause was exalted in Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this noble station—the station wherein the voice of the Wronged One was raised by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. When the appointed time came, We seized the oppressors with might from Our presence, then those around them. Verily your Lord, the Chosen One, is the Almighty, the Powerful. No command can frustrate Him, nor can the hosts and ranks of kings and sovereigns frighten Him. He hath arisen with such authority that the limbs of the ungodly have quaked. Thus have We remembered you as a bounty from Our presence. Blessed is he who hath heard; woe unto the heedless. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon you, O people of God and His friends, and upon those whom the clamor hath not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

We wish to make mention of My friends in Sarayan who believed in the All-Merciful when He came from the heaven of divine will with the banners of verses. Blessed are ye for having turned towards Him and heard the call of God, the Cleaver of Dawn, and for having attained unto that which was sent down in the books of old from God, the Lord of Religions. Ye heard the call and answered the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven—thus testifieth He Who came with proof and evidence. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered you in the Most Great Prison while in the hands of the wicked ones who denied His proof that hath encompassed the horizons. They cast aside their God, clinging to their desires. Lo! They are among the misguided in God's Book, the Lord of lords.

O Muhammad-Tahir! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which the treasuries of creation cannot equal. Thou hast attained unto the traces of thy Lord's Pen of loving-kindness and unto the lights of His utterance while He was in this Most Exalted Station. He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of their Lord's bounty, the Lord of all men. Say: This is the Day of Exposition, this is the Day of Remembrance and Praise, and this is the Day whereof God's Books, the Lord of all mankind, gave glad tidings. Say: Beware lest the world's might keep you back from the Lord of Eternity, or the power of those who have denied God in the beginning and the end weaken you. When the wine of My utterance hath seized thee and My remembrance and loving-kindness have drawn thee near, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me from Thy Most Exalted Horizon and for having turned toward me when I was in the hands of the enemies. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause, which Thou hast preserved from the tempests of oppression and tyranny, to strengthen me in all conditions and make me firmly attached, holding fast and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven."

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Knowest thou who maketh mention of thee? He Who remembereth thee is the Lord of the world in the Most Great Prison. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, for having turned toward Thy servant and remembered him in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout all ages and

> centuries. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O my Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted!"

O My Pen! Hearken unto My call. We have desired to make mention of the friends of the All-Merciful and His loved ones in Kaf and Shin, that they may rejoice in the loving-kindness of their Lord in their final abode. We have mentioned you before, time and again, and this is yet another time, as a token of grace from Me, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad! Thy name hath been mentioned at this hour. We have revealed unto thee that which the pens are powerless to describe. Remember what We revealed unto thee before, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Sender of the winds. Thus hath the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the highest branches. Convey My glorification unto My loved ones and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of My will. Thus have We commanded thee before and at this hour when the Ancient Beauty speaketh before the faces of all people.

We have desired to make mention at this hour of My friends and loved ones in Ba and Dal, and to remind them of that which was revealed before and after, and to give them the glad-tidings of the grace that hath encompassed all regions. Ye are they who have attained unto My call and have hearkened unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My will. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. We withheld the Pen for a time, as a wisdom from Us and a mercy from Our presence, and I am the Powerful, the Unconstrained. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. None may object to Him. To this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from this most exalted station which God hath made the most sublime of stations.

Be not grieved at anything. Aid your Lord through wisdom and utterance, and through that which hath been revealed in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets. We have mentioned each one of you in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice in this bounty before which, when it appeared, the lights fell prostrate. We give you once again the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily, your Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Blessed are ye for having believed on a Day whereon every ignorant doubter disbelieved. And when ye heard My call which was raised in My Tablet and attained unto the fragrances of My verses, turn your faces toward My horizon and say:

> "Thine is the glory, O Lord of all names, and Thine is the praise, O Creator of the heavens! We testify to Thy power and might, Thy majesty and sovereignty, to Thy oneness which is sanctified from any likeness, and to the manifestation of Thy Cause which is purified from all peers. We beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and the lights of Thy countenance and Thy hidden power treasured in the repositories of Thy protection, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy cities and Thy domains, to make us among those whom the might of every oppressive tyrant hath not frightened, whom the conditions of the ungodly have not weakened, nor the power of any idolatrous infidel. O Lord! Thou hast revealed that which shall profit us in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve us from the barking of every

barker and the clamor of those who have denied Thy right and broken Thy covenant and disputed Thy signs when Thou didst come from the horizon of eternity with proof and evidence."

The glory from Us be upon you, O My friends, and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Subduer of the winds.

O concourse of lovers in Ishqabad! The Luminary of the horizons speaks on this Day of the Covenant and reminds you of that which draws you near unto God, the One Who causes the rivers to flow. You have attained unto the days of God and the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His signs, the Dayspring of His Revelations, the Treasury of His knowledge and the Source of His commandments and laws. We beseech God to aid and assist you. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling. Blessed is he who has drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Take heed lest anything cause you to grieve. Place the world beneath your feet, turning unto God, the Illuminator of all regions. Thus has been raised the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto every heedless imposter.

O Verdant Land! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. He makes mention of thee in such wise as nothing in all creation can equal. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who accepted tribulation for the exaltation of God's Cause, the Lord of all worlds. He was imprisoned in Tihran, and from thence was banished to Baghdad, and from there to the Great City, and from there to the Land of Mystery, and from there to ʿAkka—the spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise, and then those whom the hosts of the world failed to deter from turning towards the straight Path of God. Verily, the Path speaks and calls all to the One, the All-Informed.

O My loved ones in that land! You have ever been beneath the glance of your Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful. He sees you and hears what your tongues utter. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel you to unity, through which the horizons are illumined. He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that comes from Him, then act in accordance with that which you have been commanded by the Mighty, the Great One.

O Kazim! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets and have sent down for thee that which summons the servants unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and steadfast in the service of My Cause. This is what behooveth thee in this glorious and wondrous Day. The irrevocable decree hath come from God, the Lord of eternity. He commands thee and those who have believed to unity and concord. He is the Commander, the All-Wise. Grieve not over anything. He is with thee and with those who have believed in this momentous News. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from My Kingdom, that the verses of thy Lord may attract them and draw them nigh unto a station wherein all things proclaim:

"The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Section 4: “O people of God! Rejoice in My call…”

O people of God! Rejoice in My call, My remembrance and My turning towards you from this remote spot. Read ye the verses of God with joy and fragrance, then help your Lord through deeds and goodly character. This is what ye have been commanded by the One Who is powerful and ancient. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

O My Supreme Pen! We have desired to conclude Our words with mention of the Mim and the Shin, and make mention of Our loved ones there who have turned with radiant faces and have quaffed the choice wine of certitude from the hands of bounty. They are assuredly among the triumphant. O people of God! Hear My call. He hath come with the truth for the salvation of mankind, yet the people remain behind an evident veil. They hear the buzzing but hear not the call of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice. They drink brackish water, turning away from the River of Mercy. Thus have their souls enticed them—they are indeed among the bewildered ones. They cling to vain imaginings, turning away from that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of certitude.

O My loved ones! We have mentioned you before, time and again, in such wise as testifieth to My grace, My care, and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Ye are they who have attained unto the traces of My Supreme Pen and hearkened unto My most sweet call. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. Remember your Lord with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard what he was bidden by God, the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God to aid you to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for you that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto Him.

Thus hath the fragrance of utterance wafted throughout the realm of possibility, when the All-Merciful seated Himself upon His mighty throne. The remembrances have ended with your mention, and the pages with your praise. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus hath the Dove of the Throne warbled by command of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. The splendor shining from the horizon of My prison be upon you and upon those whom neither the remembrance of any remembrance nor any matter, nor the might of the people and their hosts, nor the swords of men and their doings have deterred. They arose and proclaimed:

> “He Who is the Manifestation of clear proofs hath come with the standards of signs. He, verily, is the One promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

O Supreme Pen! The utterance hath returned from the presence of the All-Merciful once again in remembrance of the people of Baha in the Ta and the Fa and other lands. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of the Alif and the Ha that he may rejoice and be among the thankful at eventide and at dawn. O Ahmad! We testify that thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call and turned to My horizon while the people were in heedlessness and error. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath mentioned thee in what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Tablets, and blessed is he who hath turned unto God and whom the might of the servants hath not deterred from God, the Lord of lords. We make mention of Muhammad-ʿAli and give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and

bounty which hath preceded all creation. Hear the call from the Supreme Pen—verily it mentioneth thee in such wise as doth gladden eyes. We have sent down for thee a tablet and dispatched it to thee aforetime that thou mightest rejoice and be in rapture and attraction.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, who turned to the supreme horizon when the people were turning away from God, the Lord of lords. Give thanks unto God for that the Tongue of Grandeur hath mentioned thee while the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked. Thou hast drunk the cup of bounty from the hand of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and attained unto that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee in remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Baqir, who attained the days of God, the Revealer of verses. He turned to God when the peoples of the earth turned away. He took hold of the Book when those who denied God's truth and His proof cast it behind them, and disbelieved, following every ignorant doubter. We made mention of thee before, and do so at this hour. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And We make mention of ʿAli-Akbar from My Most Luminous Horizon, that God's remembrance may bear witness unto him through the eternity of His names and attributes. He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We counsel thee and those who have believed in what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. O My loved ones in that land! Hold fast unto that which ye are commanded by the Lord of Religions. The Wronged One hath remembered His loved ones while in the Most Great Prison—to this the Mother Book with Him doth testify. Give thanks unto God for having aided you when the Light was shining from the Most Exalted Station.

O Pen of the Ancient King! He desireth to make mention of His loved ones in Shin and Ha, that this remembrance may draw them to the Most Exalted Station. God eraseth what He willeth and confirmeth what He pleaseth—a command from His presence. He is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. We made mention of you before with that which caused the breezes of grace and bounty to waft. Let not the turning away of those who have broken the Covenant grieve you. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, and the learned one who hath held fast to what was sent down from the heaven of My will, and the eye that hath beheld the lights. We informed you aforetime of what was hidden and made known to you the straight path. This is a day wherein clear proofs have appeared and the river of mercy hath flowed among the righteous. Joy unto him who hath drawn nigh and drunk, and woe unto every heedless imposter. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those whom the turning away of the people hath not kept back from God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Compelling.

O earth! Is there within thee one who loveth Me, and hast thou been honored by one who remembereth Me? Be truthful with Me and be not of those who remain silent. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily He remembereth thee and those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We have made the earth Our treasury and storehouse, and have manifested from it Our favor and the tokens of Our bounty, and I am the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou in that God hath made thee the dayspring of His favors and the source of His bounties, and hath manifested through thee that

which revealeth His power, His majesty, and His sovereignty. From thee come wealth and riches and that which profiteth mankind. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this magnificent favor.

We make mention at this hour of My loved ones and My friends, and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the horizon of utterance reveal its light and the Tree of Knowledge its fruits. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and attained, and woe unto the heedless. O Land of Qaf and Vav! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and of His loved ones within thee, that the eyes of the world and of those who have turned to this shining horizon may be solaced thereby. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto My call. Verily, He calleth you from the prison unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Cast away what the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, holding fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. That which was hidden from eternity hath appeared, and He Who was promised in God's Books, the Lord of the Glorious Throne, hath come. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you or the doubts of the nations grieve you. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We counsel the friends and chosen ones of God to fear God and to observe that whereby Our Cause, firm and manifest, may be exalted. Blessed is the servant who hath adorned his head with the crown of righteousness and his temple with the ornament of virtuous deeds. He is indeed among those who are nigh unto God in the Book of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O My loved ones in Merv! Hearken unto the call of Him Who summoneth you for the sake of God and desireth to draw you nigh unto Him. Blessed is he who heareth and respondeth, and woe unto every remote denier. Azizullah hath mentioned you time and again and hath sent your names unto the Wronged One, and each one of you hath been honored with tokens from My Most Exalted Pen. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh in every state that there is none other God but I, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength bestowed by Us and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the doubts of the nations and the happenings of the world prevent you, or your feet slip through the oppression of the wrongdoers. Thank God for His grace and bounty that He created you and caused you to appear in this Day round which circle the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise at morn and eventide. The mention of Me is not equaled by the mention of the world, nor My manifestation by the manifestation of the ancients. Hear the call from the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

> "Here am I, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Source of Thy Command and the Manifestation of Thy laws. We beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Paradise and by the souls which have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, O Lord of all beings, to aid us to be steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thy Cause. Then ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

All the people of Kha have been blessed with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty. We have mentioned them all and have beseeched from God for each that which is lasting and enduring. The loved ones must strive and protect the people from vain imaginings, lest they be afflicted as were the people of the past. Likewise, We counsel all to trustworthiness, religious devotion, goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, that the world may be adorned with the ornament of virtuous conduct, and that the fire of

hatred burning in the breasts of diverse peoples may be quenched by the living waters of the love of God's loved ones, their kindly counsels and goodly exhortations, and that all on earth may be seen as one people. This is the essential purpose. Blessed are they who shall gird up the loins of endeavor for this mighty service. At all times seek this station from the Beloved of all creation, that He may aid His servants to achieve that which hath been mentioned. We have written repeatedly: One person was engaged in fishing when the Spirit (Jesus) made him the fisher of men. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon you, O My loved ones, My friends and My beloved ones who have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00100: This is the Tablet of God, the Help-in-Peril…

Section 1: "This is the Tablet of God, the Help-in-Peril…"

This is the Tablet of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

In My Name, through which the ocean of divine knowledge surged within all possibility

Exalted is the All-Merciful Who sent down the Torah, the Gospel, and the Furqan, then the Bayan, and revealed the Mother Book when the Hidden Secret was established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and proclaimed in the most exalted call: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all return!" When the call was raised, hearts were stirred with longing to hearken unto the verses of God, the Lord of lords. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people are in strange doubt.

O Haydar-Ali! Hear the call from the direction of Akka. We have made mention of thee, before and after, with that which neither the treasures of earth nor its riches can equal. The Book of God in its most exalted station beareth witness to this. We have expounded the Point and interpreted the Books of God. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto every idolatrous infidel. We heard thy call and addressed thee from the side of the Mount, casting unto thee that whereby the hearts of the servants were attracted. Thou art he who hath drunk the choice sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and hast guided the servants to the straight path.

O Haydar! Roll up the sleeve of endeavor, then gird up thy loins to make mention of this Most Great Announcement, whereby the parties have fled when the Lord of all men established Himself upon the throne of wisdom and utterance. We have been with thee in all conditions and heard thy call and the call of those who were present with thee, and We have mentioned each one of them with that whereby the luminary of My loving-kindness and mercy, which hath preceded all created things, hath shone forth.

And We make mention at this time once again of the party of God whose names thou didst mention, as a grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My servant, O Thabit! There hath been sent down for thee aforetime that from which lights have shone forth, and We saw thy mention in the book of one who loved Me. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Manifest of clear proofs. We heard thy call and addressed thee from the direction of the Ancient One, the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Lord of all peoples. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We desired to answer him whose letter was present before the Wronged One, that the verses might attract him to the Dayspring of divine knowledge.

Jinab-i-Aqa Kuchik

In My Name, the Guardian over all names

O Aqa Kuchik! As thou hast turned to the lights of the Sun of Truth, thou art great in the presence of the Wronged One. Whosoever today hath attained unto the supreme horizon and acknowledged the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, he is recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen as of the people of God in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is the soul that hath not been prevented by the veils of glory from turning unto Him, nor held back by the doubts of the divines and the objections of the mystics from the ultimate goal and the supreme summit. Today the ocean of truth is surging and the sun of revelation is shining. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard. We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest remain steadfast in the Cause of God and drink from the ocean of utterance at all times. He is the Compassionate, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

ʿAli, servant of H

He is the Hearing, the Answering

O Ali! Your letter was received and attained unto the presence of the Desired One of all the worlds. Your service is accepted and mention of you hath been heard. Blessed is the soul whom the vicissitudes of days withheld not from the Lord of all names, nor deprived thereof, and blessed is the servant whom neither the doubts of the dubious nor the might of the aggressive prevented from turning unto the Truth. Praise be to God that thy call hath been heard and thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. We beseech God to assist His party to remember and praise Him and to serve His Cause, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Aqa Mirza Ali

O Haydar! We have desired to make mention of him who is named Ali, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. From My Most Exalted Pen hath flowed the river of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath drunk therefrom, and woe unto the heedless. By the life of God! In every letter of My Book are treasured sciences which none hath discovered save God, the Single, the All-Informed. O Ali! Thou hast heard My call and attained unto My days. Praise thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.

Mashhadi Hasan-Ali Khayyat

We make mention of him who is named Hasan-Ali and counsel him to observe justice and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. We have mentioned him before and at this hour We beseech God to assist him in that which will draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful. O servants of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and be not of the heedless. Take the chalice of recognition in the name of your Lord, the Merciful, and be not of the patient ones. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one.

Haji Mirza Shukrullah

We desire to make mention of him who is named Shukrullah and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My tender mercy, that he may arise to serve My mighty and glorious Cause. Thou didst attain aforetime and We revealed for thee that which caused the hearts of the hearers to soar. When the wine of My utterance did intoxicate thee and the fragrances of My verses did attract thee, say: My God, my God! Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of utterance surged before the eyes of all mankind and the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted throughout all lands. I beseech Thee by the penetrating influence of Thy Will and the power of Thy Purpose and the movement and sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Most Glorious Horizon and its light, to make me in all conditions well-pleased with Thee and holding fast unto Thee, in such wise that the tempests of the intimations of them that croak, who have turned away from Thee and Thy verses and have taken for themselves a lord besides Thee from their own idle fancies, may not move me.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the ocean of Thy utterance nor from the sun of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and worthy to grant this prayer.

We make mention of your two sons and give them glad tidings of the favors of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech Him to ordain for them that which shall profit them and draw them nearer unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

We make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf who hath heard, responded, and turned with her heart to the horizon of God, the Goal of them that have knowledge. O My handmaiden! Most of the servants' ears have not been honored with the words "O My servant," yet thou hast been honored with "O My handmaiden." Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. We have heard thy call and that which proceeded from thy mouth in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. We made mention of thee before in a Tablet which proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: "Thine be the praise, O Lord of the world, and Thine be the glory, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the Messengers!"

Aqa Muhammad Hasan, the Cloth Merchant:

O Muhammad Hasan! We have desired to make mention of thee that My remembrance may draw thee to My Kingdom and strengthen thee to praise God, glorify Him, and serve His Cause, the Mighty, the

Wondrous. The call hath been raised from the right hand of the Throne, yet most of the people are asleep. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have turned away from Him Who hath come from the horizon of might with clear authority.

Muhammad Hasan:

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad Hasan that he may give thanks unto his Lord and be of them that are steadfast. Say:

> "Withhold not your ears from hearkening to the call of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Blessed art thou for having attained unto My verses and for having been mentioned in My mighty prison.

ʿAli Aqa:

We make mention of ʿAli before Aqa, and I am the best of them that make mention. My mention equals not the mentions of the world, nor My call the call of the nations. To this beareth witness the Most Great Name in this exalted station. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and arise to serve thy Lord Who hath come with a clear Book.

O Haydar before ʿAli! Thou art he who heard My call, turned to My direction, stood before the door of My grandeur, beheld My horizon, attained unto My verses, and drank the choice wine of My favor and the Kawthar of My wondrous utterance. My Tablets have testified to My favor unto thee and My bounty upon thee. Art thou able to thank thy Lord, or dost thou find thyself among the impotent?

Thou hast made mention of My Afnan, upon them be My glory and My favor. We have mentioned them with that which no mention can equal and have raised them to a station whose description defieth every knowledgeable rememberer. We beseech God to aid them to preserve this mighty and sublime station. Remember them on My behalf, and greet their faces from My side, and give them glad tidings of My mercy, and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth He command thee, with Whom is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. We have mentioned each one of them in various Tablets and adorned them with My kinship, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Mirza Ja'far:

O Ja'far! The Hour hath come, yet most of the people are heedless. The Resurrection hath appeared, yet they remain far from understanding. Blessed is he who hath recognized and preserved the Faith; he is among those who are nigh unto God in His mighty and great Book.

Aqa Abu'l-Qasim:

O Abu'l-Qasim! We have sent down from the fountain of My Most Exalted Pen the waters of utterance, that there might grow in the hearts of the servants the plants of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath testified to that which God hath testified and hath attained unto that which hath been sent down from Him. Such a one is among the believers in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Aqa Muhammad Karim, the Hat-maker

O Muhammad-Karim! Hast thou heard the Call and beheld My Most Exalted Horizon, and hast thou arisen in My days to serve My loved ones? Tell Me what We have asked of thee, for I am the All-Knowing Narrator. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve Me, he who was named Haydar-ʿAli. He mentioned thee, and We mentioned thee, by a command from My presence, and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Aqa Muhammad-Rida-i-Qullati

O Muhammad-Rida! We mentioned thee before and at this time, that the fragrances of utterance may seize thee and draw thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

Mirza Aqa-yi-Naqqash

O Painter! Upon thee be My Glory! Hath thy pen succeeded in portraying My loved ones, and hath it moved to draw those who were martyred in My path? Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the heart that hath turned to the Most Exalted Station. We mentioned thee before with that which caused the breeze of utterance to waft over all possibility. Thank thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Lord of lords!"

Haji Mulla Muhammad-i-Hakkak

O Muhammad! That which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets hath appeared. He Who was promised in the books of old hath come, and He with Whom God, the One, the Chosen, gave glad tidings in His Books, hath been made manifest. Yet when the verses were sent down and the clear proofs appeared, the people turned away and denied God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the trace of My Pen at this time which God, the Lord of all ages, hath ordained.

Section 2: "Mashhadi ʿAli-Akbar…"

Mashhadi ʿAli-Akbar

O ʿAli-before-Akbar! The Remembered One hath remembered thee while He was in the hands of the wicked. He hath sent down that which the pens are powerless to reckon, and revealed that which those possessed of insight were prevented from understanding. Blessed art thou, for thy mention hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, as a bounty from God, the Lord of all mankind.

ʿAli Bey

O ʿAli! The Wronged One hath come with the truth and hath called all to God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, and hath given them glad tidings of that which God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, hath ordained for those near unto Him. Among the people are those who denied, those who turned toward Him, and those who pronounced sentence to shed My blood without any proof or book.

Mashhadi ʿAbbas

O ʿAbbas! The Lord of mankind hath turned toward thee from the prison quarter and remembereth thee with that whose fragrance shall never cease. Preserve this Most Exalted Station in the name of thy Lord, the Subduer of the winds.

Muhibb-ʿAli

O Muhibb-ʿAli! Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto hearing My call, the eye that hath beheld My signs, the tongue that hath spoken My praise, the heart that hath turned to My horizon, and the foot that hath arisen to serve mankind. Glorify the name of thy Lord! He hath remembered thee with that which shall not change throughout ages and centuries, and hath built for thee, with the hand of power, a house from the verses of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve this Most Exalted Station, which hath flowed from a Pen through whose movement all created things were set in motion. O Thou Who art wronged throughout the horizons! Remember him who hath held fast to the Covenant when the people of discord and hypocrisy turned away from God, the Illuminator of the horizons.

Aqa Buzurg

O Buzurg! The Wronged One makes mention of thee—He Whom the servants in all regions have denied, speaking that which caused the Maid of Paradise in the all-highest Heaven to strike her face in anguish. Thus was the matter decreed, yet the people are in strange delusion. When thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Lord of all names, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me, and glory be to Thee for having turned toward me, and thanksgiving be to Thee for having guided me, and splendor be to Thee for having taught me that which the possessors of wisdom have failed to comprehend.

Mirza Kazim

O Kazim! Hear the call from the direction of eternity through the Most Exalted Pen. Verily He makes mention of thee in such wise as nothing in the world can equal, as attested by the Mother Book which is with Him. Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen and My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all regions.

Qasim ʿAli

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Qasem before Ali, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. My mercy hath preceded and My grace hath encompassed all. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every denying infidel.

Aqa ʿAli

O Ali! The Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward the city of My Herald. By the life of God! The sincere ones shall perceive from its dust the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of lords. We have remembered Our loved ones there and given them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. The mention of him who turned toward Ta hath come before Us—We saw him and were with him until he departed therefrom, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Then he who turned toward Sad, then he who left his place, advancing toward the Most Sublime Horizon until he entered and was present and heard and saw what had been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. O My loved ones there! We have remembered you with such remembrance that when it appeared, all remembrances cried out: By God! He Who is the Remembered One hath come with power and sovereignty. We have not mentioned the names of Our loved ones out of wisdom from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Aqa Muhammad Kharrazi

O Muhammad! We beheld thy name and made mention of thee with verses which, when they were revealed, caused bodies to tremble with joy. Verily, We make mention of whosoever hath turned toward My horizon and heard My call, and I am the Almighty, the All-Forgiving. We make mention as We please and answer those who call upon Me at eventide and at dawn. There hath flowed from My Pen the ocean of utterance. Blessed is he who hath drunk therefrom, and woe unto the heedless one whom the idle fancies of mankind have prevented.

Mulla Ali-Akbar Qallati

O Ali-Akbar! Thy mention was made by Him Who loved Me—He Who was named Haydar. Verily, Ali made mention of thee with a mention which, when it was revealed in the City of Books, all things bowed down before it, and when its fragrance was wafted in the garden of meanings, every atom thereof gave voice in praise. The door of the unseen hath been opened and He Who was hidden in knowledge and treasured in the eternity of eternities hath come. Thus moved My Pen in making mention—a mention which no other mentions can equal. Verily, when thou hast attained, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world! And glory be unto Thee, O Source of commandments and ordinances!"

Aqa Abdullah

O Abdullah! The Trumpet hath been blown, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. The Bridge hath been set up and the Balance established, yet mankind abideth in negligence and veiled from the truth. The Cry hath been raised and the divine favor hath descended. Blessed is the servant who hath turned toward God and attained, and woe unto every scheming idolater! Take thou My Book with My strength, then recite it with such melody that spirits may be attracted thereby. Thus hath the breeze of utterance wafted over hearts and bodies by command of God, the Lord of all religions.

Haji Aqa

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who is named Haji Agha with such remembrance that through it the thirsty shall find the waters of life, the lovers the choice wine of reunion, and the yearning ones the pure stream of attainment. Thus have the nightingales of proof warbled upon the highest branches. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath beheld the signs of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

Mirza Muhammad Bazzaz

We make mention of those who heard the call and responded to their Lord, the All-Merciful, with spirit and fragrance. Among them is he who is named Muhammad. The Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in his remembrance that which hath caused the sweet savors of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all creation. Hear the call of the Wronged One, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the centuries and ages. Thus hath the Dove of the Throne warbled while the Wronged One was in the hands of the wicked ones.

Mashhadi Haydar Masjidi

O Haydar! The Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from the Most Great Scene that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Verily He seeth His servants and heareth their remembrance, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Nothing whatsoever preventeth Him from anything, nor is anything hidden from His knowledge. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in His presence. When thou hast attained unto My verses and heard My call, say: All praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and all thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings.

Shaykh Muhammad Husayn

O Muhammad Husayn! Hear the call from the Wronged One. He counseleth thee and those who have believed in that which shall exalt your station among the righteous. Hold fast unto justice and equity. This is what ye have been commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. They who have turned away from that which they were commanded, they are assuredly among the people of the fire in the sight of God, the One, the Single, the Peerless, the Almighty, the Compelling. Take what hath been sent down unto thee as a command from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

A clear Book sent down from the Trustworthy One unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. They who have attained unto My Most Exalted Word, they are the companions of Baha. Their names have been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Aqa ʿAli Muhammad

O ʿAli Muhammad! Behold then make mention when We sent the Primal Point with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. How the factions spoke concerning Him—among them were those who denied Him, those who turned away from Him, and those who pronounced sentence of death against Him. By this did the denizens of earth and heaven lament, as did My Most Exalted Pen in this spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison, and in the Land of Mystery, and in Zawra, and before that in Ta. To

this doth the Tongue of Grandeur bear witness from His luminous horizon. Hear the lamentation of My Pen in the evening and at sunrise, at eventide and at dawn. By God's life!

It weepeth even as weep the bereaved at what befell My Herald Who sacrificed His soul for My sake and gave the glad-tidings unto the servants of My advent and My mighty announcement. Say: O people of the Bayan! He hath come from the horizon of might concerning Whom the Primal Point declared "I, verily, am the first of them that worship Him." By God's life! His joy was naught but for My manifestation and His sorrow naught but for My tribulation. To this doth bear witness every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge who hath read the Bayan and hath been just in the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Aqa ʿAli Rida

O Ali-Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. He, verily, draweth thee nigh unto Him and guideth thee unto a glorious station. O peoples of the earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, He Whose remembrance was treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. He hath come to reform the world and to refine the nations. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide him whom the world hath deluded and kept back from this manifest grace. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His sincere servants.

Aqa Ahmad

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of God, the One, the Single. Beware lest anything prevent thee from hearkening unto the Word of God, the One, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein necks have bowed before the Lord of Lords, and the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken forth and warbled. Take thou the Book of God by Our command, and follow not him who hath disbelieved and turned aside. I am, verily, the Kaaba of God amidst mankind. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you and follow him who hath turned away from God. Leave the people to their vain imaginings, and hold ye fast unto the Cord of God, the One, the Powerful, the Trust-worthy. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, and borne witness that there is none other God but Him. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and hath striven in His Cause and made effort.

Muhammad Rida Ibn Ukht

O Muhammad-Rida, son of the sister! The Ancient Countenance hath turned towards thee and revealed for thee that which hath caused the Orb of Bounty to shine forth from the horizon of the world. When thou hearest the Call, arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings, for having sent down unto me the verses from the heaven of Thy Most Great Name." Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Supreme Horizon, and heard My most sweet call, and won the fruits of the Pen. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, revealing its pearls in the days of its Lord, the Ancient of Days. O people of Baha! By God, this Day is your day. Leave ye the people and what they possess, turning unto the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all nations." This is the Day

whereon that which was hidden from eternity of eternities hath been revealed, and the fragrance of glory and bounty hath wafted over the world.

Mulla Muhammad Hasan

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! He Who soareth in Mine atmosphere hath remembered thee. We make mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon, that thou mayest witness what My Pen hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast attained unto My remembrance and unto that which My glorious and wondrous tongue hath uttered. Nothing in the world shall profit thee today save this Cause, before which, when it was made manifest, every discerning one bowed down. We have revealed the Cause and sent down the verses, yet the people are in evident doubt. They have denied the right of God and His signs, and have followed every froward sinner. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know."

Section 3: "Mulla Sayfu'llah…"

Mulla Sayfu'llah

O Sayfu'llah! The law of the sword hath been annulled, and the law of the Bayan hath been revealed. It is sharper than the sword, as the tongue of My grandeur doth testify in this exalted station. We have ordained victory and triumph through the fear of God, and through deeds and character, as witnesseth he who hath attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest ye spread corruption in the earth after its reformation, and beware lest ye oppose those who have opposed you. Leave them to themselves, turning unto God, your Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. We have enjoined upon you love and unity. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Aqa Buzurg

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Buzurg. Say: The Truth hath come, and on His right is the dominion of verses and on His left the kingdom of evidences, while before His face standeth the Manifestation of names and attributes, addressing the servants and pointing to His countenance:

> "This is what ye were promised in the Books of God aforetime, and in the Bayan, the Qur'an, the Torah and the Gospel."

Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and beware lest ye deny God's favor after its descent. Draw nigh with illumined hearts and be not among the wrongdoers. The signs have appeared, the appointed time hath come, and the Hidden One hath been made manifest through a clear command. Beware lest ye reject the truth through your idle fancies. Cast away vain imaginings, holding fast to that which hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of your Lord's tender mercy, the All-Bountiful.

O Haydar-ʿAli! We have sent down for thee in the prison that which hath brought delight to the eyes of the Concourse on high and the exalted Paradise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme favor. Once We revealed verses unto thee in a clear Arabic tongue, and another time We changed it to the luminous language, and We mentioned thee in a wondrous Persian tongue. Once We sent thee the Water of Life in remembrance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and another time the breezes of revelation whereby the realms of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised, were perfumed. Canst thou reckon up that which hath shone forth from the lights of My dominion and My kingdom, and that which hath appeared from the horizon of My wondrous utterance?

While We were contemplating Our Revelation, Our power and Our sovereignty, and the heaven of Our Will and the kingdom of Our Purpose, there came before the Greatest Vision the Greater Branch, who drew forth from his pocket a letter wherein mention was made of My loved ones who had turned toward My horizon, who had held fast to My cord, who had clung to the hem of My bounty, who had soared in My atmosphere, and who had spoken My praise. When We heard mention of them, We opened the gate of utterance with the key of Our grace and revealed for each one that which would attract the hearts of the sincere. We saw mention of him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Hashim, whose letter had previously been presented before the Wronged One Who was imprisoned for having called all to God, the One, the All-Informed.

We read his letter and revealed for him that which cannot be equaled by all that is witnessed and seen. To this beareth witness He Who at this moment speaketh: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Make mention of him on My behalf, remind him of My verses, and give him the glad-tidings of My grace. We counsel him to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of all beings were troubled, the company of the divines lamented, and the feet of the mystics slipped.

Take My Book with a power from Me. Let not the swords of the world and the hosts of the nations frighten thee. By the life of the Most Merciful! There hath been ordained for thee that which minds cannot reckon and thoughts cannot encompass. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Speaker, the Trustworthy. Preserve this most exalted station. Let nothing whatsoever hinder thee. Cast aside the world and all that is therein, turning with thy heart to My glorious horizon. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was seated upon His mighty throne. Give thanks unto God and say:

My God, my God! My limbs tremble in my separation from Thee, my heart is troubled in my remoteness from Thee, and my soul laments in my distance from the court of Thy glory. I know not, O my Desire, my Adored One, my Hope and my Trust, whether Thou hast ordained for me to attain the presence of Thy countenance, to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur, to hearken to the shrill voice of Thy Pen, and to witness the lights of Thy Throne, or whether Thy irrevocable decree hath debarred me from this and from the wonders of Thy grace, O Thou Lord of all worlds. I beseech Thee by Thy perspicuous Book, by Thy mighty Prison, by the rustling of Thy Lote-Tree, and by the light of Thy Cause, to make me one of those whose feet have not slipped and whose hearts have not wavered, who have arisen and proclaimed:

> “O concourse of the world! The Most Great Name hath come with a sovereignty that neither the veils of the learned nor the clouds of the mystics could prevent. He calleth before all faces and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.”

Haji Mulla Kazim Nasr

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have seen in thy letter mention of him who was named Kazim in the Book of Names. We have remembered him in such wise as to cause the mountains, let alone the spirits, to soar. Verily, I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O Kazim! Hear the call of the Wronged One, then remember when the Promised One came with a manifest Book, how the people denied Him, turned away from Him, and disputed His verses, His proof, and His evidence, until they pronounced against Him a judgment at which the Supreme Pen was thunderstruck and the Lord of creation did lament. Thus was the matter decreed, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. O Kazim! Arise to serve My Cause with wisdom and utterance, and remind My servants of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My utterance, and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Say: Deprive not yourselves of the bounty of My days, nor your ears from hearkening to My verses, nor your hearts from My wondrous love. Say: This is the Day of proof, did ye but know it, and this is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, did ye but hear it. By God! The Treasure hath appeared and the Hidden One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: O people of the Bayan! Come ye, come ye! By what proof did ye believe in the Primal Point? Bring it forth, then read what hath been sent down from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. If ye deny the Revelation of God, His Cause, and the effects and influence of the Supreme Pen, by what cause was that which ye possess established? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus have We revealed unto thee the ocean of utterance with its waves, and the sun of proof with its lights, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. If thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of My bounty and hast attained unto the lights of My utterance, say:

My God, my God! From Thy most sweet call my heart hath taken flight, and from the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen my limbs have trembled, and from the lights of Thy Most Great Throne and Thy mighty News my senses have been transformed, and the eyes of my outer and inner being have shed tears. I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy lovers and the sighing of those who long for Thee, and by the cry of those who have sought the supreme heights and the ultimate goal but have not attained them, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to behold that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and Thy might. Then write down for them, O God of the world and Creator of the nations, that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Aqa Muhammad Rahim

O Most Great Book! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad before Rahim, and remind him of Thy verses whereby every moldered bone was quickened, by which the dwellers of the graves arose, the mountains were moved, the Cry was raised, the Trump was blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck. O Rahim! Verily mercy hath encompassed and preceded existence, yet the people comprehend not. The Self-Subsisting hath come, yet the people know not. That which was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, thy Lord, hath been made manifest, yet the people turn away therefrom. Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye commit what the people of the Furqan committed. Cast away your vain imaginings; the Sun of Certitude hath risen with lights that have

illumined the horizons. Fear God, then be fair in this Cause at whose appearance the Dove warbled upon the highest branches. He Who was hidden hath come with a sovereignty that neither ranks nor multitudes can withstand. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto those who have turned with their hearts unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Aqa Rida

O Rida! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and arise to aid His Cause, the irrevocable, the forbidden. The Self-Subsisting hath come, yet the people have cast behind their backs His covenant and testament. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they know not. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the lights of the Countenance, and the heart that hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Aqa Siyyid Muhammad Khurasani

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that the remembrance and utterance may attract him to the horizon of the All-Merciful and cause him to remember his Lord, the Possessor of all existence. O Muhammad! Behold and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, how He was treated by those who denied God's right and His verses, following every rejected learned one. The divines of idols and the doctors of the Torah and Gospel denied Him, and there befell Him that which caused the sacred vale and the Concourse on High to weep. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime, yet the people know not. Remember thy Lord amongst His servants, then aid Him with the hosts of utterance. This is what We have commanded all in Our inscribed Tablet.

Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Rahim

O Abdul-Rahim! The Great Announcement hath come and maketh mention of thee from this exalted station, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. When the Promised One came, idolatrous servants denied Him and arose in opposition until they pronounced judgment against Him with such injustice as caused those nigh unto God to lament. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's covenant and testament, and woe unto him who hath turned away from His extended path.

Mulla Ali Dhakir

O Ali, O Dhakir! Hearken unto the call of the Remembered One. He remembereth thee with that which cannot be equaled by treasures and riches. By My remembrance all things were attracted, and by My call the near ones sought My glorious station. When My sweetest call attracteth thee and the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen seizeth thee, arise, turning toward My Most Glorious Horizon, and say:

O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation, by the manifestations of Thy power and sovereignty, by the dawning-places of Thy knowledge and the daysprings of Thy wisdom, and by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause, and speaking in Thy praise in such wise that neither the neighing of steeds nor the clashing of swords shall deter me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

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Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath sent down…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Rememberer, the All-Wise

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs and caused the Mother Book to speak at the final return, whereby the mysteries were revealed and rivers flowed from rocks, and through which the Crimson Ark sailed upon the sea of names, and from the clouds of proof rained down the showers of wisdom and utterance. He it is Who hath made manifest what was hidden in knowledge and treasured within the shell of His Command, and through Him the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the highest branches. There is no God but Him; He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and exalted above the comprehension of the dwellers of earth and heaven.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou knowest and seest that one of Thy servants, who was named Yahya, left his homeland, seeking that which he desired, and crossed land and sea until he reached the great city that was known among the people as ʿAliyyih. He tarried there some days and associated with both those who accepted and those who turned away, until the appointed time was fulfilled. Then he set out for the place called Cyprus in the visible world, where he associated with those who sought him and asked of him what they asked, and he answered in ways unfit to be mentioned in the cities of knowledge and wisdom and before the presence of those who have turned to Thy countenance in days when the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted among all possibilities. He remained with him for numbered days, and when he departed, he sought the ultimate goal, the supreme summit, and the furthest end, approaching and advancing until he entered the Most Great Prison, which Thou hadst made a dwelling place for those who had migrated in Thy path, turned to Thy horizon, spoken Thy praise, and arose to serve Thy Cause.

He attained the presence of the Countenance and heard from the Self of the Manifestation and the Speaker of the Mount that which the son of ʿImran heard on the Mount of Thy knowledge. Thou didst shine upon him with a light from the lights of Thy throne, that he might draw nigh unto Thy court and enter beneath the shade of the pavilions of Thy grace and favor. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger seeking his supreme homeland in the vicinity of Thy mercy, the thirsty one yearning for the Kawthar of Thy bounty, the poor one desiring the ocean of Thy riches, the sick one longing for the Salsabil of Thy healing, the distant one reaching for the Tasnim of Thy nearness, the sinful one hoping for the dewdrops of Thy forgiveness, and the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance.

O Lord! Thou seest him who hath stood before the door which Thou hast opened by Thy power and sovereignty unto all in Thy earth and Thy heaven, that he might hear Thy sweetest call and behold Thy most exalted horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast manifested Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty, and by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and the potency of Thy most sublime Word, and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the manifestations of Thy grandeur, O Lord of all humanity and King of the throne on high and of the dust below, that Thou assist him to be fair in Thy Cause, then enable him to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies that have come between him and Thee and prevented him from drawing nigh unto Thee and beholding the lights of

Thy countenance, that he may see Thee with Thine own eyes, not with the eyes of Thy servants, and hear with his own ear, not with the ears of those in Thy lands.

O Lord! Thou knowest him better than I. If Thou seest in him turning to Thee and facing toward Thy direction and holding fast to Thy cord, aid him through Thy bounty and bestowals and gifts, that he may know Thee through Thee and be severed from all else besides Thee, to such extent that he may arise among Thy servants, remind them of Thy signs, and support Thee in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the might of nations shall hold him back. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and by Thy Name Thou hast raised the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Dominant, the Almighty.

O thou who hast entered the prison and attained the presence of the Countenance! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. By God's life, verily he whom the servants have taken unto themselves as a guardian or executor or mirror or above or below that—We did nurture him and protect him from his earliest days until one among the servants led him astray to harm Me and shed My blood. To this do testify the servants who surround Me and beyond them those among His creation whom We fed. When that which was hidden in his breast and concealed in his heart was revealed, he raised an outcry, clinging to calumnies that hold no weight with God, the Commander, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus did his soul prompt him to commit a grievous wrong, and he became one of the transgressors.

As to what thou hast asked concerning Him Who shall appear and Who shall be known by none other: They who are endowed with insight from God behold Him and testify that He hath come from the heaven of grandeur and power with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Whoso denieth Him hath denied God from time immemorial, and whoso acknowledgeth and recognizeth Him hath borne witness to God and His signs and His manifestations from the Beginning that hath no beginning unto the End that hath no end. We counsel thee with a word which the people of the cities of knowledge, mystical understanding, justice and fairness will verify: Turn not unto that which those servants have uttered who have broken God's covenant and His testament, who have denied His signs and disputed His proof. Look with thine own eyes upon the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance, the Ocean and its waves, and the Light and its effulgence. By God's life, We have brought forth from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance, yet the people are in evident doubt.

Say: Fear ye God! This is the Day whereof God's Books and His Messengers gave glad-tidings, the Day whereon God took His covenant from every Prophet and every trustworthy one, and whose mention hath adorned the pages of the Book of existence, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest ye trouble the pure Salsabil of mystic knowledge with what exists in the contingent world. Purify your ears through the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that ye may hearken to the rustling of My Tree, the murmuring of the water of My bounty, the whisper of the winds of My grace, the cooing of the doves of My Cause, and the melodies of the nightingales of My remembrance. Say: By God, ye were created to hearken unto the Word of God, the Lord of the Throne and the Lord of the exalted Seat!

O Yahya! Hear the call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised up on the white earth at the right hand of the luminous Spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-

Wise. O Yahya! Know thou with the knowledge of certainty that He about Whom thou hast asked cannot be indicated by any indication, nor described by any description, nor comprehended by any comprehension. By God! The comprehensions of the world cannot encompass Him, nor can He be mentioned by that which existeth among the nations. He it is Who speaketh and calleth out, yet most of the people are as dead. He was seated before thy face and speaking with thee. Recognize thou this most exalted station and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names! Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord of creation and King of earth and heaven! I testify that Thou art the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Thou hast manifested Thyself and opened wide the gate of utterance and meaning to all who dwell in the realm of being. Blessed the servant who hath inhaled Thy fragrance and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation, and turned toward Thy horizon after the Daystar of Thy leave had dawned. Woe betide him who hath denied Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs and the heaven of Thy clear tokens to aid Thy servants to attain the presence of Thy throne, to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, and to behold Thy most exalted horizon.

O Lord! Deprive them not of the wonders of Thy grace. Draw them nigh unto Thee through Thy bounty and loving-kindness. Though Thy irrevocable decree and ordained command may prevent them, inscribe for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of Thy presence and the recompense of those who circle round Thee and quaff the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Thou art He Who with the movement of Thy finger rent asunder the veils and by the power of Thy Pen dispelled the clouds. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

O Yahya! Behold and then make mention of that which the tongue of My Herald uttered concerning Me. Indeed, I have written a precious word regarding him, namely that none should be known through My allusion nor through what was mentioned in the Bayan. By God's life! This word guideth the fair-minded to the Most Exalted Horizon and them that are nigh unto the Lord of Names. Blessed is he who hath inhaled its fragrance and held fast unto its cord. Where are the fair-minded among the divines and jurisprudents? And where are they whom doubts have not withheld from the Lord of Names and Attributes? And where are they whom the veils of earth and its delights, riches and colors have not debarred?

O Yahya! By God! This is the Day whereof God gave glad tidings to His Beloved through His words "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and whereof He gave tidings to Moses, saying "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God," and in another place "and thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank." This is the Day wherein the All-Knowing hath come in the shadows of clouds. This is the Day wherein the smoke hath encompassed the dwellers of earth and the cities of names. Were We to recount for thee what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and in previous Books, thou wouldst abandon what the people possess, clinging to this momentous Announcement which hath made the limbs of the idolaters to quake and the hearts of the deniers to tremble—they who cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs, hastening toward the mere pool. By God! The Cause is mighty, mighty, and the Day mighty, mighty. Whenever the Luminary of utterance dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen, the Kingdom of

Remembrance and Praise is stirred with rapture by the sweetness of the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, ye were created for this Day. Fear God, and exchange not the grace of God for denial, and be not of the wrongdoers. Behold the Tablet and what shineth from its horizon. It guideth you unto His straight path and acquainteth you with that which ye were prevented from knowing today. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Cast aside the sayings of men that ye may hear the call of the Lord of creation. Abandon vain imaginings that the Word may draw you to the Dayspring of certitude. The Wronged One proclaimeth in loudest voice: The Lord of Eternity is come in His Most Great Name, and through Him the gate of the Divine Presence hath been opened before all who are in earth and heaven. All things have proclaimed: The Kingdom and Dominion, and Glory and Might belong unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Yahya! When thou hast been blessed to hearken unto My call and hast beheld the pearls of the ocean of My knowledge and the lights of the Sun of My utterance, go forth unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of the heaven of My bounty and the stars of My favors and that which thou hast heard from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. We have sent down that before which the verses have bowed down in submission and have revealed that by which the hearts of them that are nigh have been attracted.

Section 2: “O people of the Bayan! Deal fairly…”

Say: O people of the Bayan! Deal fairly by your Lord, the All-Merciful. If ye deny this Most Great Announcement, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Fear God and be not of the heedless. This is the station wherein the Primal Point, upon mention of His Name, declared: “I am the first to worship Him.” When one of His Letters inquired of Him concerning Me, He banished him with the whips of His utterance and threatened him, saying: “Were it not that thou art of the First Unity, I would have decreed for thee a punishment in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the All-Wise.”

If thou wouldst read what the Point revealed in this station upon mention of My Name, thou wouldst forsake the world behind thee and cry out among the people with this wise Remembrance, and arise to serve My Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world would frighten thee nor the power of the monarchs weaken thee. We revealed aforetime unto one of the servants: “This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to arise and say: ‘Here am I, O Desire of the world! Here am I, O Worshipped One of all who are in the heavens and on earth!”’ Wouldst thou question Him Whose mercy hath preceded all things, Whose grace hath encompassed all, Whose lights have shone forth, Whose manifestations have dawned, Whose proof hath been sent down, Whose evidence hath appeared, and Who hath ever stood before the faces of all in the realm of possibility? Art thou come or wilt thou come?

Say: Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I turn unto Thee, and I am the first of them that turn. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I am of them that bow down. Glory be unto Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I am of them that worship. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, and by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy Book, that

Thou forgive me and have mercy upon me. By Thy glory, O my God! My transgressions have prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thee, and my sins have intervened between me and Thee. I acknowledge and confess before Thy face that Thou didst create me for the knowledge of Thyself and for hearkening unto Thy call and for beholding the lights of Thy horizon. By Thy glory! Whenever I reflect upon my hesitation and heedlessness, my liver melteth, my heart is set aflame, and my soul is overturned; and whenever I reflect upon the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity, my soul is assured, my heart findeth rest, and my agitation is stilled.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto Thy path, admitted me into Thy presence, and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy Cause, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to aid me to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the breezes of Thy verses, and by the lands that have been honored by Thy footsteps, and by the cities wherein Thy call was raised, and by the spot whereon the throne of Thy grandeur was established, to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee, holding fast unto Thee, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Then aid me, O my God, to remember Thee in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me from extolling Thee among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, unto Whose might all created things have testified, and all contingent beings to Thy greatness and sovereignty. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Yahya! Call to mind when thou didst appear before the Divine Throne in bygone days, and with thee was he who was named ʿAli in the Book of Names. We made mention to thee of that which thou hadst asked, unveiled the truth unto thee, and caused thee to hear the warbling of the Bird of Utterance upon the loftiest branches, that thou mightest know that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. By the life of God! We desired naught save to deliver thee from the ocean of idle fancies and to awaken thee in these days wherein slumber hath overtaken the dwellers of the cities of ignorance and transgression. I bear witness before God, and the Daysprings of His Revelation, and the Dawning-Places of His inspiration, and the Manifestations of His Self, and the Treasuries of His wisdom, that I desired for thee naught save that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous and binding Book.

Beware lest the veils of idle fancy withhold thee, or doubts and allusions debar thee, even as they have debarred people before thee. Observe, then call to mind the people of former times and that which prevented them from turning unto the supreme horizon, the ultimate station, and the highest summit. Beware, beware lest thou deprive thyself of the outpourings of thy Lord's days and of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of knowledge and wisdom upon His servants and His creatures. Cast aside thy vain imaginings. By God! The Sun of Inspiration hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of this wondrous Day. We have caused thee to hear the melodies of the birds of wisdom and knowledge in the eloquent tongue, and We desire to cause thee to hear them in a perspicuous Persian tongue, that thou mayest know and be of the thankful ones.

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One. He, verily, draweth thee nigh and aideth thee as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Generous. I declare by the Sun of Truth, which has shone forth from the highest horizon of the world, that the people

of Baha had not and have not any aim save the prosperity and reformation of the world and the purifying of the nations. His intention is to cleanse the world through the waters of remembrance and utterance from rancor and hatred, that perchance religious strife and conflict, which are the cause and reason for the shedding of blood and the upheaval of the world of humanity, might be removed from its midst, so that all who dwell on earth might be adorned with the ornament of unity and concord and illumined with the light of love and harmony. To the extent possible, nay beyond it, hath the Most Exalted Pen counseled the people, and It hath had no helper save the Pen itself. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and insightful one, and every learned and informed one.

Observe the religions of the world, how they remain veiled and debarred. Glory be to God! All await the divine days, and at all times they implore and supplicate with the utmost humility and devotion for the meeting with the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Nevertheless, when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the world, all remained occupied with their own idle fancies and devoted to the idols of their own selves. They have forsaken the Truth and clung to that which is unseemly. We beseech God to aid all and not to deprive them of the Kawthar of awareness. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Yahya! Behold with thine own eyes what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth He say: “Whoso desireth to know Him, let him look upon Him with his own eyes.” Today the Truth is known by His own Self, not by the Bayan and what hath been revealed therein, even as the Primal Point hath testified to this truth. This is specially true of this Most Great Revelation. Should anyone seek to adduce proofs from the Bayan, he would find himself deprived of the straight path. This is the testimony which the Point of the Bayan Himself hath borne, saying: “He shall not be known through My tokens nor through that which hath been revealed in the Bayan.”

Although the entire Bayan was revealed to establish this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement, He saith: “Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid was created by Him. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what was revealed in the Bayan.” He proclaimeth with the loudest voice that the Sovereign of Revelation, the Speaker of Sinai, shall not be known through His tokens nor through the Bayan and what was revealed therein. This Most Great Revelation encompasseth all things and is not encompassed. Now hath the Light of Light shone forth and that which was hidden is revealed in this Unfurled Scroll. Thereafter neither lamp, nor moon, nor sun shall profit thee. Ponder that thou mayest find the purpose of God and be of them that are firmly established in this Manifest Cause.

Would that the deluded ones had clung to the lamp! By the life of God, they cling to the source of vain imaginings and perceive it not. If they seek verses, these have encompassed the world. If they desire proofs, all that hath subsequently appeared was revealed aforetime with utmost clarity by the Most Exalted Pen. If they seek outward power and might, all have testified and do testify that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days, openly and without any veil, summoned all people, whether rulers, ministers, divines or jurisprudents, to the Most Sublime Horizon with the loudest call. He that hath vision beholdeth the Tree itself and its fruits, and likewise the sun and its rays. This Wronged One hath not proved His Cause through verses alone, but through all that hath proceeded from Him. The Point of the Bayan hath testified to this, saying that whatsoever proceedeth from Him is the criterion. In days when

the whole world trembled before the might of the oppressors and tyrants, We arose to champion the Cause through divine power—an uprising that knew no sitting, and We raised a call that knew no silence.

Consider the Persian Bayan and likewise all the writings of the Point. Although the deniers have forsaken the Bayan and its Author and are occupied with the vain imaginings of the former peoples, they say the Bayan hath been corrupted. God slay them! God slay them! Say: O ye who are devoid of fairness! For a thousand and two hundred years and more hath the Shi'ih sect clung to such vain imaginings. What was its fruit and what was its result? Yea, the result was that all the divines and jurisprudents in the early years rose up against the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen, and ultimately issued the decree for the shedding of His most pure blood.

Now too are the deniers of the Bayan engaged in forming such a sect. Say: Fear ye God! Place yourselves in His presence, then judge with fairness concerning this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of all horizons, and this Sun whose rays have encompassed all regions. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. Be distinguished from all others by the truth of your deeds and actions. Hearken unto the counsel of Him Who is wronged, and turn from that which ye possess to that which God possesseth. The ear was created for this Day, and sight was brought into being for this Day. It is hoped that the people of God will arise to aid His Cause and conquer the cities of hearts through the hosts of deeds and character in the name of the Lord of existence.

O Yahya! Should anyone attain unto this most exalted Word, which adorns the preface of the Book of Grace, he shall find himself steadfast and at peace. Put aside today what the people possess, and hold fast to that which thou hast been given from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. This Day is God's Day, wherein none but Him is mentioned. Consider the baseness in the nature of those who have turned away from the Bayan. They speak anew of the Mirror, the Successor, the Guardian, the Chief, and the Noble One. Today none but God is mentioned and none but He exists. One marvels how these people wander in the wilderness of misbelief while counting themselves among the believers, and roam in the valley of ignorance while considering themselves people of knowledge.

Section 3: "Some have clung to Him Whom God Shall…"

Some have clung to Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest while remaining deprived of His Lord. Say: O ye who lack justice! He hath said that whenever He appears, all must acknowledge Him and render thanks unto God. None but Him hath known, nor knoweth. Hear what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "Alif. Lam. Mim. Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, We believe,' and that they will not be tested?"

Through a single word—Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest'—He tested all, though He had said that if ye hear of such a matter and do not believe, commit not that which would cause Him grief, even if it should be other than Him—though this supposition is impossible. Yet merely because He mentioned the name, it behooveth those who love Him not to cause Him sorrow, out of respect for His name. Now the deniers of the Bayan demand the equivalent of all previous and subsequent books, and more besides,

that perchance the fire of hatred and animosity might be quenched and the sun of justice might shine from the horizon of the heaven of their hearts. Have not the tribulations We have endured from the beginning until now sufficed? The sun, moon, stars, heaven, trees, and fruits all bear witness that this Wronged One hath not for a moment sought to protect Himself. At times beneath chains and fetters, at times captive in the hands of the wicked. God knoweth what hath befallen Me in His path.

Some have said this Most Great Manifestation and Mighty Announcement hath appeared too soon. Say: O ignorant ones! The Point of the Bayan hath said, "If He should appear at this very moment, I would be the first to fall down before Him." What say ye concerning the words "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth"? By God! Had they attained unto a single drop from the ocean of meanings contained within this most exalted Word, they would not have hesitated for a moment. O Yahya! This most exalted Word is the greatest stronghold for the servants. Whosoever reacheth it and attaineth unto it shall find himself seated upon the throne of steadfastness and assurance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Say: Reflect upon the Son of Zacharias and the Son of Mary, who appeared in the same age. Say: Fear God, and be not among the deniers. Had the Point of the Bayan not beheld the very Manifestation Himself, He would never have caused these words to flow from His Pen: "If ye hear that One hath appeared, deny Him not, and tarry not even to say ʻyea!"'

Today verses are raining down like showers from the clouds of divine Will, and have encompassed all eyes and hearts. Blessed is he who denieth not that which shineth forth clear as the sun, who gazeth with justice and speaketh with fairness.

As to thy question concerning "Him Whom God shall make manifest," it was previously mentioned that all were tested by this word, but henceforth He declareth that whenever He appeareth, all must acknowledge Him and render thanks unto God. At the beginning of the Bayan, We commanded thee to observe the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its rays. If thou attainest unto this station, thou hast attained unto all good. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this exalted station and the Mother of the Bayan from this luminous horizon.

Now, a Book hath been sent down before thy face, specially for thee, equal to all the divine Books of the past and present, yet thou remainest hesitant and perplexed. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy, and turn from the north of doubt to the south of certitude. Cross over the river of names and make for the ocean of inner meanings, and from the pond proceed to the Merciful's river of grace. Today all books are contingent upon acceptance. The Cause is another Cause, the Bayan another Bayan, and this Day another Day. If thou wouldst truly perceive each letter of the Letters of the Bayan, thou wouldst find naught but the fragrance of this Revelation. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. We beseech God to aid thee and illumine thee with the lights of true unity, that thou mayest pass beyond all things and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Judge thou by God! What became of those verses revealed concerning the advent of the Day of Resurrection—mention of the Bridge, the Balance, the rising of the dead from their graves, the blowing of the trumpet, the passing of mountains like clouds, the cleaving of heaven, the rending of earth, the

descent of angels, Paradise and Hell, and the like? And what didst thou witness? And how dost thou interpret that which was revealed in the Book of God regarding the conditions of the appearance of the Resurrection? For outwardly none of these things appeared. Yet We bear witness that all have been made manifest, and the appearance of these matters hath been dependent upon the Word of God, exalted be His glory. For each of these there are meanings ordained and recorded with God. The raising up of places, in its primary sense, hath been and is through the Word of God. Should He say "The places are raised up," through this word it would be evident and manifest to those possessed of vision and the Most Sublime Vision. Every matter, in its first station, its manifestation and elevation is through the Word.

And as to the question that was raised concerning the "exaltation of the sacred places": be thou just, by God! What hath become of those verses which, at the advent of the Resurrection, were revealed touching the Sirat and the Balance, the rising of the dwellers in the graves, the blowing of the Trumpet, the passing of the mountains as clouds, the rending of the heaven, the cleaving of the earth, the descent of the angels, Paradise and Hell, and the like? What hast thou witnessed? And what meaning didst thou assign to that which hath been revealed in the Book of God as the conditions of the Resurrection, seeing that, outwardly, none of these things hath appeared? Yet We bear witness that all have been made manifest. The manifestation of these things is conditioned upon the Word of God—glorified be His majesty—and for each a meaning hath been ordained with God and set down in His records. The "exaltation of the sacred places," in its first and foremost rank, hath been and is through the Word of God. If He but saith, "The places have been exalted," then, in the sight of them that possess vision, and in the Most Great View, that exaltation is evident and plain.

Every matter, in its beginning, hath had its appearing, its disclosure, and its uplifting through a word. Hearken to what the Tongue of the Point hath spoken. In a Tablet to Mulla Ali-i-Bastami—upon him be the Most Great Glory—He bestowed a favour, destined for Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan of Najaf; yet the latter paid no heed to that Tablet. Again a second Tablet was revealed, and therein this exalted word was mentioned and inscribed:

> "We have raised up Ali from his resting-place and sent him unto thee; wert thou to recognize him, thou wouldst prostrate thyself before him…"

to the end.

He—exalted be His saying—declareth: "We raised up ʿAli from his grave and sent him unto thee. Hadst thou known him, thou wouldst have bowed thyself in prostration before him; but thou didst not know him, and all thy deeds were rejected." Ponder thou this utterance of the Point; for at the hour of His Manifestation He saith: "The Day whose measure is fifty thousand years hath already been accomplished." Reflect upon this exalted word; choose silence, and say: I have submitted myself unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds, and I have believed in Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of the discerning.

Should any soul cling, outwardly, to the aforesaid literal conditions, he shall never attain unto the light of faith. Hearken to the call of the Wronged One; with thine own eyes turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and with thine own ears hearken to the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. Thus hath the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen been uplifted, and the murmuring of the Euphrates of My mercy hath been heard in the

realm of creation. Turn thou, wholly detached from the world and all that is therein, and be not of them that merely endure. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which is established upon the throne in the ultimate end, and which Thou hast made the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy Cause, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy love in such wise that what the people possess shall never prevent me. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy direction and setting my face toward Thy countenance. All praise be unto Thee for having enabled me and strengthened me to attain unto the presence before the seat of Thy power. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, the breaths of Thy revelation and the mysteries of Thy Book, to withhold me not from that which lieth with Thee.

O Lord! Purify my heart with the water of Thy knowledge and increase the light of my vision through Thy bounty and favors. I testify that Thou hast created me to know Thee, called me into being to serve Thee, and caused me to speak in Thy praise. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, to prevent me not from hearkening unto Thy call nor from beholding the manifestations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy might. Strengthen my heart, O my God, that it may be detached from all else but Thee, hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace and cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty.

O Lord! I am the poor and lowly one who hath come unto the ocean of Thy riches, and the weak and helpless one who hath laid hold on the cord of Thy power. I testify that I know not what is with Thee, nor do I know what profiteth me. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and the stars in the heaven of Thy grace to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint me not from the gate of Thy bounty which Thou hast opened before the faces of all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, and withhold me not from the Kawthar of life which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy generosity in Thy days.

Thou art He to Whose power, might, grandeur and sovereignty every tongue hath testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, worthy to answer prayer. Send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones, who were deterred neither by the might of princes from turning toward Thee, nor by the doubts of the divines from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory, that which beseemeth Thy bounty, Thy favors, Thy grace and Thy gifts. Then assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the seen, that they may manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and the hearts of the aggressive ones in the realm of creation have trembled. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Section 1: “This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath…”

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath attained His presence time and again, and hath drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hands of the bountiful, the gracious favor of his Lord, and who hath circled round the lands to exalt the Word of his Lord, the Chosen One. Blessed is he who hath heard His call, His remembrance and His praise in the mention of this Most Great Remembrance, whereby the heavens have been cleft asunder, the earth hath been split, the mountains have been scattered, and all people have stood before the Lord of the worlds. By God! Through His appearance the world hath been set ablaze, and the Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath rustled. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Say: This is the Day of God which hath appeared with truth, and the Lote-Tree proclaimeth that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Powerful. I created all creation for My manifestation and My days, yet when I manifested Myself they turned away—thus did their souls entice them, and today they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee, and the Most Great Branch writeth before His face. This is of My favor unto thee—be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world! The Most Bountiful One hath sent thy letter. He hath testified to that which God testified before the creation of all things. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Knowing. Thou hast attained unto the hearing of thy Lord, and We have answered thee through this Clear Book, from which every one possessed of perception findeth the fragrance of the utterance of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. We have been with thee and have heard what thou didst mention before all faces. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: O thou who leadeth astray! Die in thy wrath! The Hidden One hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with the standards of His verses from God, the Lord of the worlds. By God! That which ye possess of names shall not profit you this Day, nor what hath been mentioned of mirrors. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and turn ye towards the horizon wherefrom the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth. Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Cast aside the pond, for lo, the ocean hath manifested its waves; cast aside the brackish water, for by God! the river of life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Turn ye unto it and be not of the patient ones.

Say: O Hadi! Behold the Tree and its fruits, the Sun and its radiance, the Moon and its light, the Sea and its waves, the Heaven and its stars—and be not of them that imagine vainly. Open thine eyes: there hath dawned from the horizon of possibility the Luminary of certitude, as a grace from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Judge fairly: if thou deniest this Most Great Announcement, by what announcement can that which thou holdest be established? Beware lest thou follow the intimations of them who disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Hearken! Hearken! By God, the Call of God hath been raised. Look! Look! that thou mayest behold that which thy sight was previously veiled from. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee and command thee with that which shall free thee from the promptings of the evil ones. God hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, Whom the Books of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, had foretold.

Consider the people of the Furqan and what they possessed. They would make mention of the Promised One from their pulpits and in their mosques, and lament His separation. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the horizon of Manifestation was illumined by Him Who conversed on Sinai, they arose in opposition: some denounced Him, some turned away from Him, some objected to Him, and some pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Spirit Faithful to lament. They deemed themselves the most learned and eminent of the divines of the earth, the most accomplished and exalted among them. Yet when the test came, there appeared from them that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to shed tears and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God to melt.

By God's life! If thou wouldst look with the eye of fairness, thou wouldst abandon the world and turn toward the Most Great Prison, and stand at its gate, and raise thy hands in supplication, saying:

> "I have returned unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and have repented before Thee, O Thou Desire of the nations. I beseech Thee to forgive my transgressions which prevented me from hearkening unto Thy most sweet call, and my sins which veiled me from beholding the dawning splendors of Thy beauty, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of names. I confess, O Desire of the world, to the words I uttered which caused the sighs of the sincere ones to ascend and the tears of the believers to fall. O Lord! I have clung to the cord of Thy bounty and the handle of Thy generosity, and have laid hold on the hem of Thy tender mercies. I beseech Thee to purify me from drawing near to aught except Thee and from making mention of anyone who hath turned away from Thee and disbelieved in Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches, and the thirsty one seeking the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the heaven of Thy gifts and the sun of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Almighty over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

O Haydar-ʿAli! Is there any with hearing to hear the shrill voice of My Pen, and any with sense of smell to detect the fragrance of My wondrous utterance? Is there any with sight to turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and any with fairness to judge justly in this Momentous Announcement? Say: If ye deny what hath appeared in the world, then bring forth what ye possess, and be not of them that hesitate. Say: Do ye play with verses at whose revelation the hearts of the highest Paradise were attracted and the hearts of the sincere ones were set ablaze? Say: Soon shall ye see the recompense of your deeds, even as the people of the Furqan saw the recompense of their actions throughout ages and centuries. Whosoever is prevented today from recognizing the Ocean of utterance is verily of the people of the fire in the sight of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Pen! Leave the mention of the misleader and remember My loved ones in Dal and Vav, and give them glad tidings of the bounties of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. O people of God! The armies of misbelief have surrounded you with the banners of hypocrisy. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He witnesseth and seeth what hath appeared and what shall appear. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Seeing. Your names were presented before the Wronged One. We have remembered you with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor by what the nations possess. The Mother Book in the most exalted station

beareth witness to this. Blessed are ye, and blessed is he who is among you, and blessed is he who hath clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord, the Possessor of all creation.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Where were ye when the Wronged One was standing before the faces of the world, and where were ye when He was under chains and fetters? Be fair! Were it not for Him, who would remind the servants of the days of God, and who would summon them to the supreme horizon? Be fair, and be not of those who disbelieved when the Desired One came with the standards of might and power. I stood before the faces of princes and divines without any veil or covering, and uttered that which caused the limbs of the people to quake. The Books and Tablets which were sent down from the heaven of wisdom and utterance bear witness to this.

Read what We sent to the kings and what My tongue hath spoken amongst the parties. Is he who concealed not himself better, or he who had several wives and remained behind the veil morning and evening? Verily, those who have turned away from this Cause are cursed by all things. He Who speaketh and will speak beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. O people of Baha! Blessed are ye and joy be unto you. We beseech God to ordain for you from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes. Ye have attained unto My remembrance whose fragrance shall never cease to waft for as long as My most excellent names and exalted attributes endure. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this station which hath been named with all names by God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Hear ye the Voice of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue! Say: O Hadi! Whither hath fairness gone, what hath become of justice? Thou wert of the people of the Furqan. For twelve hundred years and more thou wert occupied with vain imaginings. What hath become of Jabulqa? Whither hath Jabulsa gone? From whom came these falsehoods? Where are these imaginary cities? Consider Ja'far, whom by your own belief was the son of your Imam and brother of your Imam—he uttered one word in truth, yet until now ye have called him a liar and reviled him. Observe and reflect how much injustice hath befallen helpless servants through the deceit and schemes of certain souls. At times they said the Books have been corrupted, at times they claimed the Quran is incomplete and the Proof is in occultation, and then they sent him to Jabulqa. Glory be to God! Have ye heard these words and yet fallen again into such vain imaginings? Or hast thou not heard and knoweth not?

O Hadi! For God's sake hearken, and for one hour free thyself from both love and hate. Observe the fruits of the Divine Tree and reflect upon the dawning of the Sun. The Living Waters are clearly distinguished from filth. This is that same Manifestation of whom the Primal Point declared "I am the first of them that worship Him," and night and day was occupied with His remembrance and arose to serve Him. Reflect with fairness and speak with justice. This Wronged One had and hath no desire. By God's life! Were there found one who could speak, He would choose silence, and were there found one who could arise, He would not arise. Ye know not the root of the Cause.

Today whosoever hath attained to faith and drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge is accounted before God among the suns of the mirrors, although the Primal Point hath in one station complained even of the suns of the mirrors. This Revelation hath no need of that which the people possess. Verily He is the One manifest in His sovereignty, established by His signs, and all-compelling in His power. All are

obliged to behold with their own eyes the Supreme Horizon, and this matter is specific to this Revelation. Some barkers have claimed the Bayan is corrupted—may God seal their mouths! They have spoken falsehood whereat the Holy Spirit lamenteth.

O Hadi! I ask one question and seek fairness: Among the divines from the beginning of Islam until the Day of Manifestation—those who adorned their heads with green and white turbans and counted themselves among the poles—did even one attain through the knowledge of being to the essence of the Purpose in the loins, or not? Be fair, for God's sake! It is most regrettable that thou shouldst confuse thyself and others. With thine outward eyes thou hast seen how all the divines of Persia in the early years reviled from their pulpits the King of existence, and finally pronounced sentence of death upon Him. Now thou desirest to train such people? Fear God, O misleader, and refute not the truth with what thou hast.

He counseleth thee for the sake of God, and I am the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Hear My call! Repent unto God Who created thee, sustained thee and guided thee. Then return unto Him, for He is verily the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a Day wherein the ocean of His forgiveness hath surged and the sun of His bounty hath shone forth. Hasten, and be not of them that tarry. We have mentioned thee and counseled thee as a favor from Us. We desire from thee neither recompense nor reward. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this mighty stronghold.

Some opponents have fabricated calumnies and made them a snare for the believers and those near to God. Among these, a certain person in the Land of Ta has claimed that the people of Baha commit murder. Glory be to God! The heavens bear witness, the sun testifies, and likewise do all things, that this Wronged One, after arriving in Baghdad, strove with the utmost diligence to forbid killing, conflict and contention, even to the extent of words that might cause sorrow. The nights and days bear witness to what flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and what waves arose from the Most Great Ocean. Deeds bear witness to and verify words. From the day of Our turning toward Iraq until now, in no city has strife or conflict arisen. Every fair-minded person has testified and every just one has borne witness. Glory be to God! The people of the Bayan committed such deeds as caused the eyes of the people of the cities of justice and fairness to weep. Praise be to God that through the counsels of the Most Exalted Pen, most have attained to that which conduceth to the reformation of the world and the education of the nations.

Should anyone observe with an eye of fairness what is recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets, he would weep over the wrongs suffered by this Wronged One. Without helper or supporter, We summoned all the kings, as ye yourselves witness. Time and again We were cast into the prison of the enemy, sometimes with chains and fetters, at times wandering from land to land. All this happened for the sake of God and is as honey to the taste of them that are near and them that yearn for Him. The purpose of this Most Great Revelation and this Mighty Announcement, which all divine Books and Scriptures have extolled, has been to forbid conflict, strife, and the shedding of blood. Our intention is that through the living waters that flow from the Most Exalted Pen by night and by day, We might cleanse the hearts of the peoples of the world from rancor and hatred, that perchance through the power of the Manifest Sovereign this grievous affliction might be lifted. For the whole world is regarded as one homeland. Glory is not for him who loves his country, but for him who loves the world. These words bear witness to this Wronged One.

Moreover, We acknowledge what they have said. The people of the Furqan must not consider killing as cause and proof of falsity. These are words that the idolaters uttered during the time of the Messenger of God—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Thus in the Battle of Badr when the champions of the idolaters were slain, Asim ibn Abi Awf cried out: "O people of Quraysh! Beware of him who severs relationships, who divides the community," and so forth. He said: "O Quraysh, do not withdraw from Muhammad, for he severs kinship and kills the sons of his uncles." Many were the nights when the companions would enter people's homes and behead their chiefs, bringing their heads to the presence of His Holiness.

Furthermore, consider what transpired with the Banu Nadir and Banu Qurayzah, and likewise in the fortresses around Medina. By His command, Ali and Zubayr beheaded nine hundred souls in two days, and they either took possession of that people's belongings or sent them to other regions and sold them. They dealt similarly with other tribes in ways I prefer not to mention. Open thine eyes and recognize the truth. Whatever ye say has been said before by the idolaters. In any case, this Wronged One's purpose is to remove hatred, malice, strife and contention from the world.

Section 2: "O Hadi! Hear thou the call…"

O Hadi! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. Pass beyond vain imaginings and hold fast to the sure cord of certitude. Move beyond idle fancies and turn thy face toward the Self-Subsisting Lord. By the life of God, he whom thou didst take from other than the Truth, thy Lord, and who stood before the Throne setting down verses, was led astray by him whom We expelled. Be not like the people of the Furqan. Speak not merely upon hearsay that which would ignite the fires of malice. O Hadi! Judge thou fairly concerning who issued the death warrant for the Most Holy Dayyan, and be not of the wrongdoers. The Primal Point dedicated the Book of the Temples specifically to His Holiness the Dayyan, saying: "As thy heart was gentle, sensitive and receptive, We entrusted this hidden knowledge to thee."

Yet they issued the warrant for his death and shed his blood. Likewise with Jinab-i-Abu'l-Qasim from the land of K—by the life of God they perpetrated that which the Pen is powerless to recount. Reflect upon this blessed and supreme utterance which hath shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Primal Point's exposition, and judge fairly. Addressing what ye suppose to be your Mirror, He saith: "Whatsoever thou understandest not of the utterances flowing from the Pen, ask thou of Siyyid-i-ʿAziz"—and this referreth to Siyyid Husayn who was in the presence of the Point. O people! Be not among those who "placed their fingers in their ears lest they should hear the word of truth," and be not of those who saw yet denied, who heard yet failed to acknowledge.

O Hadi! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! Be not like the former people who clung to the hem of alteration, corruption, idle fancies and vain imaginings. The proof is clear, the path is manifest, the Cause is evident and the Truth is apparent. Turn thou unto it and be not of them that hesitate. I swear by the effulgent rays of the Sun of proof which shineth from the highest horizon of possibility—ye are heedless of the Truth and unaware of the essence of the Cause. Purify thine ear from hearkening to the words of the heedless, that thou mayest hear the call of God, and free thine eye from the film of idle fancies that thou mayest behold the highest horizon.

The equivalent of all the books of the past and future hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will. Present thyself before the Face, then ask whatsoever thou desirest, that thou mayest witness the ocean of utterance and its waves, and the sun and its effulgence. Look thou upon the revealed Suras and reflect, that perchance thou mayest turn from the left hand to the right, from ignorance to knowledge, and from darkness to light. Deprive not thyself today of the splendors of His countenance, and be not a cause of leading others astray. Leave the helpless servants to themselves, that they may perchance find their way unto God. Reflect upon the recompense of the Shi'ih's deeds on the Day of Judgment—what they said and what they did. All things have lamented their tyranny and the Most Exalted Paradise hath cried out because of their deeds. We beseech God the Most High to assist thee and those who have denied to return unto Him, to turn toward Him in repentance, to humble themselves before His gate, and to submit to His Cause. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Pardoning, the Merciful.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! We have made mention of the friends of the earth in a remembrance from which the fragrance of bounty shall waft throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Say: O people of God! Be not grieved. Reflect upon the deeds of the divines of Iran who considered themselves the most ancient, most learned, most discerning of all peoples and the most distinguished of all servants. In earlier years, all were occupied with rejection and cursing, and finally they issued that decree which caused the Pen to cry out and the Tablet to lament. Leave the deluded ones. Praise be to God, the bounty of Truth shines like the sun, manifest and evident, and the rains of His mercy are ever-descending and pouring down. The river of mercy flows—take of it in His Name and drink in remembrance of Him, despite those who have denied God, His verses, and rejected His greatness and sovereignty.

In all conditions, be engaged in serving the Cause and exalting the Word with joy and fragrance. Soon shall pass away the world and all that ye behold today, and there shall remain for you what hath been ordained from the Supreme Pen. The Tongue of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness to this. Hold fast to unity and harmony, and be occupied with the triumph of the Cause. Victory in God's Book hath ever been through deeds and character. We convey greetings and glory to each of God's friends, and likewise to the handmaidens of that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition and who gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. All are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they whom the hints of the aggressive ones and the doubts of the infidels did not prevent or hold back from the Truth. These are they whose mention was made in previous Books and who are recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet. The light shining and gleaming from the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O people of God, and upon those who are with you and who love you for His eternal, radiant, and luminous countenance.

As for the mention made of the companion of Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, it hath been heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him, aid him, and ordain for him what is best for him. Verily, He knoweth what profiteth him and what harmeth him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: My God, my God! Withhold not Thy servants from the outpourings of Thy days, and deprive not Thy bondsmen from turning to the horizon of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the lights of Thy countenance, and by the Word through which Thou hast

subdued Thy lands, to ordain for him who hath turned to Thee the good of this world and the next. Then deliver him through Thy power and might, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

And as for the mention of the namesake of Ibn-i-ʿAttar, and likewise the other namesake, and Mirza Taqi Khan who have newly turned to the Faith—mention of each hath been made and recorded by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to grant them power and strength that they may rend asunder all preventing veils and attain the station of revelation and witnessing. Ask God to make the mentioned souls aware of the greatness of His days and not deprive them of His fragrances. Say: O concourse of servants! By God, this is the Day of Reckoning, and the Lord of creation calleth in His most exalted voice from His most sublime horizon: Turn ye with radiant faces, and be not among the patient ones. Say: Today the gate of bounty is opened and the sun of grace is shining. Strive that ye may attain eternal blessing and everlasting, perpetual life. Thus doth the Mother Book teach you from His presence and guide you to His straight path.

Thou didst make mention of the handmaiden of God and her daughter. Consider thou the ocean of bounty and the heaven of grace. The divines of Persia and its doctors of law, each of whom considered himself an ocean of knowledge and a heaven of learning, remained deprived and forbidden from the recognition of Truth, while that handmaiden hath attained unto the knowledge of God and been adorned with the love of God. The Kingdom of grace is in His right hand of power, and the heaven of bounty is in the grasp of His authority. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth and taketh from whomsoever He desireth. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Convey on behalf of the Truth greetings and counsel patience, inasmuch as the condition of this land is not known. Were that which is with Him to be revealed, grief would seize the inhabitants of all lands. This is the truth, no doubt is there about it, but most of the people are heedless.

Thou didst make mention of Mirza Husayn repeatedly, and in each instance mention of him flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Praise be to God that he hath attained to service. Blessed is the house wherein the mention of God hath been raised and wherein His loved ones have attained to His presence, and blessed is the house which God hath made a shelter for them that are nigh unto Him and the sincere ones.

O Husayn! Praise thou the Desired One of all worlds that thou hast been mentioned by Him and succeeded in serving His Cause. Know thou the value of this station and seek thou assistance from the Truth. Blessed art thou and thy father and thy mother. We have made mention of you in such wise as shall never perish. To this testifieth every perceiving mystic and every informed sage.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the sister of his honor S, upon him be the Glory of God, and the degrees of sincerity of the mother—all have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and mention of them hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Especially for the sister, upon her be the Glory of God, there hath been revealed that from which the believers and they that are nigh have inhaled the fragrance of loving-kindness. They have ever been and continue to be remembered, and for each one specifically a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed. However, in view of wisdom, it was not fitting to send all at once; therefore there was delay in sending them.

The loving-kindness of the Truth towards them is of such magnitude that every person of insight beareth witness and every person of understanding testifieth thereto. The people of that household have ever been and continue to be remembered. Convey greetings and glorification from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the grace and loving-kindness of the Truth, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to assist them in preserving that which hath been bestowed and to set them ablaze in such wise that the world and its might shall be powerless to prevent them. O Haydar-ʿAli! These are servants and handmaidens whom God mentioned in the beginning of days and ordained for them that which the eyes of creation have not seen.

Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them and blessed is he who hath visited the two shining lights. In all matters they should be mindful of wisdom. Thus hath the Lord of the worlds ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Verily We make mention of Husayn and his wife, and We give them glad tidings of the mercy which hath preceded all else, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have created all things for the knowledge of My Self, and for standing before My presence, and for acting in accordance with what We have revealed in My Book. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who have turned away from Me and disputed My verses which have encompassed all horizons, and who have pronounced sentence upon the shedding of My blood without any clear proof from Him or evidence from His presence. They are assuredly among the oppressors in the books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to ordain for His loved ones the privilege of attaining His presence or the recompense of meeting Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Husayn! The idolaters have interposed themselves between Me and My loved ones. Whenever anyone approacheth, an uproar ariseth. They are assuredly among those who perish. They are the ones who have separated bodies from spirits and horizons from lights. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the dead.

We have previously made mention of ʿAbdu'l-Baqi and given him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. Blessed is he and his wife. They have attained unto the service of My loved ones and My chosen ones. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall be as a lamp unto them in the worlds of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey My greetings unto him and say: Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of him who is named Siyyid Mustafa. We have remembered him and do remember him at this hour as a token of Our grace, for We are the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. O Mustafa! Give thanks that thy name hath been brought before the Wronged One and that the Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee from its lofty station. Beware lest anything among all things prevent thee from the Creator of heaven, or the might of those who have turned away from this manifest News cause thee to fear.

We make mention of him who is named ʿAli-Muhammad that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of God in His days and whose pen hath

moved in His name. He is assuredly among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. We counsel all with that which will draw them nigh unto the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O Ja'far! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison by God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Be patient in that which thou hast purposed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He biddeth thee to observe gracious patience. Take hold of the Cause of God and leave what the people possess. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is a mighty Tablet. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God. Verily He is with those who love Him, remember Him, and turn unto Him with radiant countenance.

O Haydar-Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Thou didst make mention of the Deputy. Time and again hath mention of them proceeded from the Most Exalted Pen, and they have been and are remembered in the Most Holy Court. We beseech God to assist him to perform such deeds as are befitting the Day of God and to confirm him in supreme steadfastness. The world hath no significance and shall soon return to nothingness, while that which hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen shall endure and last forever. The Deputy is in truth counted among the servants of the Cause in the presence of God. Well is it with him. His reward is with Him Who hath raised him up for the service of His mighty Cause. Implore from God, exalted be His glory, his deliverance and sanctification. O Haydar-Ali! The Most Exalted Pen hath, in the divine days, mentioned the souls who have turned towards Him solely because of their turning, for He hath been and is established upon the throne of grace. Were He to look to worthiness, the Pen would pause and cease its movement. With the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, on behalf of His friends, for that which beseemeth His bounty and generosity.

You mentioned Ali Haydar. He is blessed with Our grace, and his letters arrive continually. We beseech God to assist him in serving His Cause and to help him achieve that which is pleasing unto Him. Praise be to God that all the souls mentioned have been blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. We convey Our greetings to the beloved friends in Abadih, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness. Say: O people of God! The names of all have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. You must arise to assist His Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. His bounty has encompassed you and His mercy has preceded all else. By the life of God! That which no eye in the world has perceived or comprehended has been ordained for His loved ones. Give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, for this tremendous bounty. Verily, He is with you under all conditions, He heareth that which proceedeth from your mouths and seeth your deeds, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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Section 1: "This is the Tablet of God, the All-Powerful…"

This is the Tablet of God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, revealed unto the sons of Abraham and heirs of Moses, from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous

In My Name, the All-Subduing, Who ruleth over the kingdom of utterance

This is a Book sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Merciful unto them that are in the realm of being, that it may draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. This is the Day whereon the

Light hath shone forth, for the voice of the burning bush hath ascended the throne of manifestation, and the Lord of all faces hath proclaimed: “The kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Praised.”

This is the Day whereof Moses gave tidings, then Jesus, and after Him Muhammad, the Messenger of God, who came from the dayspring of the Cause with a manifest sovereignty, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been diffused throughout the lands and the Call hath been raised amidst the religions. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto hearkening, and woe betide the sleepers.

Verily, He informed all of this Most Great Manifestation, and announced unto them the Day whereon men shall rise up before the Lord of the worlds, and the Day whereon thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord shall come. Thus did the Beloved speak forth of that whereof Gabriel had brought Him the glad-tidings from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O sons of Abraham and heirs of Moses! Hearken unto the Call of the Most Sublime from the direction of the Prison: He, verily, would draw you nigh unto that station wherein the Beauty of the All-Merciful hath seated Himself upon the throne of utterance and hath summoned all unto His straight Path.

At this time We desire to make mention of the names which the Trustworthy Spirit hath conveyed, and to announce unto them the favour of God, the Desire of them that know.

O Hayyim! My countenance hath turned toward thee after the annihilation of all things, and maketh mention of thee with that which no thing amongst created things, nor aught that kings and rulers possess, can ever equal. We have heard thy cry, have answered thee, and, in former times, have made mention of thee with a mention which God hath made the key to the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He it is Who hath subdued the world by His Pen and adorned it with the vesture of His wondrous Tablet, from whose horizon the suns of bounty and loving-kindness have shone forth. Blessed are the enlightened. For every letter of His verses there hath been a heaven, and for every heaven suns, moons and stars, which none hath comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast inhaled the fragrance and chosen for thyself a path unto God, the Lord of this manifest Day.

O Rahim! The All-Wise hath come from the horizon of might with clear and manifest signs; yet the people are veiled by a thick veil. The Day hath come, and the hidden pearls, enshrined within the shell of the Ocean of knowledge and wisdom, have been made manifest through a command from the presence of God, the One Who holdeth sway over whatsoever is in the heavens and on the earth. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the Lote-Tree of My Cause, illumined with the lights of My Revelation, and vocal in My comely praise.

O Sulayman! Say: O concourse of earth! By God! The gate of heaven hath been flung open, and the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty which the ranks of the world, nor the might of the nations, nor the clamour of the divines, nor the disdain of the princes have been able to hinder. He hath called all unto the Most Exalted Horizon—the station wherein the cry hath been raised: “The kingdom is God’s, the Lord of this luminous Day.”

O Yahuda! The Lord of all created things giveth thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained, from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Most Great, for the people of Baha. Blessed the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in the Most Exalted Station, and hath acknowledged God and His verses which have encompassed the horizons. By God! From the dust of the Prison there hath diffused the fragrance of the Bayan, and from the Pen of the All-Merciful that which had been treasured up in the Books of God, the Lord of the lofty Throne. Hearken once again unto the Call from the right-hand of the luminous Spot:

> "Verily, no God is there but He, the One, the Single, the Hearing, the Answering."

Let not the croaking of the people of the Furqan, nor the aversion of the people of the Bayan—who have broken the Covenant and Testament of God and disbelieved in that which hath been sent down from His presence—cast thee down. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Hayyim! The one who is here mentioned maketh mention of thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. Take thou the Book with power from Our presence, and be not of them that linger. We have beheld thy turning; We therefore have turned toward thee and have made mention of thee with that whereat the eyes of them that know are solaced. This is a Day whereon, if anyone were to turn, with the ear of his inborn nature, unto created things, he would hear from them that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered. The All-Merciful hath come with the Kingdom of the verses. Blessed is he that attaineth thereunto, and woe betide the most heedless losers.

O Yari! Hast thou heard the Call, or wert thou of the heedless? It hath come from Him Who summoned the One Who held converse with God upon the Mount of recognition, and Who opened before Him a path in the sea and delivered Him from Pharaoh and his hosts. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Most Victorious, the Almighty. Blessed is he who hath cast aside vain imaginings and, with a radiant countenance, hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Lay aside that which is with the people in this Day, whereon the world hath been honoured with the breezes of Revelation. Blessed is he who hath found, and hath said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds!"

O Mihdi! We beheld thy name and made mention of thee; We heard thy cry and answered thee with the verses of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: My God, My God! My very liver hath melted, my limbs have trembled, my joints have quaked, and my breast is straitened by reason of Thy separation and Thy remoteness. If Thy irrevocable decree hath debarred me from attaining unto Thy presence, then write down for me the recompense of reunion, O Lord of Eternity and Master of the world. Verily, Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest by Thy Word "Be", and it is. O Lord! Strengthen me in that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee, and vouchsafe unto me that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty for Thy chosen servants. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Sulayman! Thy name hath been remembered before the Wronged One. God willing, in this springtime of the All-Merciful, thou wilt attain, through invocations of the realities and meanings, unto the fruits thereof. Two showers, pure bounty and mercy, are pouring down: One descendeth from the visible heaven, whereby the goodly earth bringeth forth her growth and is adorned, in a wondrous raiment, with blossoms and anemones. The other floweth from the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, and from it, within

hearts, there spring up the chants of recognition and certitude, and everlasting life is bestowed. Implore thou the Lord, that He may not suffer any soul to be deprived of the effusions of these His days. He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate.

O Lalihzar! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Prison. He maketh mention of thee with that which shall confirm thee in the service of the Cause of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Let not the affairs of this world grieve thee, nor the clamour of the heedless affright thee. We have made mention of thee and of those who have believed, with a remembrance that dispenseth them from the remembrance of the world. This is testified by the Lord of Eternity and Master of the nations in His mighty Prison. We likewise make mention of thy son who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Ilya! Barren lands have not been, and are not, worthy of the seed of divine wisdom; whatsoever deposit thou layest therein hath ever been, and will remain, lost and without fruit. Whensoever a blessed and goodly soil be found, in the Name of God—exalted be His glory—lay thou in its bosom whatsoever thou desirest to entrust. Lands and springs are even as the human being: some are barren and saline, and some pure and sweet. We entreat God to grant thee success, that thou mayest obtain a portion and a share from the outpourings of these His days. He is the Hearer, the Answerer; He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mihdi! God is aware, and the seas and the mountains bear witness, that in all conditions this servant hath summoned the servants unto the Horizon of the All-Merciful. In those days when all, by reason of the dread of the Cause, were veiled behind curtains and hidden beneath the layers of dust, and when, through the light of the Most Great Luminary, the world was made to shine, the deniers of the Bayan came forth from behind the veil and wrought that which no party among the parties of the earth had ever wrought. Beseech thou the Lord to confirm them all, that haply they may attain unto repentance and return, and hold fast unto that which is with God.

O Nasir! In the days of the Friend, one sacrificial victim turned his face toward the altar of the Beloved and returned alive; but in this glorious Dispensation the friends and the pure in heart hastened unto the station of sacrifice and offered up their lives at the feet of the Lord of Names. Should He but will, by the mere shrilling of the Most Exalted Pen He could draw all that are upon the earth and send them to the seat of self-immolation. Upon the throne of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth” He sitteth enthroned, and in the vesture of “He ordaineth what He pleaseth” He is made manifest. Blessed are they that understand.

O Yusuf! The Lord God saith: From the first day until this hour We have, for the guidance of the people, sent forth the Prophets and the chosen ones, that they might summon all unto the Lord—exalted be His glory—and vouchsafe the Kawthar of life, which is the cause of everlasting existence and eternal living, that all may attain unto that which is the true purpose. Yet the people gave no ear unto the counsels of Truth; nay rather, they denied. We sent Moses with the white hand, and they refused to accept Him. Before Him came the Friend with the light of the All-Glorious; they branded Him a liar. The Spirit appeared, invested with the power of the Kingdom; they called Him a deceiver. The Seal of the Prophets

came with the Furqan; they named Him an impostor and pronounced the sentence of death upon Him. Blessed are the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, who in this Day of victory have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained unto the outpourings of the Pen of the Lord of Names. God willing, with perfect longing and ardour, and with spirit and fragrance, they will remain engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds.

O Mihdi! Hear with the ear of the soul the Call of the Desire of the world, for it quickeneth life and bestoweth an unending existence. The idle fancies of the divines have shut the nations out from the Kawthar of certitude. Ere long shall the diverse colours of this world be seized by the hand of annihilation and be gathered within the single-hued pavilion of dust. Today the Call of the Lote-Tree hath been raised, and the Speaker on Sinai is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Blessed the soul whose wealth and desires have not debarred him from the effusions of the end that awaiteth all. Take fast hold of the Book of God with the hand of power and of submission, and guard it even as thine own eyes.

O Khudadad! This is the Day of recompense and the Day of bestowal. The doors of bounty are flung open, and the ocean of generosity, the Lord of faces, is surging. Blessed the soul that hath attained unto the fragrance of the days of the Manifestation and taken its share from the pure wine of the Bayan that floweth from the Pen of the All-Merciful. The people of the world, all of them, by night and by day, besought from the True One—exalted be His glory—His appearance, and supplicated for His meeting. But when the Ocean of Light rose up and the Temple of Revelation shone forth upon the Ark of power, all turned away save a few. Such is the state of the embodiments of vain imaginings and their dawning-places. Say: O my God, O Most Bountiful, O One True Lord! Thy bounty hath endowed existence with being and brought the world of things to life. Deprive it not of the ocean of Thy mercy. Grant these wronged ones a refuge beneath the shade of the Lote-Tree of Thy justice, and guide the poor unto the ocean of Thy wealth. Thou art the Lord of bounty and the King of bestowal.

O son of Harun! The hidden treasure maketh mention of thee. By God! The sealed wine hath been unsealed in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hasteneth, taketh, and drinketh; and woe unto them that turn aside. Say: O concourse of the Torah! The days have come whereof God informed Him Who conversed with Him. Bring thou the people forth from darkness into light, and remind them of the Days of God, the Lord of all the worlds. He hath attained who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and he hath lost who hath turned away, now that the Sovereign hath come with a perspicuous Book. We counsel you this day with that wherewith We counselled Our servants, for verily I am the wise Counsellor.

Put away the well-springs of suspicion and idle fancy, and hold fast unto that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is with him whom He loveth and desireth, and He aideth him with the hosts of the heavens and of the earth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Say: This is the Day of Manifestation, if ye but knew; this is the Day of remembrance and praise, if ye but recognized. This is the Day whereon the sun of proof hath shone forth from the firmament of the Will of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen; and woe unto every heedless veiled one.

O son of Sam'un! Hearken unto the Call of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. He maketh mention of thee in the Prison and biddeth thee that which shall cause the lips of equity to smile amidst the parties. Verily, thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise. Say: O my God, my God! I am Thy servant who hath turned unto Thee and desireth to quaff the Euphrates of mercy which floweth from the right-hand of Thy throne. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and Ruler of the Dominion, by the suns of the heaven of Thy grace, by the lights of Thy Face, and by the Word wherewith Thou didst, through Thy Will, create the creation, that Thou wilt not suffer me to be deprived of that which I have sought from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

O Yusuf! The Joseph of thy Lord dwelleth in a great Prison and a mighty Stronghold; yet the might of the world and the enmity of the nations have not withheld Him from remembrance and praise. The world, in His sight, is less than a mustard seed. Blessed are the souls whom the doubts and misgivings of the people of hate have not kept back from the Lord of Names; who, in His Name, have rent asunder the veils, torn away the curtains, and, with hearts illumined, have set their faces toward the Most Glorious Horizon and the Most Exalted Abode. All things, in their inmost being, are circling round those souls. Praise thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, Who hath turned toward thee and enabled thee to attain unto the outpourings of the Pen. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful.

O Isma'il! The sacrificial victim of the world of meanings circumambulateth and, with the most exalted call, crieth:

> "O party of God! This is a mighty Name. Give thanks unto the Desire of the worlds, Who hath ascribed you unto Himself and, in this blessed Name, hath made mention of you in the Books and Tablets."

Strive that ye may not be shut out from the effusions of these days. The people of the Furqan, for ages and centuries, awaited the Days of God; but when they came, they denied and perpetrated that which caused the very atoms of created things to lament and cry out.

Section 2: "O son of Yahuda! The Lord…"

O son of Yahuda! The Lord of the Kingdom of Eternity saith: It behoveth that all who are upon the earth should be seen even as laughing, joyous blossoms. This passage hath been recorded and inscribed in the former Books. Blessed the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the Manifestation and attained unto the honour of hearkening to the Call of the Lord of Names. Beseech thou God that He may not withhold His servants from the Kawthar of the Bayan nor deprive them thereof.

O son of Yamin! Today, whosoever hath attained unto the bounty of hearkening to the Call of God must needs hold fast unto praiseworthy character and goodly deeds—those which have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. The station of man is made manifest through deeds that are outward and visible. Say: O my God, my Adored One! This is a sapling which Thou hast planted. Water it from the clouds of Thy mercy. Thou art He Whose bounty the sins of all the world have not withheld, nor have the misdeeds of men shut off the outpourings of Thy grace. Thou art He Whose munificence called existence out of

nothingness and guided it unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Debar not Thy servants from the path of Thy straight Road. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the All-Able.

O Musa! In the station of the One Who conversed with God, ponder: with but a single staff He struck at the swords of the world; the might of nations could not withhold His power, nor the hosts and multitudes stay His will. Today the fire of the Lote-Tree hath appeared and, with the most exalted call, is speaking. Say: O people of Sinai! The Speaker hath come. And O people of light! The Manifester hath revealed His glory. Withhold not yourselves, neither deprive yourselves thereof.

O son of Ilyahu! Say: My God, my God! I bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy might and Thy majesty. I beseech Thee by the shrilling of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by the fruits of the Lote-Tree of the Extremity, that Thou mayest confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause, and in Thy remembrance and praise amidst Thy servants. O Lord, make me not deprived of the breezes of Thy Revelation, nor shut out from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

O Ibrahim! Purify thy heart with that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen; then turn toward the Most Glorious Horizon and say: My God, my God! I bear witness that Thou hast created the ears to hearken unto Thy Call, and the eyes to behold the lights of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Fashioner of heaven, by the Crimson Ark which hath sailed upon the sea of the Bayan through Thy leave and Thy will, that Thou mayest cause me, in all conditions, to hold fast unto Thy mighty cord and to cling unto the hems of Thy robe, O Thou the Desire of them that know.

O Sulayman! Today Solomon is circling the carpet of His presence and is voicing this Most Exalted Word: I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the world, severed from all that I possess, hoping for that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom to make me aided in the service of Thy Cause. Lord, Thou seest me turning unto Thee, turning away from all besides Thee. Ordain for me, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast ordained for those whom neither the world nor its affairs, its colours nor its adornments, withheld from directing themselves toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon—those who set out and hastened until they attained unto the seat of sacrifice and expended their lives in Thy path, O Lord of Names and Ruler over earth and heaven.

O Yahya! The Book hath come unto thee; take it with the hand of power, as a command from the presence of God, the All-Powerful, the Chosen One, and say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for that wherewith Thou hast strengthened me to turn unto the ocean of Thy Bayan, to direct myself toward the lights of Thy Face, and to hearken unto Thy most sweet Call, whereby earth and heaven have been attracted. Thou art He Who hast sent down Thy proof and made manifest Thy path. I beseech Thee, by the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy bestowal, that Thou mayest grant me success in Thy service and in the service of Thy loved ones. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Isaac! We have adorned Isma'il with the vesture of thy name. Meditate, that thou mayest recognize that thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Chosen One. Thereby hath the orb of "He doeth what He willeth"

shone forth from the horizon of the Cause. Give thanks unto God for that He hath removed the veil from before thine eyes and revealed that which had been hidden from all vision. When thou findest the fragrance of the Bayan, say: I beseech Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, by the lights of Thy Face and by the pinions that have flown in the air of Thy love, that Thou mayest ordain for me, from the Pen of Thy Command, that which will confirm me in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted, and the Ruler Who commandeth in the end of all things.

O Yahya! Take the Book and say: O my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful! I beseech Thee by the seas of Thy knowledge and the splendours of the lights of the sun of Thy wisdom, and by Thy power wherewith Thou hast subdued the kingdom of the Bayan and all who are in the realm of being, that Thou mayest make me one who standeth forth in Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who confesseth that which Thy Tongue hath confessed, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all knowledge. O Lord, behold this seeker who hath turned unto Thee and desireth, through Thy bounty and Thy grace, the Kawthar of life. I beseech Thee: disappoint him not in what he hath sought. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Thy servants and the Master of all creation.

O Khudadad! Hear the Call of the Wronged One, and say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Leaves that have not moved save through the breezes of Thy Will; and by the dust that hath been honoured by the footsteps of Thy loved ones; and by the ocean that surgeth through Thy Name, that Thou mayest make me steadfast in Thy Cause—that Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have stumbled. O Lord, Thou beholdest the non-existent seeking from Thee the gift of being, and the mortal longing for Thy Kawthar of eternity. I beseech Thee to ordain for him that which will profit him in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

O son of Murad! The Desire of the world maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison, He Who hath guided thee unto the straight Path. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the shrilling of Thy Pen, by the potency of Thy Word, by the dawning-place of Thy signs, by the manifestation of Thy proofs, and by the source of Thy commandments and Thy laws, that Thou mayest make me among those whom the affairs of this world have not hindered from turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon. O Lord, leave me not unto myself, for the self indeed commandeth unto evil. Have mercy upon me, O Lord of existence and King of the unseen and the seen. I beseech Thee by Thy most immaculate hem and Thy most luminous Name to make me among those whom neither the power of princes nor the might of the divines hath affrighted or withheld from turning toward Thy Face, O Lord of Names and Fashioner of heaven. O Lord, withhold me not from the ocean of Thy verses and the Kawthar of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O son of Ibrahim! Purify thy heart with the water of oneness and illumine thy breast with the light of detachment; then turn thou toward the Kaaba of God and say: My God, my God! I bear witness to Thy singleness and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God: there is no God but Thee. From everlasting Thou hast been in the height of power and majesty, and in the exaltation of greatness and beauty. I beseech Thee by Thy grace which hath encompassed all contingent beings, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, to inscribe for me, from Thy Most Exalted Pen, upon the Crimson Tablet, that which shall

draw me nigh unto Thee and keep me back from all beside Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Most Great.

O Isma'il! Say: My God, my God! Thou hearest my yearning in Thy separation and my wailing in Thy remoteness; Thou beholdest my tears and my sighs in these Thy days. I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in Thy path, and by the hearts that have melted by reason of their remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, to make me one who circumambulately moveth about Thy Will and who doeth that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O son of Mihdi! Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Face and by Thy establishment upon the throne of Thy greatness, to make me among those who have succoured Thy Cause and attained unto the Most Great steadfastness in Thy days. O Lord, illumine my face with the lights of Thy Face, my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and my breast with the radiance of Thy Most Exalted Word, through which Thou hast quickened all things. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ancient Ordainer.

O Yari! Hearken unto the eternal Call of God. Say: O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Pen which hath attained unto Thy finger, and by the Leaf which hath been honored through Thy Word, and by the ink which Thou hast made to be the Kawthar of life for all who are in the realm of being, and by the efficacy of Thy command and the potency of Thy will, that Thou wilt make me content with Thy good pleasure, patient in the days of affliction, and thankful for Thy bounty. O Creator of all things! Thou art He Whose ocean of generosity hath not been stayed by the rebellion of Thy servants, nor hath Thy mercy been withheld by the heedlessness of Thy creatures. There is no God but Thee, the All-Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Harun! Hear the Call from the direction of ʿAkka, and say: O my God, my God! I bear witness that the fire hath spoken forth in the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause, that the light hath shone from the horizon of Thy will, that the verses have been sent down from the heaven of Thy purpose, and that the clear proofs have been made manifest through Thy command. I entreat Thee by the ears that have attained the honor of hearkening to Thy Call, by the eyes that have been ennobled through beholding the horizon of Thy grace, by the hearts that have turned toward Thy court, and by the feet that the clamour of the heedless among Thy creatures and the croaking of the croakers amongst Thy servants have never caused to slip, that Thou wilt make me, in all conditions, well-pleased with that which Thou hast ordained for me through the Pen of Thy decree. Thou art verily He from Whom no thing in all creation is hidden; Thou knowest and Thou seest; Thou, indeed, art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Ilya! By God, Ilya hath come and hath circled the Throne at morn and at eventide, and he saith: O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for that Thou hast honoured the lands of Thy servants through Thy coming, adorned the countries with the light of Thy Manifestation, sanctified the hearts with the water of Thy Bayan, and quickened the souls with the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Bestower of abundant blessings and Quickener of mouldering bones, by the Most Great Name, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy commandments. Thou art He Who hast guided Thy servants unto Thy path, made known unto them Thy proof, sent down for them Thy verses, and manifested for them Thy clear evidences. I entreat Thee, O Lord of Eternity and King of the nations, to aid them in Thy remembrance

and Thy praise, and to enable them to stand firm in Thy Cause—that Cause whereat the hearts of the ignorant were shaken, those who have decked their heads with white and green turbans. Verily, Thou art the Fashioner of heaven and the Sender-forth of Names. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

O son of Rafi'a! God hath exalted thy station and the station of such as thou; verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Chosen One. When thou hast attained unto the pearls treasured in My Most Exalted Pen, arise and say: O Creator of all things! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom, by the signs of Thy Dominion, by the ships of Thy Bayan which have sailed upon the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the lights of the horizons of the heavens of Thy bounty, that Thou wilt make me enraptured by Thy verses and wholly severed from Thine enemies—those who have denied Thy proof and waged war against Thy sovereignty. Thou beholdest me, O Lord of existence and King of the unseen and the seen, clinging to the cord of Thy generosity and hoping for that which is with Thee.

O Lord! Disappoint not the poor one at the door of Thy wealth, nor the abased one at the court of Thy glory, nor the ailing one at the shore of the ocean of Thy healing, nor the weary one from the kingdom of Thy Bayan, nor the blind one from beholding the horizon of Thy Most Exalted Horizon. O Lord of all being, Possessor of the Throne and of the dust, and Lord of the next world and of this! Verily, Thou art He Whose bounty no thing among created things hath ever debarred, and Thou art, in truth, the One Who doth what He willeth; in Thy grasp, indeed, lie the reins of all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O Davud! Thy loving Lord maketh mention of thee in His praised station and saith: Say: O my God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation and the breezes of Thy Bayan, yet I know not which quarter hath been honoured by the glances of Thy grace, which land hath been adorned with the throne of Thy majesty, which air hath been perfumed with Thy utterance, which city hath attained unto the shrilling of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and which eye hath gazed upon Thy Most Glorious Horizon. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and King of the nations, by Thy sovereignty before which no thing among created things can stand, and by Thy command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, that Thou wilt inscribe for me the recompense of meeting Thee and of quaffing the wine of reunion with Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom the might of the mighty and the power of princes cannot weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

O Mihdi! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the direction of the Prison and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O my God, my God! The fire of Thy separation hath consumed me—where is the light of Thy reunion, O Lord of the world? The torment of Thy remoteness hath laid me low—where is the radiance of Thy nearness, O Desire of the nations? O Lord! Thou beholdest this wronged one who hath yearned for the horizon of Thy justice, and this darkened world which hath craved the dawning-place of Thy light. I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Lote-Tree of Thy bounty and by the verses of the dawning-place of Thy Revelation, that Thou wilt inscribe for me that which Thou hast inscribed for Thy chosen ones—those whom neither commerce nor all that is with Thy creatures hath hindered from turning toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy Bayan and directing themselves unto the lights of Thy Face. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, from whose door of

bestowal no one hath ever gone disappointed, and from whose pavilion of glory no soul hath ever been turned away. There is no God but Thee, the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH00310: O Haydar-i-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

Section 1: "O Haydar-i-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Haydar-i-Qabli-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to his honor the Traveller. Say: O thou S! Today the Tree of Utterance in the midmost heart of creation thus proclaimeth this most exalted Word: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." Though this Word was spoken before, yet this Tree was martyred on that day and this […] hath come to fruition. God willing, thou shalt be nourished by this fruit. Thou hast ever been and art still remembered in the presence of this Wronged One. Multiple petitions have been presented before the Wronged One, and in each thy mention was made. We beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for thee that which shall endure forever in His everlasting dominion of earth and heaven. The people of God have ever been faithful. Thy friendship, intimacy and love have existed from the earliest days. This fact hath not been and shall not be erased from the ledger of the world. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee in preserving that which [He hath bestowed] upon thee. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Haydar-i-Qabli-Ali! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Deliver unto him whatsoever hath specifically been revealed for the Mentioned Name from the Most Exalted Pen, and pray for him. Seek for him divine success and confirmation. The Name of Jud, upon him be My glory, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court. It was seen, and this utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract all who are in creation to the most exalted horizon. It is most regrettable that the servants should remain deprived of their Lord, their Origin and their Ultimate End. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to Abbas-Quli. Say: Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which most of the peoples of the earth are deprived of. Thou wast created for this Day, and absolute nothingness hath been adorned with the ornament of being. Yet most are debarred and heedless, while thou, through God's grace and favor, exalted be His glory, hast attained thereunto. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this tremendous bounty.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli and [his son] Aqa Muhammad-Isma'il and Haji Haydar and Aqa Muhammad-Husayn. Their names were present before the Face, and there was specifically revealed from the heaven of divine Will for each one that which shall last and endure.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! We have heard thy call and seen thy name. We make mention of thee through the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed be the face that hath turned in this Day to the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Wronged One hath, from the direction of the Prison, turned toward thee and made mention of thee through that which hath diffused the fragrances of revelation in this praiseworthy station.

And We make mention of Isma'il and give him glad tidings of the trace of My Most Exalted Pen, with which nothing whatsoever can compare, as [this Day] doth testify. O Isma'il! We make mention of thee as a favor from Us. We have turned toward thee from the direction of My destined Prison. When thou attainest unto the verses of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of eternity, for having aided me and caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

We make mention of him who hath been named Haji Haydar, that the call may attract him to the horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance from before the All-Merciful, that he may be of them that attain. O Haydar! This Wronged One calleth thee from the direction of the Most Great Scene, and biddeth thee to steadfastness. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that for which the heavens and earth were created. This station is great; preserve it through the Name of Truth.

And We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of God's mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Muhammad-Husayn! Reflect upon the Shi'ih party. For one thousand two hundred years they were occupied with the mention of the Truth and were awaiting His days, yet when the blessed Tree grew forth from the holy and pure earth, both learned and ignorant turned against it with their swords and cut it down. Behold! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Now too some among the people of the Bayan desire to establish anew a Shi'ih sect. We beseech God to protect His servants from the evil of these people and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is potent over all things.

Likewise mention was made of Rajab-Ali and his brother. They attained unto the presence and each was illumined by the divine verses. We beseech God to preserve them from the evil of the barking ones who denied God's signs and His evidences and that which appeared from His presence, and who prevented people from His straight path. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Rajab-Ali that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise the Desired One of the worlds Who aided thee to turn towards Him and guided thee to the Most Great Ocean. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. Know thou its worth and like […] preserve it. Thus doth thy Lord command thee from the prison-ward. He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O ʿAli! Today the divine Books make mention of the Day of God, yet the earthworms are occupied with the vain imaginings of the past, endeavoring anew to build imaginary cities. Say: Shame upon you, O company of divines, and perdition upon you, O congregation of doctors! Ye are worshippers of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this. We beseech God to preserve thee and aid thee to be steadfast. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention was made of the souls of Abadih and their acceptance, steadfastness and enthusiasm. This is evident and manifest before the Wronged One. Their supplications arrived and were seen, and that which was sent was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Remember them on My behalf, remind them of

My verses, give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, and illumine them with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Tablet of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

The roll of names that His Honor Ashraf, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, sent was observed, and each one of those souls has been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. Say: O party of God! Preserve your worth and station. By the life of God! That which no tongue or pen in the world can adequately describe has been ordained specially for the chosen ones. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you! The divines and theologians of the earth and their followers are deprived and forbidden from the breezes of the dawn of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai, while ye have attained to that which hath no peer or likeness.

Reflect upon the loss of the Shi'ites and the gain of the party of God. This is the Day whereof God, exalted be His glory, informed His Beloved, saying: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds" and "Thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank." And in another blessed verse He spoke unto Moses: "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." These verses have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen that the greatness of the Day may not be forgotten. By the life of God! Great is this Day and great is this Cause. Blessed are they whom the colors of the two days do not debar from the everlasting, eternal bounty.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Wondrous and sublime Tablets have been revealed specially for the chosen ones of Alif and Ba. Some were sent, and if God willeth, more shall be sent hereafter. The command is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise. Regarding those enkindled souls, what was mentioned was fitting and acceptable. We beseech God to aid them and assist them to that which He loveth and is pleased with. That which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning them surpasseth all the riches, might, treasures and buried wealth of the world. God willing, they shall at all times be occupied with promoting and teaching the Cause of God.

Section 2: "As for what thou mentioned about His Honor…"

As for what thou mentioned about His Honor ʿAyn, his departure was for wisdom's sake, and likewise his return was presented before the Divine Presence and gained acceptance. In all conditions they must be mindful of wisdom, for its importance hath repeatedly been revealed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Those souls known by this name, wherever they go, must strive to mention and convey the Word, and when departing, if they find blessed and goodly soil, let them deposit the Word and proceed to another land. Prolonged stays cause commotion and are contrary to divine wisdom. Previously there hath flowed from the Supreme Pen that which will guide and direct all.

The mentioned enkindled souls have been and are remembered in the Holy Presence, and His Honor Gh, upon him be My glory, attained the presence and dwelt for some time beneath the shade of the Divine Tree. He came by My leave and departed by My leave. Likewise, the word of permission hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Tablet for two souls, upon them be My glory and My loving-kindness. However, it is contingent upon wisdom. When wisdom requireth, let them proceed. We gave them these glad-

tidings before, and We give them again at this time, as a grace from Us, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Concerning Dil‘: what thou didst write, both before and after, hath been heard with attentive ear; and a most august and sanctified Tablet, especially for him, shall be revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine favour. Were any soul in that land—namely, the land of S—able to turn unto this Cause, and were thou, for the sake of meeting, to incline for a time unto the land of T, this would be nearer unto piety in the sight of God. Yet it behoveth that, in the land of S, one of the kindled souls—assured, steadfast, and firmly rooted—should, with consummate wisdom, abide for some while; and this should from time to time be renewed.

Such is the judgment pronounced by the Wronged One.

O Haydar-ʿAli! There hath befallen thee in the path of God that which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. The disorder in outward affairs, the opposition and indifference of the heedless divines, and remoteness from the Most Holy Court—each of these hath been raised before thee like standards and banners from the right and the left and before thy face. Yet the hand of divine favor shall set all things aright, and the light of grace shall shed its radiance. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Concerning the mention of Muhammad Y [Yusuf] Kh, a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been revealed specifically for him and sent. God willing, he shall attain unto it and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Let him not be saddened, but rather act as behooveth him. Assuredly the door of grace shall be opened by the key of divine favor. Of this there is no doubt whatsoever. The grace, favor and mercy of God have ever been and shall continue to be directed towards the people of God, though they appear and manifest themselves according to the requirements of wisdom and outward means. Reflect upon the companions of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. Consider what occurred at first and what happened at the end. The Cause is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.

Say: O people of God! Spend this precious life in service to the Cause. In every land the loved ones should consult together and appoint someone from among the people of that land for the purpose of teaching. Through an unnamed and unidentified intermediary, they should provide the teacher with sufficient means to meet his needs, that he may, with complete assurance, summon the servants of the All-Merciful to the horizon of God’s bounty. And that soul must be adorned with the ornament of wisdom and be aware of the disposition of those who are near to God and sincere. Say: O people of God! Consider this time a precious opportunity. Know ye the value of this divine Day. Help your Lord and He will help you through His grace. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And specifically for [him whose number is] 1111, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, a most holy and exalted Tablet hath been revealed and shall be sent. We beseech God for whatsoever shall assist him, both outwardly and inwardly, and in all the worlds. Verily, We have besought God to ordain for him that which shall profit him in all His worlds. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Verily, We make mention of him who is named Muhammad Kh and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God for having made thee attain unto His holy and mighty and wondrous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, speaking My praise and holding fast unto My strong cord. To journey in this direction is forbidden at this time, for some upheaval hath occurred therein. Outwardly it is calm, but inwardly it is in turmoil. Thus hath the Pen spoken when We arrived in the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they that hear.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Ali-Asghar, upon him be the Glory of God, and Aqa Ali, they have been honored with the glance of divine favor. Praise be to God, they have turned towards Him and attained the supreme honor. We beseech God to assist them in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Convey greetings to the friends of God in every land thou meetest on behalf of this Wronged One, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they be enkindled by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and be illumined by the light of recognition. May they drink at all times from the chalice of certitude and hold fast to its cord.

Concerning what thou didst write about Ramadan-Ali Big, his deed is accepted and hath attained the honor of divine acceptance. We beseech God to assist him and enable him to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to serve His mighty and impregnable Cause. O Ramadan-Ali! Praise the Desired One of the world Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison and honored thee with the effects of the Supreme Pen. Verily, He remembereth those who remember Him and turn to Him. We beseech God to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. He is, verily, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Jinab-i-Anis, be not grieved. The Cause is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beseech God to grant people fairness. By the life of God! They speak according to their desires and commit what their souls command them. We testify that they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. However, perhaps Jinab-i-[Maq] spoke from what he heard from others, in which case there is no harm. However, wisdom and prudence require that matters not be revealed to those who are employed by the government, for it often happens that a person is devoted and believes in the Divine Manifestation, yet suddenly an uncontrolled word issues forth whose mention is contrary to wisdom. Therefore, concealment is preferable. In all circumstances they must act with wisdom and speak according to need. Thus doth He command His servants from His presence in the Preserved Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We have mentioned Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. A most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him and sent. We have delayed permission for his presence, that he might perhaps succeed in guiding a soul in those parts, and for another reason related to the affairs of this land, as was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen. We send greetings upon his countenance and beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in serving His Cause in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH00314: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

Section 1: "This is a Book sent down…"

He is the All-Knowing Expounder

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One. Verily it is the sealed wine from God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath heard and taken and drunk, detached from all that was and shall be. Is there any possessed of might whom the power of the world cannot weaken? Is there any who standeth firm whom the hosts of the oppressors cannot cause to sit? Is there any possessed of vision who beholdeth the Most Exalted Horizon? Is there any possessed of hearing who heareth the Call of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen? We have called all to the Most Great Path of God and made known unto them that which shall deliver them from His grievous chastisement.

Say: O concourse of the earth! The Sun of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that turn aside. By the life of God! That which ye possess shall profit you not except through this Cause whereby the pillars of idolatry were shaken and the hearts of the transgressors were perturbed. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people are in evident veils. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the idolaters.

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! The Greater Branch hath presented thy letter and mentioned it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with that which no treasuries of utterance can equal, and when it was sent down, the necks of the just bowed before it. O people of Baha! Take ye the cup of eternity in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, then drink ye therefrom in His Name, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not at what hath befallen you from the malice of the enemies and what is beyond it. The days shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of the worlds. Soon shall their glory be turned into abasement and their wealth into poverty, while glory and power shall abide with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Know ye your stations. Verily, he who hath turned and attained is of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station.

Remember My loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness and the bounty of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say: Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent you from turning unto the Powerful, the Trustworthy, Whom neither the denial of princes could weaken nor the clamor of divines could hinder. He hath stood before all faces and proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Informed.

We have turned from the eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue. O My Name! Reflect upon the people of the earth. With the utmost diligence they occupy themselves with arranging the means of livelihood for two days of earthly life, yet remain heedless and veiled from the world that endureth through the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Luqman spoke a worthy word to Nathan his son:

> "O son! If thy purpose be the world, thou shouldst have made provision while still in thy mother's womb, for each day thou drewest nearer to it and further from that other realm. But

now that thou art come into the world, each day thou growest more distant from it and nearer to the other world. Therefore, provision for that realm is now necessary and obligatory."

We beseech God not to deprive the peoples of the earth from this everlasting bounty and heavenly sustenance. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! They that are adorned with the ornament of divine distinction must conduct themselves with complete detachment, and each must be a manifestation of sanctity and purity. Among the servants hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the conditions of teachers that which, should any soul cleave unto it, will deliver the peoples of the world from ignorance and unawareness and lead them to the realm of knowledge and wisdom. Well is it with him who, with penetrating vision, perceiveth that which hath appeared from the Treasury of the Most Exalted Pen and attaineth unto the recognition thereof.

The first command, which causeth the manifestation and appearance of God's laws and ordinances, hath been unity and concord. This utterance hath streamed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful in most of the Tablets. O My Name! Thou wert present before the Wronged One and didst witness the waves of the ocean of His utterance and the horizon of His manifestation and power. We beseech God to adorn all with His attributes and to aid them in that which conduceth to the exaltation of the Word of God and of souls. All that hath befallen thee in the path of God hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Rejoice thou in this manifest remembrance and this mighty favor.

That which thou didst mention concerning him who hath turned towards God, upon him be His glory and that which hath appeared from him in His path, hath attained unto the honor of being heard. God sufficeth him and He is the best of protectors. And We have sent unto him this word that he may rejoice in God's loving-kindness and mercy and be of them that are glad. He hath been and is beneath the glances of divine mercy, and whatsoever he hath wrought in the path of God hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and recorded in the Book. The passing of centuries and ages shall not erase this remembrance, nor shall the happenings of the world alter it.

We counsel Ha and Sin unto that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. We beseech God to aid him in that which causeth the manifestation of sanctification and detachment and the exaltation of His Word.

O Jamal! Upon thee be the glory of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. These days are the days of mention and praise and of teaching the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who have attained unto service to the Cause. The conditions of the world did not withhold them from the Lord of mankind nor prevented them from turning unto Him. One word of the divine words is more exalted than a hundred thousand children and treasures, for that word hath in every world of the worlds a manifest effect and a resplendent fruit. Were the people of earth to become aware and cognizant of this, all would turn from what they possess unto that which is with God. How many children have become the cause of abasement and the source of corruption, and how many riches have resulted in poverty. O Jamal! The Cause is in God's hands. He changeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

And as for what thou didst submit regarding the funds, We have heard and accepted it. However, if it be given in accordance with what is ordained for the sake of God, it is acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of the favour of the Imprisoned One. His mention hath been and is before those who are nigh unto God. O Jamal!

Some among the people of the Bayan have loved and continue to love discord, and have been and are awaiting the calf of haste. Say: O servants! Know ye with complete certitude that the Revelation hath ended. Should anyone appear, whatsoever he may bring or say before the passing of a thousand years would be and is false, for it would be the cause of corruption and turmoil in the world. The Herald came and gave the tidings; the Fulfiller came and completed it. For what and for whom would there be another Revelation? Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness. And today the meaning of steadfastness is that they should see themselves independent and in need of none save God, exalted be His glory. This is the meaning of true wealth and spiritual riches that hath been manifested from God. Blessed be they that have attained, and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and Testament, and who have arisen to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as hath caused the feet of the doubters to slip and the hearts of the false ones to tremble.

At this moment this most exalted Word hath repeatedly been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of all beings: O My Name Jim! Upon thee be My glory! Convey on behalf of the True One greetings to the steadfast souls and give them glad-tidings. All have been and are in Our sight, and for each We desire that which is conducive to the eternal perpetuation of their mention, name and station. Convey My glory to ʿAli-Haydar, and likewise to other souls. Out of wisdom, names are not mentioned. Knowledge is with God, thy Lord, and His favour is His to bestow.

Section 2: "As for what thou didst mention concerning one…"

As for what thou didst mention concerning one of the sons of Khalil and heirs of Kalim, convey to him greetings and give him glad-tidings from the Wronged One. We have accepted his deed in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to strengthen him, assist him, and record for him the reward of attaining His presence, and to give him to drink from the Kawthar of His bounty. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous. In truth he hath rendered service. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect him, strengthen him and send down blessings. O Jamal! His contribution should arrive soon so that all may be enabled to serve in His path, exalted be He, and act with joy, delight and utmost contentment in that which is pleasing to the Friend. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning the loved ones of the land of A. and S. it was revealed:

O My loved ones in that land! Ye have been before My face, and We have made mention of you before and after, and adorned you with the ornament of My love and mercy, and guided you to the knowledge of God and the Dawning-Places of His Cause and the Day-Springs of His Revelation. Upon you be the blessings of God and His peace, and the peace of His Prophets and His chosen ones. We beseech God to

unite us with you, and to assist us and assist you, and to ordain for you from the wonders of His bounty that which will bring solace to your eyes and tranquility to your souls. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. That person's work in the path of God hath been accomplished and hath been adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance. However, the spreading of such matters is a hundred thousand leagues removed from wisdom. The mention of known persons hath not been and is not permissible, particularly the mention of their works in His exalted path which are most important matters. The evil ones spread news and manifest harm befalleth the doer of the deed. From the land of Ta, two persons other than you have written about this matter until now. Should contact with the mentioned souls become necessary regarding any matter, it must be done with the utmost concealment, and even then only by chance. Do not let this matter disappear from view and act with utmost love toward the friends in the land of Ta. The expression of love is for the Cause of God and for the sake of God. Well is it with them that act.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The letter of Abu'l-Hasan—upon him be My glory—which he wrote to thee was presented by the Greater Branch before the Countenance and attained the honor of being heard. He hath desired to attain the presence and meeting, but in these days, due to the fire of hatred burning in the breast of the chief of this land and his followers, We have withheld permission, as a wisdom from Us, and We are the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and give him the glad tidings of mention by the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he, for in days when the most exalted among creation, namely the divines, have turned away and engaged in opposition, he hath turned to the most sublime horizon and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. Blessed is he and his is a goodly return.

O My Name! The letter of Muhammad-i-Qazvini which he sent to Nasru'llah—upon him be My loving-kindness and My glory—attained the honor of Our gracious regard and We heard his call. Repeatedly hath mention of him flowed from the Supreme Pen, time after time and again and again. Give him glad tidings from Me and remind him of that which hath been revealed for him from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance.

O Party of Dal and Alif and all others whom we have repeatedly mentioned and continue to mention! Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, hath submitted mention of certain loved ones and sent it to the Most Holy Court. Each one hath attained unto the Word of God and been mentioned and recorded by the Supreme Pen. In accordance with wisdom and its requirements, We withheld its proclamation and dispatch. Praise be to God! The light of divine love is shining from the horizon of that land, and the eye of favor and the glance of loving-kindness are directed towards that region. Ere long will the fire of the Word ignite most souls and guide them to the highest horizon.

We convey greetings to all and beseech the True One to illumine the horizons of hearts with the lights of the Most Great Luminary and to make them steadfast in the Cause of God. The barking ones have been and continue to be in motion, striving through various schemes and devices to extinguish the light and quench the fire of God. O people of God! The crafty ones lie in wait, hoping perchance to prevent those who have turned towards the Most Great Ocean and to summon them to their own vain imaginings. For

twelve hundred years and more that vile party, namely the Shi'ih idolators of vain imaginings, were the most lost among all the peoples of the world, as was clearly and evidently manifested on the Day of Resurrection through the fruits of their deeds. Such tyranny was perpetrated by that group that the realities of the Prophets and the chosen ones, the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise, and the Tablet and the Pen, all lamented and wept. Now again certain vile and heedless souls have arisen to promote these same vain imaginings. May God, exalted be His glory, protect all.

The petition of Mihdi, who attained unto the presence and won the honor of recognition, reached the Most Holy Court. We have heard his call and wish to answer him at this time through the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Mihdi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee through His verses and clear proofs and commandeth thee to observe the wisdom that hath been sent down in My wondrous Book. Praise be to God! Thou hast attained unto that which hath been the purpose of the chosen ones and the loved ones. The fragrance of steadfastness was wafted from thy letter. Blessed art thou, and again, blessed art thou! We beseech God to aid thee in such wise that no chance for mention or utterance may remain for the barking ones, the infidels, and the transgressors. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the people of God in that land. Say: Today is the Day of God, sanctified from names and mentions. Strive that ye may succeed in rendering such service as will cause its fragrance to endure throughout all ages.

Thou didst mention a certain person. He hath gone to other lands also and said there what he said here. Beseech God to guide him and make him aware. O My loved ones in that land! Today the proof is manifest, the light is shining, the verses are being revealed, and the evidences are clear. The path is visible and the way is plain. Blessed is the soul that hath cleaved unto the truth and found itself detached and free from all else. This is the most exalted station and the supreme summit. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness and to aid them in teaching the Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Soon will come unto you a barking one with another barking one. He will inform you as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God to protect you from the evil of those who have broken the Covenant of God and His Testament, who have disputed His verses and turned away from His Cause. They are indeed among the most lost in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not prevented from the Truth, who have turned towards it and have said: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having enabled us to turn toward Thee, to hear Thy call, and to recognize Thy straight and manifest path. We beseech Thee to make us among those who cling to the cord of Thy grace and hold fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

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Section 1: "Praise be befitting the most holy court…"

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

Praise be befitting the most holy court of the Desired One, whose power is sanctified above all earthly powers and whose sovereignty is exalted beyond the comprehension of all peoples. His sword is utterance and His helper is the divine Word. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! In the Word He placed the effect of the sword, and in utterance the effect of the water of life. At times He takes, and at times He gives—meaning that the spirit's manifestation and emergence is a divine trust. This is a power specific to the realm of Truth; the might and power of creation neither weakens it nor prevents its influence. In the Word are concealed both the ocean of mercy and the preordained sword. These mysteries are witnessed in the divine verses. Blessed are they who possess true vision! One word gives life while another takes it away. Blessed are they who possess insight! Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Though no fire is visible in the Word, yet it ignites; though no water is present, yet it quickens and bestows life. Fresh tongues are needed to properly render thanks for these bounties, and penetrating vision is required to behold them.

The instruments of corruption and destruction that come from the outward sword and spear, and the inward sword and spear which are rancor and hatred, have been forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. The hosts of God, as commanded, are goodly character and deeds, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. Repeatedly in the Tablets of God—our Goal and the Goal of the world—has this blessed verse been revealed: "Blessed are they who act!"

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Goal of all who dwell on earth and in heaven! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst quicken all created things and didst strengthen them at all times through the spirit of life, and by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy Will which hath encompassed the earth and the heavens, to assist Thy loved ones to mention Thee, to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art He Who hath created all things and hath desired naught thereby save Thy recognition and the recognition of that which profiteth them in every world of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to enable them to do that which Thou lovest and pleaseth Thee, and to aid them to champion Thy Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful.

Praise, mention, glory and splendor be upon Thy loved ones who have spoken Thy praise and have arisen to serve Thy Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever could prevent them from making mention of Thee in the realm of creation. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

This evanescent one makes known to your honor that two letters were received which brought joy and bestowed gladness, for from them wafted the fragrance of love for the Desired One—may my spirit and the spirits of all who dwell in the kingdom of Command and Creation be offered up for His sake. After reading and reciting them, they were presented at the Most Exalted Threshold and Supreme Height, and these sublime words and decisive verses were revealed from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the Beloved of all creation. Thus sayeth the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O thou who hast turned thy face! Hear the call from the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, raised before all faces: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath appeared and hath manifested that which draweth the people nigh unto the supreme horizon. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Beloved.

When the Most Glorious Horizon appeared and the Supreme Pen raised its shrill voice, the people turned away and uttered what the ancients had never uttered, and committed that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur to lament. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds, even as those before them beheld. Verily, thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Save those who cast away vain imaginings, hastening unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: O people! Look with the eye of justice upon the light of divine grace which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of your Lord's bounty, the Possessor of existence. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from the seat of divine verses, or the veils from His praiseworthy station. By God! Ye were created for this Day, did ye but know it. This is He Whom God's Books had promised aforetime, and Whose remembrance hath adorned the Tablets, were ye to recognize it.

Fear God and follow not your own selves, nor the selves of others. Set aside what the people possess, holding fast to that which ye have been commanded by God, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen. Say: O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Names hath come with such sovereignty as no hosts of the world nor powers of the nations can withstand. To this beareth witness the Preserved Tablet.

He hath come from the horizon of utterance with a proof before which all that the people possess hath bowed down. Fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. This is the Day whereon the Faithful Spirit proclaimeth: O world! Thine eye is solaced by that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen, by the command of God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with that which all the treasures and riches cannot equal. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy path, for having guided me to the dayspring of Thy Revelation, the dawning-place of Thy inspiration and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I was asleep; Thy pervading Will awakened me. I was dormant; Thy all-encompassing Purpose roused me. I was immersed in the ocean of vain imaginings; the hand of Thy bounty saved me. I was in the darkness of idle fancies; the evidences of Thy grace and favor delivered me. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Helper of the nations, to assist me to mention Thee and praise Thee with wisdom and utterance, then enable me to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hear now the divine verses in the Persian tongue. By the Sun of the horizon of unity! Should any soul truly hearken to the utterance of the All-Merciful, he will find himself detached and freed from the world and all who dwell therein, and will become so enkindled by the fire of the Word that its effects shall become manifest and evident throughout all regions. Convey to the loved ones the greetings and glory from the

True One. Say: These days in the divine Books are attributed to God, exalted be His glory, referring to Moses, son of Imran:

> "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God."

Say: Know ye their worth and recognize their station, and arise to redeem what hath escaped you. The deeds of centuries and ages cannot equal a single deed in this Day. Strive that there may appear from you that which beseemeth the Day of God. Conquer hearts through the hosts of deeds and character. God regardeth not wealth, dominion, or the perishable things that pass away. The purpose is that through the power of utterance and the Kawthar hidden in the name of the All-Merciful and the water of love and forbearance, ye may remove the hatred and animosity among the peoples of the world and transform them into mercy, kindness, affection and unity.

O people of God! Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of fragrance and fellowship. This is a word We have formerly revealed from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. Blessed is the servant who retireth to his bed purified from malice and hatred and adorned with the love of all that dwell on earth. The wish of the Wronged One hath been and is to establish this matter. Every possessor of knowledge, every discerning one, and every just and fair-minded one beareth witness to this.

Section 2: "O people of God! This Day is your…"

O people of God! This Day is your Day. Hold fast unto wisdom and arise to serve. The world is opposed to this Cause to such an extent that it striveth with utmost diligence to extinguish its light. However, God hath, through the shrill voice of the Pen and to their dismay, assisted His Cause and exalted it. Neither the forces of the world nor its hosts can resist this power and ascendancy. He is the Powerful and Mighty over all things.

O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Convey glory from the Wronged One to His honor Siyyid Mustafa. Say: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Beseech God to preserve this station and to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have turned away from idle fancies, advancing toward the lights of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God! His is the bounty and the giving, His the supreme gift and the greatest bestowal. Through pure grace, He caused the lights of wisdom and utterance to shine forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. In truth, should one observe with the eye of reality, one would witness the light of knowledge, understanding, grace and favors shining from the horizon of every word of God's words. The ocean of proof is manifest in His utterance, and the sun of bounty dawns from the horizon of His Pen. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to enable His servants to advance from remoteness to nearness, from heedlessness to awareness, and from ignorance to knowledge, that all who dwell on earth may not be deprived of His days nor remain bereft of His bounty. This bounty grows not from the earth but descends from heaven—God forgive! This heaven is unlike other heavens. This heaven has had and has infinite suns and countless moons. They rise perpetually; setting has neither existence nor trace nor fruit in that realm. Exalted be God, the Lord of the Kingdom, of the heavenly realm, of grandeur and might!

The reason for the delay in responding to the letter and its expression was that last year a Kurdish official in this city occupied the seat of government, daily manifesting deceit. Indeed, beyond deceit and guile, he displayed such tyranny as caused astonishment, for without any cause or reason that person arose in enmity. He caused certain matters to arise in the prison that are not worthy of mention. Yet in all conditions the Supreme Pen remained occupied. Later the order for his dismissal came, and he and his associates returned to their place, humiliation encompassing them from all directions. Indeed, what transpired was a lesson for those of insight and understanding. However, after the city was relieved of his presence, some effects of his words remained, therefore patience was enjoined and this supreme verse flowed from the tongue of the Lord of all beings:

> "O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He biddeth thee to observe gracious patience."

In truth, if one encounters no difficulty in God's path and remains ever in comfort, this has not been and is not beloved in the sight of the lovers and those filled with longing. Through tribulation the book of faithfulness is adorned and the tablet of steadfastness is embellished. Thus in one place He says:

> "Were it not for tribulation in Thy path, my life would have no sweetness."

Two days ago these sublime words were revealed in the garden for one of the friends, addressed to Javad in Qaf. His exalted Word:

> "O Javad! Say: My God, my God! I love life only to serve Thee, and I desire existence only to spend it in Thy path. I love the house only that Thy mention and praise be raised therein, and I choose a son only that he may arise to help Thy Cause and acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered, and I desire a spouse only that… In all conditions, this evanescent one beseeches the eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, for this station, and likewise for His loved ones. We beseech Him to assist His loved ones to that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased."

Regarding what you wrote about the loved ones of that land being engaged in utmost independence and joy and delight in the mention and praise of God, aflame with the fire of His love—after this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, these words were revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Hearing, the Answering.

We have heard thy call and answer thee once again that thou mayest be drawn to the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. When thou readest My verses and findest from them the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say:

> "My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto Thee, and cause them to know Thy straight Path and Thy mighty Message. O Lord! Withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty in Thy days, and disappoint them not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and the One with power over the

nations, by Thy Most Great Name and by Thy Command through which Thou hast subdued the world, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha that which will assist them in Thy remembrance and praise, and will cause them to know Thy manifest Way and Thy evident Command. Then make them the emblems of Thy remembrance in Thy lands and the standards of Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Moreover, ordain for them the best of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds."

The showers of mercy have not ceased, and the clouds have not prevented the rays of the Sun of grace from shining forth. His loving-kindness is more manifest than the sun and His grace is greater than the ocean. God willing, may the friends in that land drink from the Kawthar of eternity which floweth from the fountainhead of the Pen of the Lord of Names, and may they, with wisdom and utterance, summon the people of the world to the horizon of the Manifestation. The assistance of God encompasseth all. He will aid them through His sovereignty and will reinforce them with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

As to their request that someone be sent to those parts for the exaltation of the Word of God, after this matter was submitted, the blessed Tongue spoke these words: In these days there is no one in this land who can proceed to those parts and fulfill this task. However, we beseech God to strengthen someone from the realm of Persia or these parts to proceed to those regions for the edification of the servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

This lowly one at all times begs and hopes from God that He may strengthen your honor to accomplish that which causeth acceptance and attraction. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath assisted and continueth to assist. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what was written about the published treatises in London, it hath been evidently proven that some newspapers speak without investigation and seek new stories to print whatever is written. Some persons who intended to write new books requested that details about these matters be written so they might publish them. No word was given to them. Likewise, some newspaper owners made the same request, but it was not granted. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Convey greetings and glorification to the friends of that land, and I beseech confirmation and assistance for each one, especially to Aqa Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may they be strengthened in that which shall endure through the eternity of God's Most Beautiful Names and His Supreme Attributes. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but He, the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those who have heard and responded to the Call of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00438: We have sent down the Book and it speaks…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

We have sent down the Book and it speaks before the faces of the servants: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of Lords!” It gives glad tidings to those who have advanced towards what hath been ordained for them from the Supreme Pen, and it warns those who have denied God and His verses and turned away from the Dawning-Place of utterance.

O Muhammad! Hear the call from the Blessed Crimson Tree that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. When the promise came and the appointed time was fulfilled, We came from the Dayspring of Power with the signs of God, the Lord of the Final End. The Point of the Bayan was at My right hand, and before My face were the Messengers of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, advanced toward My horizon, turned unto My face, and heard the call of the Prophets and Messengers in this Cause whereby the pillars were shaken and the idols fell senseless. We were seated upon the throne of sorrow by reason of what befell Us from the Dayspring of hatred—whereat the Most Exalted Paradise lamented, as did those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

The Most Great Branch came before the Face with a letter from one who loved Me, who was named Ali-Akbar by the Pen of God, the Manifester of clear signs. We heard what he uttered and We answered him as a grace from Our presence, for verily I am the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. O Ali-Akbar! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou art he who traversed the paths until thou didst arrive at the shore of the Most Great Ocean and heard the call of the Wronged One, Who hath suffered in the path of God that which caused all atoms to lament. Thou didst arrive, hear, and witness what had been the hope of those near unto God from time immemorial.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and remembereth those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have previously made mention of thy brother, then of those who have believed in God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We desired to mention each one in such wise as would attract him to a station wherein the conditions of the world would not prevent him, nor the objections of the people of the Bayan who denied the All-Merciful when He came to them with power and sovereignty.

O ʿAli-Akbar! We now speak in the Persian tongue that all may partake of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful’s utterance and attain unto the most great steadfastness.

O Sulayman (Master Sulayman)! The Supreme Pen declareth: All the peoples of the world have been created to know the Day of God. Every Messenger hath given the glad-tidings of this Day to the people and counseled them concerning it. The previous Books, which were sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful’s utterance upon the Prophets and His chosen ones, bear witness to this truth. Nevertheless, the servants remain heedless and deprived of recognizing the Creator of all things and the Judge of the Day of Reckoning. The cause and reason for this greatest deprivation and thick veil have been and continue to be the divines of the age, who have in truth seized the recompense of all deeds and prevented others from the ocean of light that surgeth before the face of the Lord of the Manifestation. Praise be to the Goal of the world that He hath assisted thee—thou didst hear and attain. Now We

counsel thee and the party of God to preserve that which hath been bestowed. The Glory from Us be upon those who have advanced, heard, and answered their Lord, the Hearing, the Responding One.

O Hasan-ʿAli! The Mother Book declareth: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen and hast been nourished from the Kawthar of the love of the Lord of Names. By the Sun of Utterance which hath shone forth from the highest horizon of possibility, whosoever today attaineth unto the lights of the blessed Word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen hath attained unto all good. Say:

I ask Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Possessor of the Kingdom of eternity, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the cawing of the nations who have denied Thee and Thy signs may frighten me. Then I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ali (Jinab-i-Ali ibn Muhammad Kazim)! The Preserved Tablet declareth: Thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from the Pen of God's Will in the divine Books. Praise be to God, thou hast been enabled to hearken unto the shrill voice of the Pen, the flowing of the Kawthar of utterance, and the rushing of the breeze of loving-kindness. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy teacher. Thou hast ever been and art still beneath His glance. All thy relatives and friends are recipients of God's favors. Ask thou of God that He may strengthen all to be steadfast, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God to assist you all in all things to mention Him, to praise Him, to serve Him, and to do that which will exalt His mighty and wondrous Cause.

O Ghulam-Husayn (Aqa Ghulam-Husayn of Sad)! Upon thee be My glory. Thou hast attained unto My mention and the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. I swear by the Great Announcement that this is and hath ever been a great bounty. Know thou its station and occupy thyself with thanksgiving and praise to the Goal of the world's desire. Today all must turn in unity and accord, and should any unacceptable matter arise, they must hasten with utmost speed to resolve it. They must arise for God's sake and occupy themselves with service for His sake. Today any word that causeth discord is not and hath never been acceptable in God's sight. Convey My greetings to the loved ones and remind them of what hath been mentioned, that perchance all desires may be annihilated in God's Will—that is, that they may speak and move according to what God hath willed. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen is effective in all things. The Lord of Names beareth witness unto this in this exalted station.

O Husayn (Ustad Husayn)! The Mother Book declareth: Say: O God, my Deity, my King, my Goal! With what tongue shall I render Thee thanks? I was heedless, Thou didst make me aware; I was turning away, Thou didst aid me to turn towards Thee; I was dead, Thou didst grant me life through the water of life; I was withered, Thou didst bestow freshness through the Kawthar of utterance which flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. O Lord! The existence of all things is generated by Thy bounty; deprive them not of the ocean of Thy generosity and the sea of Thy mercy. At all times do I seek Thy grace and confirmation, and from the heaven of Thy favor do I implore Thy ancient gift. Thou art the Lord of bounty and the Sovereign of the Kingdom of eternity.

O Mihdi (Ustad Mihdi the Builder)! The Wronged One mentioneth thee from the Most Great Prison and calleth out to thee. This is that Call which appeared from the Divine Lote-Tree, and this is that Call which the Beloved attained unto in His ascension, and this is that Manifestation whereof the Spirit gave glad-tidings and Moses made mention. Blessed is the soul whom the cawing of the croakers, the authority of the oppressors, and the tyranny of the ignorant ones hath not debarred from the Day of God nor deprived of His outpourings. We enjoin all to be steadfast and counsel them to observe that which is befitting to God's Cause. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

O Salman (Master Salman the builder)! In the days when He Who conversed with God upon the Mount was seated upon the throne of manifestation in Baghdad, He informed all of the birds of night, the cawing of the ravens, and the corruption of the infidels, so that the people of God might be preserved through the grace of the traces of the Supreme Pen from the evil of such souls. This was not confined to any particular place, and perchance in this land too there may arise that which causeth discord. We counsel all to remain steadfast in the Cause and to act as beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Before the passing of a thousand years, any claim is forbidden, and whosoever maketh such a claim is, in the sight of God, rejected and unacceptable. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which He hath commanded. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Ghulam-Husayn (Master Ghulam-Husayn the builder)! The Hidden Secret declareth: The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the path is clear, and the proof is visible, yet all remain veiled and debarred. Give thanks to the Ancient King that He assisted thee and guided thee, and in the Most Great Prison He is occupied with thy remembrance. This station is beyond description. By the Most Great Announcement! If thou wert to render thanks for this supreme word which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion, it would not equal or compare with this supreme bounty. We beseech God to assist all to perform such deeds and to manifest such character as are the hosts of God in this Most Great Revelation. If thou hast attained unto the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the Resurrection hath come to pass, the Hour hath appeared, the Cry hath been raised, the mountains have passed away, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been manifested.

O Weaver (Aqa Rida the weaver)! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Ascension. Beseech God to assist thee in weaving a garment which the arrows of the opposers of the Bayan and the swords of the ungodly of the Qur'an cannot pierce. This blessed garment hath its warp of trust in God and its woof of detachment. This garment hath ever been suitable for the temples of those who are assured, steadfast and firm. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and hath found itself free and detached from all else but God.

O Husayn (Husayn son of Aqa Muhammad Nasir Lari)! The people of Iran considered themselves believers, yet on the Day of Manifestation all were found to be unbelievers, save a few. The recompense of their deeds hath in the end deprived them of the knowledge of the Self-Sufficient One. White and green turbans and the kissing of hands became the cause of pride and the source of hindrance. Not one

among the well-known divines did, at the beginning, draw nigh unto the ocean of nearness, nor did they partake of the Living Waters which flow and stream forth in every moment from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Strive ye, that the people of God, one and all, may attain unto true unity, may see all except God as non-existent and count them as nothing. Today the Sun of Unity hath dawned from the horizon of detachment. Naught is mentioned therein save Him alone. Blessed is he that hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

O Muhammad-Taqi (Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, son of Aqa Muhammad-Ja'far Isfahani)! Upon thee be My glory! The hosts of God, who are the supporters and helpers of His Cause, in this Most Great Revelation have ever been and shall continue to be goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. All must render assistance to the Cause of God through these divine hosts. Today is the day of mention and praise, and today is the day of deeds. Repeatedly hath this utterance flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful, that all may fix their gaze upon it and hold fast unto it. Corruption, contention and strife have never been and shall never be pleasing unto God. O people of God! Consider this time a precious opportunity, that ye may perchance succeed in performing a deed whose fragrance shall endure forever and whose mention shall be everlasting.

In these days, this Wronged One hath been afflicted by the imaginings of the oppressors, and there hath befallen Him anew that which caused the Supreme Pen to lament and the Tablet to cry out. Nevertheless, He was not hindered from making mention of the people of God, nor did He pause. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

O Muhammad (Master Muhammad the Builder)! God willing, mayest thou be assisted to build a House that shall be raised up in the name of God. The mention thereof shall ever shine and be manifest like unto the sun from the horizon of the heaven of utterance, and shall endure and remain forever. Likewise, may ye be confirmed to strengthen the foundation of steadfastness, which today is greater than any good deed and taketh precedence over every other matter. Render thanks unto the Desired One, Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison, which is known as the Praiseworthy Place. We send Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and bid them to that which beseemeth the days of God. Under all conditions, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God and His praise. This is My counsel and My testament unto My servants who have attained unto My days, who have soared in My atmosphere, who have held fast unto My cord, and who have acted according to that which is in My Great Book.

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BH00453: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

Section 1: "This is a Book sent down…"

He is God, exalted is His glory in wisdom and utterance!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath attained unto the days of God and hath quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon and bring him nigh unto a station wherein he shall witness and behold the mighty signs of his Lord. And I am, verily, the True Counsellor.

The ears have been prevented from hearkening and the eyes from beholding the horizon of the Manifestation of the Lord of Names by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought—they who claim knowledge yet oppose Him through Whom the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged within creation. Thus hath the Pen of the All-Merciful spoken in this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and have seen thy turning unto Us and have turned unto thee out of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of Muhammad-i-Baqir and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, may be exalted. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto My knowledge and the propagation of My Cause—such a one is assuredly among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, as every discerning one doth testify. O people of God! Remember My loved ones and remind them of My verses which have been sent down from the heaven of My Will, for I am the Ancient Sender.

O Ghulam-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the oceans of Thy mercy and the showers of Thy bounty and the effulgences of the lights of the Orb of Thy grace, to make me so detached from all else save Thee that I may move only through the breezes of Thy will and speak only through Thy bidding. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. We have manifested from the treasuries of utterance that which none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who have turned towards Us and those who have turned away, those who have pronounced sentence upon the shedding of My blood and those who have soared in My atmosphere and acknowledged that which My tongue hath spoken—such a one is of the people of Baha in My perspicuous Book. Arise to serve the Cause. He, verily, will aid whomsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O ʿAli! Hear the Call from the precincts of the Prison. It will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgement. The appointed time hath come, and the Revealer of verses hath appeared with the standards of wisdom and utterance, yet most of the people are among the heedless. They have cast behind them that which they were bidden and have taken up that which they were forbidden in the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and hear the creaking of My Pen, arise and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.”

And We make mention of him who is named Ali-Akbar that he may inhale the sweet fragrances of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of them that have attained. Cast aside what the people possess. The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall bow down. Beware lest the might of the wicked deter thee from turning toward the Supreme Horizon, or the veils of them that have turned away prevent thee. O Ali-Akbar! When thou hearest the Call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison, say:

> “He hath come Who was recorded by the Supreme Pen and was hidden in the hearts of the Messengers.”

And We make mention of him who is named ʿAli-Asghar and counsel him to manifest the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped save those whom the hand of divine power hath preserved, from God, the Strong, the Mighty. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of My Prison and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One of the world, for having aided me to turn towards Thee! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which befitteth Thy days and Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Lutf-ʿAli! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison. Knowest thou Who maketh mention of thee? Say: Yea, by my Lord! He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have desired to make mention of those who have sought to draw nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds, that the rapture of their Lord’s verses may seize them in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the might of the deniers—they who have denied God’s testimony and His signs and have led His servants to a miserable destination—shall deter them. Thus hath the Pen spoken, as the Lord of Eternity occupied this exalted station.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn, that he may discover the fragrance of utterance and, turning away from that which the people possess, may turn unto Him Who created him and provided for him, and be of the thankful. Blessed is the servant who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the idolators! Say: In the name of God and by God! Take the chalice of success from the hands of the loving-kindness of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink in remembrance of the All-Wise. Thus hath the decree come from God, the Commander, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who is named Husayn with verses that have enraptured the hearts of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the mighty Throne. We counsel all with that whereby this Cause may be exalted among the servants. Blessed is every knowing one, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. We have mentioned everyone who hath turned unto God and counseled him with that whereby his station may be elevated. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but I, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Whoso hath attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen hath attained unto all good. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested the Cause as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Habibullah! Hear the call of Him Who hath been imprisoned in God's path, that it may draw thee to a station that is sublime. He mentioneth him who hath mentioned Him, and His mercy hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Verily, He encompasseth all things. The doubts of creation do not hinder Him, nor do the allusions of those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with an authority that was mighty indeed. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of thy Lord's grace. Verily, He aideth whom He willeth with an authority that hath been mighty in truth from all eternity.

Section 2: "We make mention of him who is named…"

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Hashim, that mention may draw him nigh unto a station illumined with the lights of the Cause. O Hashim! Remember thy Lord in the night season and in the days. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is God, the All-Wise over all things. O people of God! Take hold of trustworthiness by Our command. We enjoin upon you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, and God sufficeth as a witness.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Ja'far! Say: My God, my God! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate, nor can the tyranny of rulers hinder Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy power. Verily, Thou hast ever been mighty over the Cause. Blessed is he who hath clung to God's loving-kindness and His remembrance. He is assuredly among those who are nigh, as hath been recorded in the Book.

O Ali-Murad! The Desired One hath come, yet they who desired to meet Him throughout the nights and days recognized Him not. Thus doth the Mother Book recount unto thee that which hath befallen Him, that thou mayest be endowed with insight concerning the Cause.

We make mention of him who has been named Muhammad-Baqir and remind him of the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, We have remembered those whose names were present before the Throne and have revealed for each one that which will draw him nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: The Word of God will benefit you before your ascension and after it. Of this beareth witness this preserved Tablet through which the sealed wine hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath turned and partaken thereof, and woe unto every heedless and forbidden one.

O Muhammad-Kazim! Thou art in thy home while the Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison. Be thankful and say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne, and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and power, to aid me to serve Thy loved ones who have hastened to the place of sacrifice. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of what hath been and what shall be.

In this moment We make mention of My handmaidens there, that they may give thanks to their Lord in the evening and at dawn, at sunset and in the morning. O handmaidens of God! We speak in the Persian tongue that all may comprehend, in the hope that the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance may enable all to attain to the Kawthar of steadfastness. The clamorous ones lie in wait, and the treacherous

watch from their ambush. I beseech God to protect all and to guard them beneath the shadow of His power from the evil of heedless and oppressive souls. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. For twelve hundred years and more, the Shi'ih sect were slaves to vain imaginings. Without understanding, they deemed themselves the most excellent of all peoples, yet on the Day of Reckoning they were found to be the most lost among the nations. The people of God, both men and women, must be so firm in the Cause that the deniers of the Bayan and the infidels of the Qur'an will be rendered speechless.

Reflect upon the events of the past. Whosoever gains understanding will be preserved from the doubts and vain imaginings of the people of the Bayan—those souls who have turned away from God and set about reviving former delusions. ʿAli-Akbar appeared in the Most Great Presence before the Face and made mention of the loved ones, and there was revealed for each one that which no earthly thing can equal. Were you to reflect even briefly and discover a ray from the Day-Star of God's grace—exalted be His glory—you would attain to such joy as no sorrow could overtake and no change diminish. For the men have been designated as the people of God and the women as the handmaidens of God.

O people of God! Justice is spent, the Sun of equity lies hidden behind clouds due to the oppression of the transgressors. The Truth hath not complained of the oppressors, but rather of those who claimed friendship yet acted in such wise as caused the Supreme Pen to lament. We counsel all to that which befitteth the Day of God. Know ye the worth and station of the divine verses. They have been and will ever be with you, living or dead, and at the time of their revelation all are present before the Face and attain unto them. None knoweth this save God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to aid all to preserve that which hath been bestowed, for the fire of denial will consume the tree of what is known.

O people of God! From the beginning of the Cause until now, We have stood, without veil or covering, before the faces of all people—kings and subjects, princes and divines—and have invited all to that which was the source of preservation and the cause of eternal life. But when the Day-Star of the Cause shed its radiance, a faction from among the people of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil and rose up against the Wronged One of the horizons. Thus did their souls entice them, and today they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ali! We made mention of thee at the beginning and now mention thee at the end, that thou mayest gather together the party of God in that land beneath the shadow of the Word of God, that they may engage in unity and harmony in the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. The saplings that are planted must needs be nurtured until they become balanced and reach maturity. The skilled physician is like the clouds of spring and like the sun: the former bestoweth in measure, and the latter shineth according to its degree. We beseech God to assist thee in serving His Cause, that thou mayest cause all to remember that which hath been sent down in the Tablets. Make mention, on behalf of this Wronged One, of all the loved ones in that region. Some are mentioned by name and others are well-known before His countenance. The purpose is that all have been blessed with the bounty of the utterance of the Beloved of the worlds. Let them know the worth of this supreme bounty and this most great gift. Mirza Baqir—mention of him hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may they attain unto the outpourings of the True Outpourer and arise to serve the Cause.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither veils nor clouds have hindered from God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs.

BH00491: Immeasurable praise befitteth that Peerless Being Who caused…

He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, exalted be His glorious station!

Immeasurable praise befitteth that Peerless Being Who caused the Sun of divine unity to dawn from the horizon of detachment and dispelled the darkness of limitation through the manifestation of His light. His is the power and the might, the grandeur and the dominion. His command is effective, His decree is operative, His light is radiant, and His manifestation is evident. Exalted is His station above comparison with fancy and imagination, and transcendent is His Cause above description in words. His signs are so manifest that they defy description, and His tokens are so evident that they surpass explanation. The books of the world and the scrolls of nations are powerless to contain them, and the pens of creation fall short in recording them.

Despite these brilliant signs and manifest evidences, it is observed that a few have clung to a mirage, considering themselves to be followers of truth, and have contented themselves with the croaking of ravens, remaining deprived of the wondrous melodies of the nightingales of eternity, which sing upon the twigs of the supernal Paradise. Woe unto them and perdition be their lot! They have taken their idle fancies for their god. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. On that day they shall find no helper nor protector.

O people of Baha! Pay no heed to their worthless utterances and vain imaginings. Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon, the seat of the throne of your Lord, the Master of all mankind. Arise with strength of heart, eloquence of tongue, and steadfastness of spirit to exalt the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, he who remains veiled from this Most Great Cause is not mentioned among the people of truth, even should he possess the kingdom of the world and rule over all nations. Glory be to God the Great! He hath raised up servants to His Cause who, though weak, fear not the swords of the oppressors, and who, though poor, turn not unto the riches of the world. This is a perfect power and an all-embracing, comprehensive mercy. Were the wise to ponder this manifest Cause, they would surely acknowledge that the steadfastness shown by the people of Baha in times of tribulation and hardship is itself a proof to all creation. Indeed, were they to content themselves with this alone as evidence for establishing the truth, they would be right, by the Lord of earth and heaven!

We beseech God, exalted be He, to open the eyes of His servants and to make known to them that from which they are veiled in His days. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Seeing.

O spiritual friend! Your letter, adorned with the pen of love and the ink of unity and concord, was received, and boundless joy was obtained from the perusal of its manifest words. We beseech Him—exalted be His glory and magnificent His bounty—that you may ever abide beneath the shade of His grace, be sustained by the blessings of His nearness and reunion, remain steadfast in service to His Cause,

and be occupied with guiding heedless souls. After perusing your letter, it was presented at the Most Exalted, Most Holy Court, and mention was made of you. These radiant words dawned from the horizon of the utterance of the King of Names and Attributes. His word, exalted be His bounty and mighty His proof:

He is God

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be the Glory of God, His grace and His loving-kindness. The Most Great Branch was present at this moment and made mention of you, and read your letter before Our face. Praise be to God, it all bore witness to your recognition, love, steadfastness and service, and likewise mentioned your journeys to various regions for the sake of God, the Lord of Lords. We beseech God to assist thee and to manifest whatsoever shall lead to the salvation of His servants. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what the heedless one mentioned about why Azal was rejected, say: O heedless one! We have never turned to anyone. We have fixed Our gaze upon that proof whereby all the Prophets and Messengers have proven the truth. Today, the station whose verses have encompassed the world and whose manifestation hath shone forth like the sun from the beginning before the faces of all mankind—this thou hast denied, while making mention of Azal who was ever hidden behind a veil. Thou knowest not who bestowed this name upon him. He called the honorable Dayyan "the Father of Evil" and the Friend of God "the Father of Calamities". About these matters of which thou art certain, thou sayest nothing.

Yet concerning a name of whose bearer thou knowest neither his identity nor nature, thou hast uttered and continueth to utter meaningless words, becoming a cause of misguidance while remaining unaware. Would that thou hadst clung to thine own kind! Say: Thou went and saw, but love of leadership became a barrier and prevented thee from mentioning the truth of what thou witnessed. We speak these blessed words for the sake of God and in His path—create not confusion for thyself and others. Hearken unto the words of Him Who counseleth thee for the sake of God. Speak the truth, then present thyself before the Wronged One, that thou mayest witness what thou hast not seen in thy lifetime and hear what no ear in the world hath heard. Thus hath the Ancient Beauty spoken in His Most Great Prison, purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

O heedless one! Listen not to certain statements. Observe with thine own eyes and hear with thine own ears. Prevent not people from the straight path and deprive them not of the momentous news. Previously, because of the word of a lying woman, the imaginary Qa'im went to Jabulqa, and all those vain imaginings arose which later appeared in the form of the sword against the Primal Point. Return unto thy Lord and repent before Him. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have heard that a heedless one hath said that what is revealed from that direction is taken from the verses of the Primal Point. Say: Present thyself before the Wronged One that thou mayest hear what hath been sent down from the heaven of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. Then ask Him whatsoever thou desirest, that thou mayest be assured that the ocean waveth by itself through itself, and the sun shineth by its own light through its own light. He needeth not others to prove His Cause; rather, every cause dependeth upon His confirmation. By God's life! The Bayan, by His exalted Word, is but a leaf from the

garden of My utterance, and what was revealed before beareth witness to My Self. Were the Primal Point alive in this time, He would transcribe what hath been revealed by the Intended One. And thou, O heedless one, art playing with thy deeds. Soon thou shalt witness what servants before thee witnessed in ages and centuries past. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen, from God, the Knower of the secret and the manifest.

O Haydar-Ali! You made mention of Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the glory of God and His grace, and Jinab-i-Ali-Haydar, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, and the other friends who were present at the gathering. Each one attained the mention of the Wronged One and the verses of the Supreme Pen. Convey to all of them greetings from the Wronged One. Should God will and desire, He will mention their names once again. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of creation.

Again these manifest verses have been revealed from the Source of utterance, the King of names and attributes. His word, exalted be His beneficence: O Haydar-Qabli-ʿAli! Thou didst write concerning travelling to various regions for the Cause of God, and likewise concerning meeting with the Prisoner. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of virtuous conduct, kindness and compassion. We beseech God to guide His servants through thee, to give them to drink of the Kawthar of His recognition, and to assist them with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, such that the doubts of the world, its events and ornaments may not prevent them. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in every land and give them the glad-tidings of the waves of God's ocean of mercy.

In these days, three letters were sent to this servant from Shiraz from Jinab-i-Hakim, who is named Rafi', and Jinab-i-Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, and another friend. A reply was revealed but there was delay in sending it. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance and to aid them in the victory of His Cause, for this is not the day of question and answer. They should speak that which the trees speak: "The kingdom belongeth to God, the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained." God willing, may they be assisted to set aflame hearts and souls with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and illuminate them with the light of His Cause. This is what is befitting today.

We have commanded this servant present to make mention of verses from the Tablet of Wisdom. They attract the hearts of those who are near and the sincere ones, and transform the world. And regarding travel to any place, that which is decided through consultation is acceptable before God, and there is no harm in meeting with the Prisoner; perchance he may be reminded and fear. Should he attain to that which hath been mentioned for him, he will attain the good of this world and the next. Otherwise, verily God is independent of all worlds.

And if an ignorant, heedless soul should again request a meeting, this response is beloved: Say: "Verily, the Truth giveth and doth not receive." This word was uttered in Baghdad by the Lord of all being in the days when association with Shaykh ʿAbdu'l-Husayn was intended. Follow thy Lord's command from His presence, and He is the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing. God willing, may the friends in various regions, through thy arrival at the supreme height, turn their faces toward and attain the most exalted station, which is the station of the most great steadfastness. Blessed are they that attain thereunto.

Praise be to God that that beloved one is, in most times, honored with the utterances of the Lord of names and attributes, and is the recipient of His favors and specially blessed by His grace. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause thy name to be exalted throughout the lands and thy mention to be elevated among the servants, and to be for thee an honor and a treasure with thy Lord, and a station and elevation in thy beginning and end—and that is to raise the word of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, through wisdom and utterance among all possibilities. O what joy unto him who hath attained unto this most exalted station and supreme rank! By thy life, there is no bounty in all existence more delightful than this, nor any sovereignty more mighty than this. Joy to those who attain and blessed are those who arrive!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Lord of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which the suns of Thy commandments have shone forth throughout all ages, and Thy power hath encompassed all cycles and periods, to aid those who have arisen to guide Thy servants to the kingdom of Thy knowledge, O Lord of creation, in such wise that their words may influence hearts and minds and all Thy servants may turn toward Thy direction on the Day of Return. O Lord! Even as Thou hast commanded them to call out between earth and heaven, assist the hearers to rend asunder the veils and draw nigh unto Thee, O Lord of earth and heaven.

If Thou forsakest them, who would draw them nigh unto Thee, and if Thou aidest them not, who would guide them to Thee? Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all things and Whose loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Look not upon their heedlessness and their veiling, but rather upon Thy widespread mercy and Thy perfect power. Ordain for every seeker that which shall cause him to enter the kingdom of Thy knowledge and partake of the Kawthar of Thy utterance. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest and the Ruler over what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Remember the friends of God who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and are turned toward the direction of His Cause with sublime and exalted remembrances from this servant. Spirit and glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath, the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world.

BH01768: Praise be unto the Desired One of all worlds…

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the Horizon of the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto the Desired One of all worlds, Who, despite the opposition of the divines, the disregard of the jurists, the might of princes, and the clamor of the men of learning, hath caused the Supreme Pen to move and, through that essential motion which hath proceeded from His prevailing and compelling Will, hath never ceased to summon all the peoples of the earth unto the court of the Lord of eternity, throughout the days and nights. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither intimations nor doubts, neither tribulations nor hardships, have ever constrained. Before the faces of all the world He hath uttered that which hath been and will be the cause of universal salvation, and whatsoever hath befallen His loved ones hath been and shall remain the cause of the exaltation of God's Word, despite every dubious disbeliever and every remote ignorant one.

Glory be to God! Although naught hath proceeded from the Most Holy and Exalted Court save the mention of God, the spreading of His verses, the manifestation of His proofs, compassionate counsels and goodly exhortations, yet such accusations have been made. The ignorant ones of the earth have each day clung to a cord and held fast to the hem of a vain imagination, uttering that which the idolaters of old had never spoken, and perpetrating that which hath caused the Tablet and the Pen, nay the Lord of eternity Himself, to weep. Through these two ephemeral and impermanent days, they have deprived themselves of the kingdom of divine favor and the heaven of divine compassion. By God! They and all they possess are less than the wing of a gnat in the sight of God, were they but to comprehend.

The Shi'ih sect doth each day reveal its unbelief and hypocrisy before all the peoples of the earth, that the loss of those new souls who have lately arisen to revive this sect might become evident unto all the world. All the sects of the world have sought refuge and continue to seek refuge with God from this party. Were they to reflect but briefly upon the deeds and words of the idolaters of old, they would recognize themselves; however, the recompense of their deeds and the wrath of God, exalted be His glory, have deprived this group of every good thing. Say: O manifestations of vain imaginations! Those souls who are enkindled with the fire of divine love and have partaken of the living waters of immortality are detached from all else but Him. In all conditions and circumstances they behold themselves dwelling in the most exalted Paradise. These are they who have attained unto the hearing of the Call; neither did the clamor of the people of hypocrisy become a barrier nor an obstacle. With the finger of certitude they have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies.

It is clear and evident to every discerning and informed one that the company of the ignorant—meaning the divines of Persia—have each opened a shop, and love for this shop hath deprived them of both worlds. Soon shall they reach the recompense of their deeds. Among other things, their own children shall, after their fathers, curse them and seek to dissociate themselves from them. Were mention to be made of what hath been ordained as the recompense of their deeds in the presence of God, all would be overwhelmed with trepidation. Verily, He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter from him who is denoted by H and S, son of S, upon him be the glory of God, which he wrote to thee was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that from him wafted the fragrance of love for the Desired One of all worlds, and from the horizon of his heart radiated the light of love. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Whatsoever matter appeareth from God, exalted be His glory, hath been and shall forever be enduring, and the tongues of the idolaters themselves strive to exalt its mention, though they perceive it not. Consider, for instance, the robe that was bestowed—though but a short time hath elapsed, its mention hath spread abroad. And this mention is a gateway to the enduring and everlasting mention, despite every idolater who hath denied God, the Lord of all worlds, disputed His verses and rejected His proof. Say: O ignorant ones! If Pharaoh was powerless to extinguish the divine light, ye too shall be powerless. Do ye imagine that ye can prevent the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree or extinguish the flame with your breath? By God! This flame shall never be extinguished, nor shall this light ever be concealed.

O My Name! Although H and S have been afflicted with trials and the taunts of enemies in the path of the Lord of Names, yet praise be to the Beloved of all worlds that He enabled them to pen two lines of prayer

whose sweetness in the estimation of the lovers and the people of the cities of rapture and longing cannot be equaled by the pleasures and riches of the world. All things testify to the transience of what they possess and the permanence of that which hath been ordained for it by the Supreme Pen.

O H before S! That which befell you in God's path hath been mentioned before the Divine Presence. Verily, He was with thee in all conditions, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The cause and reason for the contention, disputation, denial and idolatry of the party known by the first of names was names itself, and from names was kindled the fire of hatred. Glory be to God! The most loss-laden parties in the world considered themselves the most profitable, superior and exalted of all peoples. The fruits of their deeds have become manifest, yet they understand not, and their own loss, yet they perceive not. Strange that now some of the atheists and deniers are busy forming a party similar to that party.

At all times God, exalted be His glory, makes manifest the loss and hardheartedness of that party so that all may observe and discover that which befitteth true unity. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land. We beseech God to aid them all in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Through one pure deed the world is transformed. The story of Hanzala, upon him be My glory, is well-known. The servants and handmaidens in that land must be aflame with the love of God, illumined with the light of His Cause, manifest in His sanctity, and detached from all that is unworthy.

Thou didst mention Master Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. We beseech God to aid him. Verily, We mentioned him before and mention him at this time, and We counsel him with that which beseemeth this Day and the Announcement of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Hasan! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison when He was in the hands of the heedless.

O Khadijih! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of the Most Great Chastity and Supreme Virtue, that the fragrance of sanctity and purity may be inhaled by the people of the cities of the earth from the handmaidens of God, and that they may cleave unto it. God, exalted be His glory, hath counseled all with perfect kindliness, mercy and compassion, and hath commanded that which beseemeth existence. Every person of insight is aware and every hearing ear doth testify. O Khadijih! Diligent effort is required for the education of women. This Wronged One commandeth that which will draw them nigh unto God. Verily, He desireth for His servants and handmaidens the good of this world and the next. He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. The Glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and My handmaidens who have turned towards the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

O believer! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee with this manifest remembrance. We beseech God to aid all to that which promoteth His Cause amongst His servants. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained unto that whereof the divines of that land remain heedless and veiled. However, preserve this most exalted station. Man must at all times reflect upon things, their agitation and stillness, their change and transformation, and their evanescence. This reflection is the cause of remembrance and preserveth him. Were the station of the souls that are steadfast, accepted and assured to be revealed unto the people of the earth, all would turn from what

they possess unto what God possesseth. Perfect wisdom hath concealed it that there might be revealed that which is hidden and treasured. We make mention of thy wife. Verily she hath attained, heard and responded. We beseech God to protect her and adorn her with that which will draw her nigh unto Him, and to ordain for her that which will comfort her eyes. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Muhammad-Qabli! Thy name was present in the prison, therefore thou hast been honored with the mention of God. Strive that there may appear from thee and the friends of God that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. The barkers are many. Guard yourselves in the name of God, exalted be His glory. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informing, the Omniscient, the Teacher. We beseech God to assist thee with means which will draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

O H and S! Upon thee be My Glory! Say to those who desire to attain My presence and to enter the precincts of My might and to stand before the gate of My grandeur and to turn towards My horizon: Verily, We desired the presence of every soul who hath turned towards God, but the heedless ones prevent people from My straight and manifest path. All the mentioned souls have been honored with the favors of the Most Exalted Pen. Beseech God that He may enable all to that wherein lieth His good-pleasure. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness rest upon thee and upon those who have beheld the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of My wisdom, and who have attained My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O thou who hast drawn nigh! We desire to conclude the Book with mention of His Majesty the Sultan. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him, strengthen him, and protect him from the evil of the ignorant divines who act according to their own desires and judge among people by that which God hath not ordained. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "Whoso judgeth not by what God hath revealed—such are the infidels."

Mention was made of His Majesty the Sultan, that he hath judged with justice and hath decreed the banishment of certain evil-doers. Would that his command had been carried out! Now consider the heart of His Majesty the Sultan and the hearts of the heedless divines. The former manifesteth the utmost compassion, while these souls show forth the height of wretchedness. Were but one of those wretched ones to be seated upon the throne of judgment, what would he not do? God protect us and you from their evil, their heedlessness, their error and their wretchedness. They judge by other than what God hath revealed and perceive it not; they speak according to their desires and know it not; they utter that which causeth the denizens of earth and heaven to curse them, and yet they understand not.

In any case, it is incumbent upon all to pray for His Majesty the Sultan, even though great disrespect hath been shown him by certain ignorant ones. At times perfect kindness and compassion have been manifested by him. In truth, His Majesty protected the people of Kaf from the wickedness of malicious souls. All this was ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The heart hath ever been between two fingers of the Lord. We beseech Him to manifest through His Majesty that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH00517: This is a mention from Us to one who…

In the Name of God, the Most High!

This is a mention from Us to one who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and who arose to serve the Cause when the Wronged One was confined in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call raised between earth and heaven from God, the Lord of Names. Verily, He is God; there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed are My loved ones there; verily We perceive from them the fragrance of My love. We beseech God to strengthen them, to aid them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Possessor of this exalted station.

Convey that which My Most Exalted Pen hath uttered and remind them of that which hath been sent down unto them from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Clear Book, and We had previously sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Merciful throughout all creation, and We sent it unto thee that thine eyes and the eyes of them who are nigh might be solaced thereby.

Say: O people of God! This is the Day of Utterance, were ye of them that know, and this is the Day of God, were ye of them that are assured. By God! The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud through His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Beware lest the doings of the transgressors, who have turned away from God when He came from the horizon of heaven with manifest sovereignty, fill you with fear.

Blessed are ye, O people of God, for having turned unto Him on a day wherein most of the servants have turned away. Soon shall ye behold the reward of your deeds, and they shall behold their position in the fire. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of God. By My life! The Concourse on High remembereth you this day, and the denizens of Paradise bear witness thereunto—thus doth testify He Who hath arisen to the Cause before the faces of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

We counsel you with that which shall exalt your stations and perpetuate your remembrance, and We are the Forgiving, the Merciful. Ye have witnessed in the path of God that which no eyes have seen and have heard that which no ears have heard—your Lord, the Merciful, beareth witness to this, as He sitteth upon His throne with clear authority.

O people of God! Ye are they whom neither commerce nor trade nor the world and its ornaments have withheld from the remembrance of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Verily, they who are prevented are among the most lost in My Clear Book. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the Dayspring of the Cause, who hath heard the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon, and heard what the Messengers heard.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. Cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies. The Lord of all beings hath come with manifest light. That which is with the people shall profit

you not this day—to this beareth witness this Most Great Book and this Mighty Announcement, at whose mention the limbs of all people have quaked, and kings and rulers have been struck with trembling.

Say: O concourse of kings! By God, We have not come except for the reformation of the world and the edification of the nations. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and deny not yourselves that which hath been ordained for you in the Most Exalted Paradise by God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by Him Who is the Powerful, the Almighty. This shall profit you in all the worlds of His worlds and shall exalt you to a station wherein ye shall behold yourselves in a noble state. We beseech God to aid you and assist you in that which He loveth and is well-pleasing unto Him, and to inscribe for you from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall elevate your stations in both the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces, then hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered when He came from the horizon of power with manifest glory. Thus hath the Tree brought forth Its fruits and the heaven Its stars. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized, and woe unto the heedless.

O people of God! We have caused you to hear Our most great verses in the eloquent tongue, and We wish to mention you in a wondrous Persian tongue.

In the name of the Lord of the Tablet and the Pen!

This day is attributed to the Truth and known as the Day of God. The divine Books bear witness and testify. Blessed are they who have not changed the ocean into a pond, nor light into darkness, who have heard the divine Call with the ear of the soul and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are the true trees and the divine Lote-Trees. They must, through this spiritual breeze which is wafting from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, bring forth wondrous and exalted fruits and delicate leaves. The fruits of the human tree are praiseworthy deeds and character, which are the cause of the elevation of the station of being. Today the gate of grace is opened, the rain of mercy is descending, and the ocean of bounty is surging. Strive that ye may attain unto that which is the cause of eternal life and the reason for everlasting existence. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great bounty and this manifest Cause.

The divines of the age have forbidden the servants of God from entering the Egypt of divine knowledge. Through false utterances and through deceit and guile, they have deprived the people of the earth from the Euphrates of divine mercy. Each day they manifest a new opposition and each hour they appear with a fresh deception. In truth, they are the poisonous wind, for through the breath of these people the fruits of the trees of existence and their leaves have changed and fallen. May God destroy them! They have not perceived the fragrance of fairness and have not taken a drop from the ocean of justice. They curse the tyrants and Pharaohs of old from their pulpits while, by God, they themselves are seen to be far more tyrannical than those souls.

O people of God! Ye are those who have turned toward the Sun of Truth and have taken shelter in the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. Soon will your stations become manifest and evident to all the world like unto the sun. Beseech ye the Truth that He may quicken the servants through the water of His bounty

and deprive them not from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Greed and pride have deprived them from the Dawning-Place of Manifestation and the Speaker of Sinai. Soon shall these limited, numbered hours be seized by extinction. Then shall they behold themselves in manifest loss.

O Husayn! The Divine Lote Tree brings forth new fruit in every season, and the Supreme Pen gives utterance to fresh verses in every moment. Were all the peoples of the world to hearken or witness even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would turn to and return unto the Truth. Today the ornaments and colors of the world have held them back from the path of the All-Merciful. They are occupied with mutilating their own limbs, yet remain unaware. They proceed toward the fire, yet remain heedless. Glory be to God! The conditions of the world have so estranged the nations from the Lord of Eternity that even were they to move with the speed of lightning, they would not attain nearness. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "Leave them to plunge in vain discourse, and sport until they meet their day which they are promised." From all things riseth the cry "The Truth is come!" By God's life! Even the pebbles of the earth cry out and summon all to the Most Exalted Horizon.

O Husayn! In this hour the Bird of Faithfulness hath come from the City of Eternity and warbleth this most blessed and exalted word:

> "O people! By God, the Day is come, and this is the Most Great News, Who hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name!"

The tongue was created for hearing, yet now hearing is lost. O friends! Move about in these days of God with joy and fragrance. How blessed is your state, for in days when the trembling of tribes hath seized the earth and the tempests have thrown the world into turmoil, ye have succeeded in hearing the divine call and have turned toward His direction. Well is it with you, and again well is it with you, and blessed are ye! In every moment, drink from the cup of God's favor and from the chalice of utterance, despite the people of creation.

The Day is your Day, and joy is especially yours. This is the day of greatest joy, for the Greatest Scene hath appeared; it is the day of mercy, for the Lord of Bounty is present; it is the day of gladness, for the Beloved is manifest and visible. Take up the chalice of inner meanings in His Name and drink in His remembrance.

One page of names was sent by his honor Ash with expressions of kindness. Wondrous and exalted Tablets had previously been revealed for some. If God willeth, fresh ones shall again be sent for other souls as well. The loved ones of God in this Revelation have attained to the ocean of knowledge. Verses continue to be revealed, words appear, evidences are clear, the path is visible, and the balance is established. Blessed are they that see, and blessed are they that hear. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory shining from the horizon of My celestial kingdom be upon you, O My loved ones and My friends, ye who have not been deterred by the world's veils nor frightened by the might of nations. Ye heard the call and responded "Yea, yea, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven!" We bear witness that Thou hast appeared and manifested what Thou didst will through Thy bounty and favor, and enabled us to hearken

to Thy call and turn toward Thy horizon. Were it not for the wonders of Thy grace, who would guide us to the ways of Thy good-pleasure and acquaint us with what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book? Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the world and Sovereign of nations, for having made known to us Thy path, sent down to us Thy proof, and drawn us nigh unto Thee when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away from Thee. We beseech Thee to ordain for us the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Jinab-i-Asad, upon whom be the glory of Baha and My loving-kindness: Your letter was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and attained unto hearing, and an answer hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance. We beseech God to strengthen thee and grant thee success, that thou mayest arise to render such service in the days of God as shall not be seized by extinction, nor altered by the changes of the world and the events of nations. Jalal and Diya were mentioned, and they have attained unto God's loving-kindness. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His loved ones who have not broken His Covenant and Testament, who have arisen and said:

> "God is our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, and the Lord of all the worlds."

We have made mention of them and given them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O Husayn! His honor Haydar-ʿAli hath repeatedly made mention of thee, and likewise hath the Trustee. Another glad tiding is that We have removed "Mashhadi" from thy name and replaced it with "Da'i-Ba'i". This is through thy Lord's bounty. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of desire in the hearts of the sincere ones! Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art remembered in the hearts of them that are nigh unto God! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH00554: O Haydar-ʿAli! Say: O people of the earth! Purify…

He is God, exalted be He!

O Haydar-ʿAli! Say: O people of the earth! Purify your ears for this blessed Word from all that ye have heard, that ye may attain unto that for which ye were created. Today from the blessed Lote-Tree which hath been planted by the hand of divine will in the highest Paradise, this most exalted Word was heard:

> "By God! That which never appeared since the beginning that hath no beginning hath now been made manifest. Be fair, O concourse of the earth, and be not of the heedless. Arise to attain that which hath passed you by. Soon shall the days pass away and ye shall behold yourselves in manifest loss."

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory! Thou art he who hath united hearts through the Word of thy Lord and hath spoken that which draweth people nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! We have remembered thee time and again, and have revealed for thee that which consoleth the eyes of them that are nigh. God willing, thou shalt be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and

stand firm in service to His Cause. By the lights of the Sun of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison, in these days man is able to attain an everlasting station, eternal bounty, and perpetual sustenance. The days are passing, and He Who conversed on Sinai is established upon the throne of Revelation. Blessed art thou for having recognized His days, turned to His horizon, and arisen to serve His mighty and glorious Cause.

O Uncle! Fix thy gaze upon the Sun of this most exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen:

> "Whoso is Mine, I shall be with him. There is no doubt in this. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to this in this mighty Prison."

Thy mention hath repeatedly flowed from the Tongue. Know thou the station of this most exalted station and preserve it in the name of the Lord of Names. Soon shall that which hath come from nothingness return to nothingness, and those who are nigh shall behold what God, the Lord of all worlds, hath ordained for them. No matter hath ever been or shall ever be hidden from the Most Sublime Vision. Verily your Lord is with you—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The reward of every deed is preserved with God. He, verily, is the Preserver, the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Ata! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. Some time ago We sent forth from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen precious and sublime pearls that thou mightest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Ata! The Truth, without helper or assistant, is occupied with the remembrance of His loved ones in the Most Great Prison. The hosts which today assist and aid the Cause are goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God. Say: O servants! Today is the day of mention and praise and the day of service. The ocean of inner meanings is surging, the Sun of Truth is shining—deprive not yourselves.

In the name of Truth, shatter the idols of vain imaginings. Strive that perchance ye may attain unto that for which ye were brought from nothingness into being. O ʿAta! Upon thee be My glory! Time and again have We commanded thee to serve the Cause. Arise and say: O people! The Self-Subsisting appeareth before your faces, calling you to the Most Exalted Horizon. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Most Great Ocean, and beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Great Announcement. This is the Announcement which the Messenger of God foretold and which He Who conversed with God gave glad-tidings of. Hear My call, then do what thou hast been bidden by the Strong, the Powerful. Thus hath the Tongue spoken, whilst the Wronged One was in evident sorrow.

O Ali! The call of the Wronged One is raised at every hour and the Most Exalted Pen is in constant motion. Beseech the True One to make ears worthy of this hearing and eyes deserving of beholding these lights. Today, whosoever hath attained unto acceptance is recorded and inscribed in the Crimson Book as one of the people of Baha. The true feast descendeth from the heaven of meanings at every moment, and the everlasting, eternal bounty is manifest before all faces, yet the heedless servants remain veiled and deprived, save whom thy Lord willeth. Give praise unto the Goal of all worlds Who enabled thee to recognize the Hidden and Treasured Name, and beseech Him to assist thee to remain steadfast in this Cause which causeth the limbs of the ungodly to quake and the hearts of the hypocrites to be disturbed.

Blessed is the servant whom neither the affairs of the world nor the doubts of the nations have debarred or veiled from the Most Great Name.

O Muhammad-Ali! The whole world awaited the Days of God, and all divine Books bear witness unto this truth. Yet when the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the world, all arose in opposition save a few. Even this did not suffice; they pronounced the death sentence upon His most pure blood and uttered from the pulpits of mosques that which caused the eye of justice to weep and the Most Exalted Pen to lament. Reflect upon the words of the former people. They counted themselves the best among all peoples, yet on the Day of Resurrection they were seen as the most debased of all parties. Thus did the Most Exalted Pen raise its shrill voice when the Wronged One was in the evident prison. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Day of God, heard His call, and believed in Him when all on earth turned away, save those whom God protected as a token of His grace—He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad, who hath quaffed the wine of inner meanings from the hands of bounty and turned unto God when every doubting soul turned away. Verily the fire speaketh in the Lote-Tree and the light speaketh from its horizon, and the Herald calleth betwixt earth and heaven, yet the people are in a strange sleep. The hosts of self and passion have destroyed them, and they perceive it not. Say: O people! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not the imaginings of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, that He hath mentioned thee and guided thee unto His straight path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know.

O Rida! Beseech God to make thee attain unto true contentment. By the Seat of the Most Great Throne! Whosoever attaineth unto that hath attained unto all good. Say:

O my God, O Gracious One, O Merciful One! Thou art that Sovereign by Whose single word existence came into being, and Thou art that Generous One Whom the deeds of Thy servants have not prevented from bestowing, nor held back the manifestations of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to enable this servant to attain unto that which is the cause of salvation in all worlds. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, and Thou art indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Hashim! The Most Exalted Pen counseleth and commandeth Its loved ones to that which is the cause of tranquility and peace in the world. Day and night the pearls of wisdom and utterance appear from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God not to deprive His servants of this supreme bounty. He is indeed the Bestower, the All-Merciful.

O Hasan! Beseech thou the True One to enable thee to build an edifice, whose foundation shall be piety, whose walls shall be divine confirmations, and whose roof shall be fidelity and truthfulness. Every soul who turneth thereunto is remembered in the presence of God and inscribed by the Pen of the Wronged One. Know ye the value of these days and arise to serve His Cause. The grace of God hath seized you and guided you to His right hand. He is the All-Bountiful, Whose generosity hath encompassed the world and Whose munificence hath embraced all who dwell therein.

O Mihdi! The countenance of the Wronged One hath at this hour turned toward thee. Knowest thou Who hath turned unto thee—the Face of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting? And knowest thou Who remembereth thee—He Who was hidden and treasured from time immemorial? The Preserved Tablet of God beareth witness to this. Render thanks unto the Desired One of all worlds, that thou hast attained unto that which no thing past or future can equal. We send greetings unto the loved ones in that land and remind them of the divine verses, that all may attain unto steadfastness and become detached from all else but God.

O Haydar qabl […] upon thee be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. In these days the fire of hatred hath been kindled in certain of the people of this city. Whenever the Sun of Divine leave dawneth from the Dayspring of God's loving-kindness, Ha and Sin […] We grant them leave to proceed together toward the Dayspring of the horizons.

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory. The letter of ʿAndalib—upon him be My glory—which he sent unto thee was presented before the Wronged One and was read by the Most Great Branch, thus attaining the honor of being heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him, to assist him, and to enable him to celebrate His praise and mention, and all that beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Ghulam-ʿAli and remember him with Our verses and give him the glad-tidings of Our loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to open before his face the door of grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Lord of Names and the Ruler of the throne on high and of the dust below. We make mention of his sister and his mother and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds.

O ʿAndalib! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through My perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Be thou vocal in My Name, soaring in My atmosphere, holding fast unto My cord, and clinging to the hem of My mercy. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is a mighty Book. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from that which thou hast been bidden by God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Thus hath the ocean revealed the pearls of wisdom and the sun its effulgence and its lights, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

O Ism-i-Jud! We have sent down from the heaven of grace and bounty unto every name that was in the books of the righteous ones, as a token of Our favor. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having turned from the direction of Thy prison toward Thy servants and remembered them with that which nothing whatsoever can equal. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy mercy hath preceded all things and Thy grace hath encompassed all. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory shining forth from Our presence be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned in this wondrous Tablet.

BH00551: The Preserved Tablet declares: During nights and days We…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

The Preserved Tablet declares: During nights and days We summoned the servants of the earth to the Luminary of inner meanings that has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. We […] have sent down every proof with truth and made manifest every evidence with justice. By God's life! The proof calls out, the evidence cries aloud, and the testimony laments, for despite the greatness of these days, the greatness of this Revelation, and the greatness of the proof, all are seen to be heedless.

O Haydar-ʿAli, upon thee be My glory! The letter thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud was presented by the Most Great Branch in the Most Holy Court, and this most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed that perchance the servants might attain, through the traces of the Supreme Pen, the fruits of the Ultimate Tree. Today the Kingdom of Bounty exists and the Sovereign of existence is established upon the throne of bestowal. The realm of the servants' understanding is narrow and dark, neither was nor is it worthy for the Pen of utterance to move within it. The expanse of creation was and is not worthy—how much less the hearts of the ignorant ones of the earth who are stained with the clay of vain imaginings. Ask of God that He may purify all through the Kawthar of utterance and prepare them to turn toward the supreme horizon.

Concerning Anis, upon him be My glory, thou didst write—his mention hath been and is before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. We beseech God to deliver the sun of knowledge from the dark clouds of the vain imaginings of the ignorant, that He may gather His loved ones beneath the shade of His favor and assign them dwelling places beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Thou didst mention ʿAli-Asghar—We preceded in mentioning him, and precedence in mercy hath been from God, and the blessed word "My mercy precedeth all things" encompasseth all. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and give him the glad tidings of the effulgences of the Sun of grace.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Aqa Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, and his enthusiasm and steadfastness in the Cause of God—all attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make them crushers of the might of the aggressors and promulgators of His Cause, His remembrance, and His sovereignty. Give him My glad tidings and remind him of My verses, that he may soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere and be of the thankful ones. Thus hath spoken the Supreme Pen while the Wronged One was in His exalted station.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Convey greetings to the friends of God who are mentioned in the Most Holy Court as the party of God. Say: By My life and My loving-kindness! If ye were to discover the fragrance of this blessed word by which ye are mentioned, ye would be detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and would hold fast to God's firm cord. Ye have ever been and continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. The mention of these gems of existence hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the crimson scroll. Blessed are they at whose mention the Pen of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath moved. We are God's, and to Him shall we return.

Ja'far, whose mention is with God, was the custodian of the Holy Shrine. As for the second Ja'far, My Supreme Pen maketh mention of him at this moment in this Clear Tablet. Say: O Ja'far! Whosoever hath

turned to God this day and drunk from the choice wine of recognition, he hath been and is mentioned with God, and there hath been ordained for him that which the understanding and intellects of all on earth cannot comprehend or encompass. Give thanks to the Intended One of the world Who hath turned toward thee in the Most Great Prison and made mention of thee. He is the Hearing, the Answering, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings unto Muhammad Mihdi. A Most Holy Tablet hath been revealed especially for him in these days. We beseech God to aid him to accomplish that which befitteth this Divine Day. The emigrants have made mention of him, and the gaze of loving-kindness is directed towards him. Make mention of him with My verses and My favours, and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Likewise was revealed specially for the family of the daughter of the Beloved of Martyrs that which testifieth to God's supreme loving-kindness and Most Great Favour. Blessed is she and joy be unto her!

O Haydar! Make mention, on My behalf, of him who is named Muhammad-ʿAli, son of him who soared in My atmosphere and offered up his spirit in My path. Say: Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be remembered. For him too was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will […] and sent forth, that he might drink from the cup of utterances of the Manifestation of clear proofs and the Revealer of verses, the water of immortality. Thus did the Pen speak when the Lord of Eternity was seated upon the Most Great Throne in this impregnable fortress.

Thou didst make mention of the wife of Abdu'l-Baqi. Verily We have mentioned her before and given her the glad-tidings of My favour, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. O handmaiden of God! Thou wert remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and hast attained unto the effulgences of the Day-Star of divine favour which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. This bounty is the sovereign of bounties and this grace is the king of graces. Blessed is My servant Abdu'l-Baqi who hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey My greetings unto Maqsud. Say: Divine confirmations are with thee, and We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which hath been bestowed, for through its preservation existeth that which is worthy of mention before God, and without it, extinction seizeth and will continue to seize it. O Maqsud! Upon thee be My glory! Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be remembered. God's favour hath been manifested on thy behalf. Preserve it through My Name, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O ʿAbdu'l-Ghani! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen in these divine days and hast been nourished by the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Know thou the value of this favour and guard it from the treacherous ones and the barking ones. Previously a Most Holy Tablet was revealed especially for thee. By the life of God! From the horizon of that Tablet hath shone forth the Day-Star of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We beseech God to aid thee that thou mayest set His servants ablaze with the fire of utterance and become the cause of the world's enkindlement. This is not difficult for thy Lord. He manifested Moses with but a staff, and it triumphed over all the swords of the world by His command, for He is the Powerful, the Almighty. Fix thy gaze upon My horizon, speak in praise of Me, hold fast unto My cord, and stand firm in the service of My Cause, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As for what thou didst mention concerning the prisoner, We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him through the means of the unseen and the visible, to relieve his distress, protect him, help him, deliver him, and enable him to serve the Cause. Verily, He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. O prisoner! Rejoice within thyself that the Prisoner calleth thee from His Most Great Prison unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath indeed come with the truth, sent down His proof, and made manifest His way, yet most of the people are heedless. Thou hast followed Our example in imprisonment. We beseech God to grant thee deliverance, and for Myself I have not desired nor do I desire aught save what He hath desired. He is the One Who is desired in the beginning and in the end, and He is the Preserver, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Haydar-ʿAli! I call Myself before My servants, and I am the Manifest Rememberer. Convey My greetings to the loved ones. Say: O people of God! This Day is your day; know ye its value and hold fast unto goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. The hosts of the True One, exalted be His glory, have ever been and shall ever be goodly deeds and conduct, and the commander of these hosts hath been the fear of God. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain!

O friends! These days pass swiftly as lightning. Strive that ye may not remain deprived of that which is immortal through that which is mortal. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the birds of Thy throne and the doves of Thy Cause that warble their melodies, and by the station which hath been honored by Thy footsteps, and by the light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Revelation, and by the fire which Thou didst cause to speak through Thy power and sovereignty, to assist Thy people in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make them, O my God, the ensigns of Thy guidance amongst Thy creatures and the standards of Thy sanctification in Thy lands. Moreover, ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

In conclusion, the honored Amin hath lately arrived and hath repeatedly mentioned thee in the Most Holy Court, as well as some of the friends. Blessed is he, well is it with him, and goodly shall be his end. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and upon them that hearken unto thy words and love thee. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Munificent.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Thou art continuously mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen. No sooner is one station mentioned than another appeareth. This is from thy Lord's favor unto thee, that thou mayest be of the contented ones. Thou didst mention the land of K and R. The honored Habib hath ascended unto God. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him through His grace and bounty and to cause him to enter the most exalted station and the highest paradise. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous. It is necessary that one of the assured, holy, pure and detached souls should proceed to that land. At first, he must hold fast unto wisdom and establish ties with the notables of that land, both the learned and the rulers, for one named Muhammad from Kazimayn hath gone to that land and is of the hosts of vain imaginings.

Outwardly he hath befriended some of the notables of that land, while inwardly he is occupied with leading the people astray. In any case, one of the people of God must proceed to that land and with wisdom and utterance guide the people to the horizon of the All-Merciful. At first, he should not confirm

any claimant until the truth becomes manifest from behind the veils. Blessed is he who turneth unto it to serve God, to manifest His Cause, to exalt His Word, and to proclaim that which hath been sent down in His perspicuous Book.

BH00558: O people of the Caucasus! The Sacred Vale hath…

In His Name, exalted be His glory, Wisdom and Utterance!

O people of the Caucasus! The Sacred Vale hath flowed, and the Most Exalted Horizon hath shone forth. By My life! The countenance of the Hijaz hath beamed with joy, for the Tabernacle of Glory hath been raised upon God's holy mount, and the Luminary of Manifestation hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, after the veils of majesty were rent asunder by the Finger of Power. This is the Day wherein all contingent beings have been intoxicated by the wine of divine utterance. Rejoice and be glad, for the divine fragrance hath wafted, the Call hath been raised, and the luminous Standard hath been hoisted upon the Crimson Spot. The Temple of Knowledge hath been established upon the Throne of Utterance, summoning all unto God, the Lord of Religions.

Ye have attained unto the Day foretold by God's Messengers and His chosen ones, and promised in the Books of God, the Lord of lords. No Messenger hath there been who hath not spoken His praise, and no Prophet who hath not mentioned Him at morn and eventide. This is the Day wherein all things have been attracted by the Call of God, the Lord of Names, and have spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Chosen!" He that hath ears is he who hath heard and responded, and he that hath eyes is he who hath beheld the Most Great Sign when the horizon of the Manifestation was illumined, and the limbs of all beings trembled with fear of God, the Lord of Creation.

O people of the Caucasus! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He hath turned toward you and remembered you with verses that cause bodies to take flight. The ocean of bounty surgeth before the faces of the world and its peoples, yet they remain heedless and astray, save those whom the hands of power have rescued from God, the Lord of all men.

O concourse of divines! Fear ye God, and deny not Him Who hath come from the heaven of grace and bounty with verses that all the treasures of earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book from its most exalted station. Be fair in your judgment by God, and follow not idle fancies and vain imaginings. This is the Day wherein the veils of glory were rent asunder by the Finger of Power, and that which had been hidden from eternity was made manifest.

O concourse of divines! Hear ye the call of the Wronged One. He remindeth you, for the sake of God, of that which will draw you nigh unto Him. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He desireth naught from you. He proclaimeth among you with the most exalted call and remindeth you of this Day wherein mankind hath arisen for their Lord, the Lord of all beings. We have appeared and made manifest the Way, and have opened the gate of the Most Exalted Paradise. Draw nigh with radiant hearts. Thus doth He counsel you Who hath come with the truth from the kingdom of utterance with the standards of verses.

O concourse of men! The Most Great Vision hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny is established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Fear ye God and follow not every heedless doubter. We have spent

what We possessed and have borne all hardships for your ascent by the ladder of detachment unto the Lord of Creation. Such tribulations and afflictions have befallen Us as the pens are powerless to recount. The world hath been adorned with the sweet savors of revelation while the people are in a wondrous sleep. When Power displayed its standards and the Manifestation unfurled its banner, the people objected. Some said He hath fabricated a lie against God, while others arose in opposition that caused the earth to lament and the mountains to crumble. By God's life! We have desired naught save to draw the servants nigh unto that which will profit them and adorn them with the ornament of virtuous deeds. We have, in all circumstances, held fast the reins of the Pen and have revealed from its treasures only in due measure. Sanctify your souls through that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen, and adorn them with trustworthiness, chastity, justice and patience.

Say: O concourse of divines! Do ye reject Him Who hath come from the heaven of divine command with the hosts of wisdom and utterance? He desireth naught but to purify hearts and sanctify them from the fire of rancor and hatred. Thus have We been assailed by that whereat even stones have cried out. This is the Day wherein the earth and heaven were shaken by the breezes of revelation, and all things have spoken as did speak the Tongue of Grandeur in the beginning of days.

O people of the Caucasus! There hath come unto you one named ʿAbdu'l-Karim who hath informed you of this Mystery, through whose mention hearts have been attracted and through whose departure livers have melted. He had indeed held fast to the cord of My providence and clung to the hem of his Lord's mercy, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest the people's doubts keep you from My Self-Subsisting Name, or the world's might frighten you in this Cause whereby the hearts of the wicked have been agitated. Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean which surgeth before the faces of the world, and deny not Him through Whom the Spirit of God hath wafted and proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Forgiving!"

By God! This is the Day of ears, for they were created to hearken unto My call, and the Day of eyes, for they were formed to behold My horizon wherefrom the lights have shone forth. Beware lest the clamor of the world withhold you from the Ancient Lord. Cast away what the people possess, turning unto the lights of your Lord's countenance, the Lord of Return. By God! The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath spoken, and the mountains have passed away like the passing of clouds.

O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and withhold not the servants from the Euphrates of wisdom and utterance. Judge with fairness concerning that which hath appeared through the truth, and follow not every bloodthirsty oppressor. The teeth of utterance have smiled with proof, and knowledge hath spoken: "The All-Knowing One hath come with power and sovereignty!" Cast away your learning, for the Luminary of Knowledge hath dawned from the horizons of scriptures and tablets. This is a Day wherein the Call hath been raised from all directions, for the sacred lands have been honored by the advent of Him Who hath come from the heaven of grace with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of proof and tablets through the ornament of My Most Exalted Pen, whose cry, when raised, caused the Lote-Tree of the uttermost boundary to proclaim: "Glory be to God, the Lord of dominion over all who are in earth and heaven!"

Hear ye the call of the Lord of Names in the Persian tongue in its sweetest melody. He is the Living Waters and He is the Breath of the All-Merciful that guideth them who turn unto Him to the Most Exalted Paradise and assigneth them their station and abode beneath the pavilions of grandeur. Blessed is the ear that hath not been deprived of hearing the call, and blessed is the eye that the veils of the world have not prevented from beholding.

O people of the Caucasus! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. This is that Voice for the hearing of which the peoples of the world have been brought into being from nothingness. Today the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen is raised, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath appeared with its delicate, precious fruits. Deprive not yourselves of the celestial feast of God. Strive that ye may perchance attain in this transient world unto stations that are everlasting. The lamp of the world is knowledge, and its light is understanding. Beseech ye God that He may enable you to achieve that which will exalt the Word of God. Glory be to God! Some who account themselves foremost in knowledge and wisdom are found to be utterly bereft of that which is meet and proper.

The purpose of knowledge is that which leadeth to the preservation, development, reformation and benefit of the peoples of the world. Sciences, crafts and arts are the fruits of the human tree; without the tree no fruit can be found. The manifestation of these cometh after its existence. Blessed is the soul that is not content merely to hear, that doth not accept every speaker, and is not assured by every newcomer. Should anyone, concerning any party, say or write that which would cause abasement and harm, even if he were an ocean of knowledge, he would possess neither worth nor station in the eyes of them that see. A place wherein naught but goodness hath been manifested—concerning it they have uttered that which is unworthy to mention.

O people of the world! The fruit of the human tree is justice and fairness. If it be devoid of this fruit, it is worthy of the fire. Pride hath blinded their eyes and their insight. The world is in need of two things: order and justice. Verily, kingdoms have need of a system to protect them and justice to cultivate them. Thus doth the Wronged One teach you from the precincts of the prison, a command from His presence—and He is the Truth, the All-Knowing of the unseen.

O people of learning! Know your own selves and vaunt not yourselves over mankind. Be not like those who exchanged the favor of God for unbelief and led their people to the abode of perdition. Learn ye that knowledge which will preserve you from rancor and hatred, from greed and passion, and will lead you to supreme joy. The noblest, most excellent, most eminent and greatest of all things in the world is knowledge—knowledge that giveth salvation, not destruction. This knowledge is the most precious of all things in the world and the most glorious thereof. To this testifieth He Who speaketh that He hath come with the truth and guided all to the straight path of God.

The honored Abdul-Karim was a sign of this Most Great Revelation and like the morning breeze wafted from the direction of divine favor. He was, of his own accord, set ablaze with the fire of love for this Revelation, and from the ocean of knowledge a portion was bestowed upon him. This was from God's grace upon him. However, from some of his utterances the purpose was not clear, meaning some of the friends did not gain full understanding therefrom. Thus hath spoken the Ocean of Utterance from the

presence of the All-Merciful in the city of Akka, which was named aforetime the White Spot, and by the most beautiful names in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O people of the Caucasus! In conclusion We counsel you to observe trustworthiness, godliness, chastity, truthfulness and fidelity. In this day, the hosts of God have ever been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By these hosts give victory to the Cause of God and conquer the citadels of hearts. The sovereign of these hosts is the fear of God. The Truth is aware and knoweth well that this Wronged One hath at all times exhorted God's loved ones with counsels that lead to success and are the cause of prosperity. He sufficeth as Witness and as Knower. We beseech confirmation for you that ye may discover the sweetness of the warbling of the Most Exalted Pen and be sustained by the fruits of the Ultimate Lote-Tree. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon the people of Baha, through whom the Crimson Ark did sail upon the sea of names—such servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise shower their prayers both at eventide and at dawn.

BH00566: How many a beloved one have We found…

He is the Most Great, the Most Bountiful

How many a beloved one have We found to be but the foam of the sea, and how many a friend hath turned into a heretic, having followed his desires, heedless of his Ancient Lord. Say: O people, follow not your desires; follow instead divine guidance, for it hath appeared with a light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. Stand firm in the Cause, then summon the people unto this Great Name.

Say: O assemblage of princes, take from the mighty the rights belonging unto the weak, and suffer not the rich to rule over the poor. Thus doth command you the Lord of Names, verily He is the All-Knowing. Blessed is the wealthy one whom riches have not kept back from the Creator of heaven, and whom the world hath not deceived from showing humility before the people of Baha. By My life! He is of the people of the crimson ark; the denizens of the Supreme Paradise glory in him. How wonderful is this noble and exalted station! Honor him, O people of truth, for he is among the choicest of creation. Thus hath justice decreed from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O assemblage of divines, judge with justice amongst My servants. Beware lest anything prevent you from turning toward the poor. Look not to the right, but to the manifest truth. We are with you in all conditions, We hear what issueth from your mouths and behold your state. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Turn away your eyes from the left; be of those who look to the right, who judge with pure truth for the sake of God. These, verily, are of the sincere ones. Blessed is the divine who judgeth with truth; he is of the people of this noble scene. From him We perceive the fragrance of Baha, and We bless him with this Tongue which hath spoken that there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Follow those divines from whose faces ye perceive the radiance of Baha. They are as eyes to the body. Thus hath decreed the Most Merciful, Who created all possibility through His binding and wise command.

Say: O assemblage of the learned! By God, neither your intricate verses, nor your embellished words, nor your riddles and enigmas, nor your palindromes will profit you this Day. Cast them aside in My Name, then take what your Lord of the worlds commandeth you. Hold back the reins of your pens, for the Pen of

God moveth in the field of Tablets with wisdom and utterance. This is the root of prosperity, were ye to know. Adorn your tongues with the mention of the All-Merciful, and your verses for the Revealer of verses. Thus commandeth you the Lord of Attributes, Who hath come from the Kingdom of proof with manifest sovereignty. Restrain your tongues from satire; ye were created for praise. This is its day, were ye of the discerning.

Will mention of tresses and locks profit you? Nay, by the Lord of Power! Turn ye unto the Most Great Vision, this radiant station. Say: The eloquent one is he who hath conveyed My Cause, and the articulate one is he who hath spoken forth when asked about this Mighty News. Blessed is the poet who hath perceived in the days of God and from whose utterance hath wafted the fragrance of his Lord's love throughout all possibility. He is assuredly among the triumphant. Woe unto the poet who hath brandished the spear of satire amidst the concourse of creation and remained heedless of this wondrous Remembrance. Remember the favor of God in making your tongues the keys of treasures and the locks of wisdom and mysteries. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. This is the day of praise, wherein the Creator of heaven hath come with the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O concourse of the followers of Moses! The discourse of the Fire hath returned by the command of your Lord, the Chosen One, and from its roaring ye hear: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious." O people of the Son! The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Name, and the Dominion with My sovereignty, and the Spirit lamenteth by reason of that which hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors. Verily, the Temple beareth witness unto the Lord of all causes, yet most of the denominations remain silent. It was built through piety, not through fancy, could ye but perceive it. It was fashioned by the hand of the Divine Will, and none knoweth it save every discerning one possessed of insight. This is He through Whom the Spirit spoke, and by Whose mention both the Torah and the Gospel were adorned. Every moldering bone hath been quickened by the breeze of Revelation, yet most of the people are as dead. Arise from the graves of heedlessness and desire, by the Name of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens, then turn ye unto the horizon of the Cause through this glorious Name.

This is the Righteous One Who was in heaven and of Whom Christ gave you tidings. He hath come with His mighty glory. The Most Great Law hath appeared—that which was mentioned in the scriptures of the Messengers. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the Truth to which the Most Exalted Word hath testified and wherewith the Kingdom of Names hath been adorned. Turn ye unto Him with illumined hearts, and be not of them that turn aside.

Say: O people of the Qur'an! By God, the All-Merciful Spirit hath lamented because of your deeds when He came from the heaven of utterance with clear sovereignty. Ye have denied Him by Whose leave all things were created, and turned away from Him unto Whom every radiant countenance hath been directed. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny Him save those who are veiled by the clouds of hatred and wrapped in the shrouds of desire, and are among the most lost. Have mercy on yourselves and break not God's Covenant and His Testament, and be of them that are just. Your turning away harmeth Me not, even as your turning towards Me profiteth Me not. Verily, He is independent of all the worlds.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! This is the Best-Beloved of all created things, Who hath come with the kingdom of verses, while ye remain heedless. Was this Revelation made conditional upon any stipulation? Was this Cause in your hands or in God's hand? Be discerning, and be not of the ignorant ones. If the Cause be in God's hand, He hath raised me up and sent me forth, and caused me to speak according to His will. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He pleaseth. He hath manifested me with a proof around which circle the proofs of all the Messengers. Through my being have the standards of power been raised up, which none deny save every malicious transgressor.

Had the Cause been in my hands, I would not have uttered a word amongst you. I held the Cause in reserve until His binding and mighty Command came. His Will hath prevailed over mine, and He hath manifested me in such wise that the arrows of the idolaters have assailed me. And if the Cause be in your hands, why do ye reject the people of the Gospel and the Torah, and the followers of Abraham? They say what ye say. They have clung to what they possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and have turned away from the Dawning-Place of certitude and my most luminous Countenance. Ye are wrapped in the most great veil, which is naught but the tales that were current amongst you from the imaginings of the ancients.

He knoweth what is in your breasts and that which hath prevented you from this glorious Perspective. Ye are deaf, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! And ye are blind, by the Lord of the exalted Seat! The earth and heaven have been illumined by the light of the countenance of your Lord, the All-Glorious, yet ye see not. The evidences have appeared, yet ye know them not. The verses have been sent down, yet ye understand them not. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet ye hear not. The Pen is ashamed to mention that which ye have uttered concerning me, after ye were commanded not to allude to this holy, exalted, inaccessible and forbidden Station.

Ye have taken him whom We cast into the sea, and have clung to what he possesseth of idle fancies. Know ye by what authority ye turned unto him and turned away from Him through Whom the horizon of the power of your Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, was illumined? And did ye recognize him? Nay, by the Self of the Beloved! We testify that ye worship vain imaginings and perceive it not. Thus have We recounted unto thee the tale of the people who today shall not be helped. O thou who hast turned towards God! Leave them and what they possess, then stand firm in this irrevocable Cause.

The seal of the Wine of Mysteries hath been broken by the fingers of might. Blessed are they who are free, who have drunk in the name of their Chosen Lord on this promised Day. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which bringeth joy to sincere servants. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and findest from it the sweet fragrances of verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Source of clear evidences! I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in the Cause and is not hindered by the signs of those who disbelieved in God when He came with His name, the Self-Subsisting.

Remember those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of Glory. Say: Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation. By My life! Ye are the triumphant ones. Let not what hath escaped you grieve you, for He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Let not the affairs of creation disturb you. Verily, the Truth is with you; this sufficeth you, did ye but know. Say: Read ye the verses of God, then ponder, that ye

may know what hath befallen Us. Therein hath been revealed every hidden matter. Afflictions have encompassed Me which none can reckon save God, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. the ungodly have gathered against Me from every direction with tyranny, to this do honored servants bear witness.

Every harm hath been ordained for My person and every affliction for My Beauty, yet people do not understand. In all conditions We summon the servants to the Mighty, the Loving. That which befalleth Us preventeth Us not, even as what befell Us in the past prevented Us not, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Be thou steadfast in the path of thy Lord in such wise that the words of those who have disbelieved in God and believed in falsehood shall not deter thee. Thus doth the Pen of Knowledge teach thee from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Take what thou hast been given by the power of thy Lord, then make mention of Him in thy days. This is better for thee than what was and what shall be.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I know not by what fire Thou didst kindle the lamp of Thy sovereignty in the midst of Thy lands, and by what light Thou didst manifest Thy countenance in Thy domains. The more the waters of opposition were poured upon the former, the more did its radiance increase, and the more the veils of the heedless obscured the latter, the more did its gleaming and its rays increase. Thus dost Thou see, O my God, the lamp of Thy Revelation amidst the people of darkness and rebellion, and Thy abiding Face amidst the people of loss. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, through which the breaths of life were wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth, to raise up from among the powerful ones him who shall arise to aid Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to elevate Thy laws amongst Thy servants.

Then strengthen through him, O my God, Thy loved ones who have turned unto Thee and have sought the sanctuary of Thy presence. Though Thou hast strengthened them in Thy kingdom, yet I desire their strengthening in the world of creation, by Thy might, O Fashioner of the heavens and Lord of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH00589: Praise, sanctified from all mention and thought, befitteth…

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

Praise, sanctified from all mention and thought, befitteth the Lord of the world, Who brought the non-existent into being and adorned existence with the ornament of everlasting life. Great is His power, exalted His might, sublime His Will and all-encompassing His Purpose! And blessings and peace be upon the Manifestations of His most excellent names and most exalted attributes, then upon Him through Whom were opened the gates of inner meanings and utterance in the contingent world, and through Whom appeared that which draweth people nigh unto the Lord of all religions, and upon His kindred and companions, whose proof He made the sharpened swords and upraised spears, and through whom the foundations of the idolaters were shaken and the limbs of the aggressors made to tremble—they whom the All-Merciful hath described in the Qur'an as honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the world! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy utterance and the mysteries that were hidden in the hearts of Thy chosen ones to aid Thy servants to act with

justice and equity and to that which guideth unto the path of righteousness. Verily, Thou art the Lord of creation and the One Who speaketh in the beginning and the end.

Thereafter, the letter from that honored beloved one arrived some time ago. Praise be to God, it bore witness to service, steadfastness, attention, receptivity and sincerity. After its reading and hearing, it was taken to the Sacred Presence and presented before His countenance. He said:

O physician, upon thee be My peace! Thou hast ever been and art still remembered. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm thee in that which shall cause the turning of souls unto Him and the unity and fellowship of hearts. God willing, rely wholly upon Him and resign thyself completely to His will, detached from all else. Strive at all times that perchance the tyranny of the world may be transformed into justice and the oppression of nations into equity. This Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, called upon them that are near unto Him to partake of the river of divine mercy, and the rebellious to the ocean of God's forgiveness. The purpose was that all might be adorned with the ornament of sanctity and be aided to manifest such deeds and character as would exalt the people of divine unity. However, the matter became obscure to the rulers and divines of the earth, and they imagined otherwise. For this reason the idolaters are seen to prevail and triumph. We beseech God to aid first the people of divine unity to achieve unity and concord, and then to grant them strength that they may preserve their rights and be protected from the oppression of the aggressors and the tyranny of the idolaters.

O Physician! My greetings be upon thee! The appearance of these unseemly matters hath been and is the consequence of deeds. They attribute the ocean of knowledge to ignorance, and pure justice to tyranny. God is witness and aware that from the first days this Wronged One hath had no purpose except the exaltation of the people of unity, the glorification of the Book of God, the reformation of the world and the education of the peoples. For thirty years or more We have dwelt in the realms of the sublime State—may God preserve it from the evil of creation—and not so much as a mustard seed of any matter contrary to the Law of God hath appeared from these servants. Nevertheless, according to the people of Iran, they sent Us in utmost abasement to this land. God knoweth what befell Us upon Our first arrival. That which the people of Baha have sought and continue to seek at all times hath been and is the unity of the two governments and the concord of the two peoples, that perchance through this there may be manifested that which is now concealed.

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty and Thy power and Thy might. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Ocean and the mysteries of eternity and by Thy Will through which Thou hast subdued the world, to ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and will aid us in Thy remembrance and praise and in acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Fear of Thine enemies hath encompassed us; transform it into assurance from Thee and tranquility from Thy presence. Weakness hath seized us from all directions; transform it through Thy power. Thou art He Who hath detailed from the Point sciences which none hath known save Thyself. The conditions of Thy creation and the transgressions of Thy servants have not hindered Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Praise be to God, that beloved of the heart hath ever been favored with grace and is mentioned in the prison. If this servant sometimes delayeth in sending letters, this is due to the trust I have had and continue to have in your honor, and likewise due to the multitude of mine own occupations. That beloved one is himself witness and testimony; no testimony from any soul hath been or is needed. Praise be to God, the strong ones are steadfast and successful. The weak ones must be considered. When a child appears in the realm of existence, it continuously seeketh milk and must be given it. In these days a letter hath arrived from the people of Iraq with many complaints. After it was presented before Him, He said:

Write to the Physician that whatsoever hath been entrusted to you must spread its fragrance like unto the fragrance of roses amongst the servants. We wrote before and now say again that your honor must satisfy the heirs of the deceased and must act in such wise as to cause souls to turn towards and be enkindled by the fire of love and affection. Today what is necessary for your honor is this: to act in whatever way possible that which will strengthen the cords of love. Whosoever acteth for the sake of God will assuredly be assisted by the effulgences of the lights of divine grace and will be aided. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning the small house located at the head of the alley where previously the friends of that land maintained a bakery, you wrote that you have purchased it and that beloved one's intention was to present it in service to our Master His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His holy steps), and it was requested that He accept it. After these matters were presented before His presence, He said to inform the Most Great Branch, and after informing and presenting it, He accepted it. Well done to you and congratulations.

You wrote that you have made some repairs which have preserved the rooms and then rented them out so that the expenses may be recovered. After presenting this matter, He said:

> "You have acted very well, for We are embarrassed before Alif and Ha in this matter. The less burden placed upon them, the more beloved and acceptable it is before the Wronged One, and We beseech God to grant you too a reward."

End quote.

Regarding what you wrote about the joy of Jinab-i-Amin Effendi (upon him be God's peace), God willing it is blessed. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist him to be steadfast, wise and of service. I convey greetings to him. The servant asks his Lord to confirm him in all conditions in that which will preserve him and ordain for him the good of the hereafter and this world. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter to present is the marriage of the elevated brother of the Imprisoned One (upon them both be God's peace and mercy). God willing it is blessed. We beseech God to unite hearts and assist His loved ones in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Generous, the Kind.

Concerning what you wrote about the house of the late Shaykh (upon him be God's favors), it was presented before the Intended One. He said:

> “It befits Jinab-i-Tabib (upon him be My greetings) to conduct himself in such a way that all are pleased with him. The world and all within it was not and is not worthy. We have regarded and regard his station and rank, and it is hoped this station will remain preserved by God’s will.”

End quote.

O beloved of my heart! It is very clear and evident that whatever is mentioned is intended to preserve that beloved one’s station. This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist that honored one in what causes the elevation of station, the exaltation of glory and the upliftment of rank. This blessed word was once uttered from the Tongue of Utterance:

“Since the Countenance of the Ancient One is turned toward other worlds regarding the sincere ones and near ones, therefore outward means have been delayed in fulfillment. Otherwise all the world’s good things, wealth and blessings have been and are directed toward the loved ones, and surely these stored bounties and favors will become manifest.” End quote.

The intention is that in such matters, whatever comes to pass—if it is agreeable, the purpose is achieved; otherwise that beloved one has been and is more worthy to bear hardships, for that beloved one must ever be focused on matters that cause the exaltation of the Cause and elevation of station.

I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land and offer praise. God willing, may they attain to the station of unity and harmony, and be adorned with such conduct and deeds as will cause the exaltation of souls and the advancement of humanity. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist them in that which will raise them up among the peoples. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy of answering prayers. Peace and praise be upon you all and upon those with you and upon God’s righteous servants, and all praise belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00606: O Ramadan! Give thanks unto God for having strengthened…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Ramadan! Give thanks unto God for having strengthened thee and caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and for having manifested through thee one who hath occupied himself with My service, attained My presence, heard My call, and beheld My resplendent horizon. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed is his mother—give her the glad-tidings from Me of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ramadan! We make mention of the son of ʿAli and his other son as a token of grace from God, the Lord of destiny. Each of them hath been illumined by the lights of the Luminary of My utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

O Ramadan! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the utterance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that thou mayest be illumined by the Day-Star of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine kingdom of knowledge. Thy son ʿAli hath drunk from the cup of bounty and hath attained unto service. His kinsmen are each and all remembered in the presence of God. I swear by the Lamp of Light

which shineth by the command of the Lord of Manifestation and the Interlocutor of Sinai—the world hath never equaled and shall never equal a single word from the words of Truth. His eminence Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, hath for some time been taken by the hand of grace and assigned a station in the shade of the Blessed Tree.

Night and day he dwelleth nearby, occupied with transcribing the verses of God. We make mention of all the friends in that land and ask confirmation for each one of them. That which shall gladden the eyes of those who are nigh and sincere hath been ordained for those who have turned unto God. We enjoin wisdom upon all. They must occupy themselves with the exaltation of the Word of Him Who is the Goal of all being, in a spirit of joy and radiance, with wisdom and utterance. This is the most great station and the most exalted rank. Well is it with them that act!

O Haydar! Thy brother hath been mentioned and the Lord of might is engaged in thy remembrance. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the remembrance of the Lord of Days. He is accounted in the presence of the Truth as among the most exalted of beings and is recorded by the Divine Pen. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he that is with thee, and blessed is he that hath believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Thou hast been mentioned and the Divine Countenance hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. If thou attainest unto the recognition of this station and preservest it, thou shalt, throughout thy life, be engaged in celebrating the praise of the Lord of Manifestation with utmost joy and gladness, in such wise that neither the world and its ornaments, nor its doubts and allusions, nor its gifts and bestowals shall prevent thee from holding fast unto the cord of God or deprive thee of attachment to His sanctified hem. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those that are with thee, from God, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ni'matu'llah! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and maketh mention of thee with a remembrance that shall not be overtaken by forgetfulness, oversight, negligence or oblivion. He is the possessor of the Most Great Infallibility and the Sovereign Who doeth what He pleaseth. Were all the peoples of the world to meditate upon this most exalted Word and to drink from the ocean of its meanings, they would find themselves seated upon the thrones of faith and certitude and would regard all else besides God as non-existent and as naught. The reward of no one hath been, nor ever shall be, lost in the presence of God. The souls in that land who have turned toward Him and who have arisen to serve Him have each attained unto that which is more precious in the sight of God than all things. We give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's everlasting bounty and His eternal table of divine knowledge. And verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the Munificent.

O Ali Muhammad! Praise thou the Wronged One of the world Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Verily He remembereth those who have turned unto Him. He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Convey My salutations to thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. All the friends of that land, as well as the kinsmen of Aqa Ali, have on this blessed night been blessed with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist them, to aid them, and

to reinforce them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His command, and He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Almighty.

O Ali-Qabl-Muhammad! The Truth maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee to steadfastness. Give thanks to the Ancient Lord Who hath guided thee and enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife from God, the One, the Chosen One.

O Muhammad! We enjoin thee and the friends of God to perform such deeds as will lead to the exaltation of the Word of God. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted accordingly.

O Nur Muhammad! Today pure deeds and spiritual qualities are the hosts of God, exalted be His glory. All must assist the Wronged One through these hosts. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen made mention of thee and thy wife as a token of My grace, that thou mayest be of the thankful.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Ali! Contention, conflict and corruption have been forbidden in God's Book. All must arise to serve the Cause in perfect unity and harmony, and occupy themselves with the praise and glorification of Him Who is the Desired One. We counsel you all to act with righteousness. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded in the laws of God and His ordinances, in the precepts of God and His decrees. Verily, He commandeth you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of His worlds. He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We have made mention of thee, thy mother and thy wife, that thou mayest become aware of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all things, both seen and unseen.

O Ibrahim! The Wronged One remembereth thee whilst under the claws of hatred wrought by the hands of the heedless. Glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon every maidservant who hath heard, responded, turned unto God and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O Rahim! Mention of thee hath been made at the Most Holy Court, and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We counsel thee and the friends to perform such deeds as will draw the servants nigh unto God. Take ye what ye have been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Abdul-Khaliq! These are the days of God, and the Speaker of Sinai is seated upon the throne of Revelation, manifest and evident without any veil or concealment, calling thee and all on earth to the Most Sublime Horizon. Hearken, and be not of the heedless. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God and been adorned with His attributes.

O Muhammad Ali! My Glory be upon thee and thy wife. Know ye the station of the friends in that land. In these days the honored Amin, upon him be the glory of God, hath attained the Most Holy Court and made mention of that land, and especially concerning Mulla Baqir, divine verses were revealed and sent both before and after. God willing, they shall drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and shall find themselves detached and free from all else but God.

O Jafar! We made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. This day unity and concord are well-pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to attain unto this station. In the right hand of unity the banner of divine succour can be seen. Well is it with them that behold it.

O My handmaiden, O Kulthum! Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and thou hast been honoured with the mention of Him Who is the Beloved of the worlds. From the beginning of days, on the day when the Ancient Beauty left His house in Baghdad and entered the garden named Ridvan, He shed the splendour of all His names upon all created things. None hath ever reckoned, nor shall ever reckon, the effulgence of this Daystar of divine bounty, for it is sanctified above and independent of the power and might of creation. Likewise hath He ordained that every name that attaineth unto the presence of the Throne shall be honored with divine mention and with the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. Until this time, every name that hath been present before the Wronged One hath been favoured with that which hath no peer or likeness. We beseech God that He may enable all to preserve His gifts, His bounties and His bestowals. He verily hath power over all things and is the All-Powerful.

O Ghulam-ʿAli! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from His prison and summoneth thee to the most sublime horizon. We beseech God that He may enable all to achieve unity and concord. This is the Testament of God which hath flowed and continues to flow from the Most Exalted Pen, both in the past and in the future. Blessed are they that have attained, and happy are they that act accordingly. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife.

O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the Most Sublime Horizon. He counseleth you with that which will draw you nigh unto a station wherein naught is heard save the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the sighing of the Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth. None hath comprehended His grace save His Own Self, the One Who dominateth all that are in earth and heaven. O My loved ones! Say: In the Name of God and by God, and take ye the chalice of utterance from the hands of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink ye therefrom in despite of them that have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His glorious station. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted according to that which was enjoined on him by God, the Lord of existence. The glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have heard and believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH00633: O Husayn! The Pen is nigh moved to lamentation…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of grandeur and power!

O Husayn! The Pen is nigh moved to lamentation, for the Hand of Power moves it in the evening and at sunrise, at dawn and at dusk, and through the days and at daybreak. It finds for itself neither rest nor stillness, as the Hand of Divine Destiny turns it howsoever it wishes. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. Neither the might of the powerful nor the dominion of princes can hinder Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We have mentioned thee before, and before

that, with verses whose fragrance, when diffused, caused the graves to quake and the people to stand before the face of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

O Husayn! When the Hand of Power raised the standards of wisdom and utterance, and the Morn of Manifestation unfurled the banner of divine knowledge, the people rose in opposition. Among them were those who denied Me, those who calumniated My Person, and those who pronounced the verdict for the shedding of My blood. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are numbered this day among the transgressors in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to aid thee and to open before thy face the door of grace and favors. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Most Great. May He send down upon thee from the clouds of His mercy a blessing from His presence. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer. We make mention of those whose names thou hast mentioned, and We remind them of My verses which reign supreme over all who are in the heavens and on earth. We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them, and We acquaint them with the power of My Most Exalted Pen and the influence of My Most Sublime Word. Verily, thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

O Husayn! We have desired to make mention of him who is named Mahmud, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall witness what God hath witnessed and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ʿAkka. Verily it hath been raised in truth, in such wise that none can deny it save every heedless and remote soul. We have mentioned thee before and have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that are nigh. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him when the learned ones turned away, and for having enabled thee to acknowledge Him when the divines and scholars of the earth denied Him.

Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Almighty. By the life of God! There hath been ordained from the Most Exalted Pen for them that are nigh such as hath bewildered the hearts of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause and in the observance of what He hath revealed in His Book. He, verily, is the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

O Mawzun! The Self-Subsisting hath made mention of thee on a day whereon the Herald proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Loving. We have sent unto thee the breezes of revelation and honored thee with My Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the luminary of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Once We mentioned thee with verses of grace, and again with utterance that hath enraptured hearts and souls. Can aught possessed by the people be compared with the Word of God? Nay, by His Self, the One Who dominateth all things past and future! Thus hath the Pen revealed its treasure and the Tongue its utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

O Elias! The King of mankind summons thee from His glorious station and remembers thee through His grace, mentioning thee in what hath been revealed in His inscribed tablet. Take what hath come to thee from the horizon of might, and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Say: O people of the earth! Open your eyes! The Sovereign hath come—dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the unseen and

the seen. Beware lest the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings prevent you. Cast aside what the people possess, turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein hath been raised the Call:

"Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Sovereign of sovereignty and of the Kingdom!"

We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have turned unto that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Hasan! Show excellence even as God hath shown excellence unto thee. He hath aided thee to turn unto Him when those on earth turned away. To this testifieth His preserved Tablet. Say: My God, my God! I have inhaled the fragrance of the garment of Thy Manifestation, and the wine of the river of Thy knowledge in Thy days hath intoxicated me. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation, the evidences of Thy might, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me to attain Thy presence, to stand before Thy gate, and to hearken unto Thy Call which was raised once from the Tree when Thou didst manifest Thyself unto Moses, and again during the Night Journey when Thy Friend and Chosen One ascended; or ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy Command, the reward of meeting Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent Whom the power of the world cannot frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then write down for me the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O Abraham! The tale of the sacrifice hath returned, and they who are detached have advanced to the place of sacrifice, offering up their souls in the path of God, the Lord of creation. Neither the world nor its ornaments prevented them from turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath pondered on that which hath appeared in truth in this Day wherein the standard "There is none other God but Him" hath been raised above the highest ensigns. Do the people hear and deny it? Have their hopes prevented them from God, the Lord of the beginning and the end? Say: Fear God, O people, and withhold not yourselves from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. The Promise hath come, and that which was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared. Cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of Days. Thus hath the pearl of utterance appeared from the treasury of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are ye, O ye who possess insight!

O Ja'far! Be content with what hath been ordained for thee. We beseech God to manifest unto thee that which shall profit thee in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. O Fath'u'llah! The Wronged One remembereth thee while under the talons of hatred. To this testifieth the Lord of Names in this station which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. O Nasru'llah! The Hidden hath appeared and the Concealed hath come, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. Blessed is the strong one whom the hosts of the world have not weakened, and the steadfast one whose feet have not slipped through the clamor of the wicked. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur while He was in the prison of the wicked ones.

O Isaac! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the earth and of the heavens. Beware lest anything whatsoever prevent thee from the path of God, the

Lord of all men. Take hold of the Book with the power that proceedeth from Him, and follow not every doubtful idolater. Say: O people! By God, the Desired One hath come and that which was recorded in the Mother Book hath appeared. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken while the Wronged One was walking in the prison because of what the hands of the wicked have wrought.

Verily, We make mention of him who was named Haqq-Nazar, whose name was blessed by the glance of his Lord's favor, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Master of souls. O David! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Loving. He maketh mention of thee from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning Place of mysteries. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Dayspring of lights. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who turned unto God while the handmaidens were wrapt in astonishing heedlessness.

Verily, when We gazed toward the horizon of bounty, We made mention of those whose names were not mentioned, as a grace from the Wronged One, that they might give thanks unto their Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn. O people of God! Rejoice that your names have flowed from the Pen of Command at a time when agitation hath so seized the dwellers of the earth that it hath been cleft asunder and the mountains have been scattered. Take the chalice of salvation through the power of your Lord, then drink therefrom in My Name through which God hath subdued all names. We have stood before all faces and spoken verses that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. He Who caused bodies to soar beareth witness to this. Neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of nations have hindered Us. Every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness to this.

We make mention of My handmaidens there and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the earth and heaven. We make mention of My handmaiden who was named Hajar and bid her to the patience which God hath made the nature of the chosen ones. Grieve not over anything. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. We beseech God to manifest for you that which will solace your eyes and gladden your hearts. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

At the close of the Book We make mention of the Mizban and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison before the faces of the nations: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing." O Mizban! Hear the call once again. We made mention of thee before in such wise that the fragrance of utterance was wafted throughout all possibility. We beseech God to strengthen thee in steadfastness and to aid thee in that which He hath revealed in the Book. Give thanks unto God for this most great remembrance and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings. I beseech Thee to write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions." The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who attained unto faith while the divines and theologians of the earth turned away. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness unto this.

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BH00635: This is the Day whereon the ocean…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of bounty and bestowal.

This is the Day whereon the ocean of the Bayan hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the Blessed Lote-Tree hath spoken in the midst of humankind, proclaiming: By God! He hath come Who was treasured in the storehouse of the world, and hidden in the cave of the protection of God, the Lord of all that is in heaven and on earth. Blessed is he who hath heard this call, drawn nigh unto it, and answered the Ancient Lord.

O Siyyid Qabl-Mihdi! Nabil—upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness—hath made mention of thee; and now, in this wondrous Tablet, have We likewise remembered thee. We counsel thee to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Momentous Tidings which God hath manifested as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the Most Bountiful, the All-Munificent. Rejoice in that We have remembered thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

My Branch hath stood before My Face and recorded that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in this lofty station. Know then that Hadi hath turned away from the Countenance, clinging to corruption. We beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—that He may shield His servants from his doubts and his perverse insinuations. Verily, He is the Protector, the Faithful.

We likewise make mention of thy other brother, named Siyyid Hadi, and announce to him the favour of God and His mercy which hath surpassed all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Hear the call raised in the Prison of ʿAkka: “There is none other God but He, the One, the All-Informed.”

Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not every clamorous, far-removed soul. Turn with radiant faces unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus hath the Cause been sent down from the heaven of Truth by God, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Beware lest ye deprive your own selves of the Euphrates of the bounty of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is the Day whereon the ocean of proof hath surged before the religions, and the sweet savours of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, have been stirred.

O party of God! By night and by day hath this Wronged One summoned you unto a station most exalted, a summit most sublime. But when the sun of the Bayan and of proof arose and shone forth from the horizons, souls that had lain hidden behind veils came forth with the swords of hatred, and broke the Covenant which was in very truth the essence of justice.

And now again Hadi hath not dealt equitably. He would subject helpless souls to the idle imaginings current among the party of the Shi’ah. Say: O Hadi! Fear God. Didst thou not see, didst thou not hear, what thy party and those like unto thee, in former years, wreaked upon the Lord of the world and the Beloved of the nations? At first they cried “Lord of the Age, Revealer of the decree!” and clung to the Will and Testament; but when the Sun of Manifestation rose from the highest Horizon of the Divine, and the

throne of the Cause was set upon the seat of the Bayan, they all rushed forth with sword and spear, opposed and resisted, and wrought such deeds as no tyrant in all the world had ever perpetrated against the Ancient Beauty.

What distinction did the Shi'ah party possess? What rank did they truly occupy, that thou shouldst now, yet again, raise up a company after their likeness and afflict the people with a similar test? Their divines, even unto this hour, ascend the pulpits and revile the Ancient Beauty, and in like manner incite the shedding of the most pure blood of that blessed Being and of His chosen ones. And should but one soul arise and lay claim—under any guise whatsoever—to being the Promised One, a thousand would obey him. In truth, the Shi'ah party are a people who should be abashed before the whole world.

Well-nigh fifty years have passed during which this vile party hath busied itself with the denial and persecution of the Truth and of His chosen ones. Reflect, O Hadi, upon what hath come to pass; haply thou mayest take heed and arise for the protection of the wronged and the oppressed.

O people of Dawlat-Abad! Hearken unto the cry of the Wronged One. Turn away from the treacherous, the thief, the liar, and turn toward the trustworthy and the sincere. A so-called guide hath arisen to blot out the Book of God—the Bayan, that divine Book in which the Point of the Firstness—may the spirits of all else but Him be offered up for His sake—revealed His verses. He now seeketh utterly to efface and destroy it.

They once alleged, concerning ʿUthman, that he omitted and stole from the Book of God. Yet this heedless oppressor would now erase it all outright, effacing it from among men. Support the Cause of God with all your power, that the idle imaginings of former times may not again arise. In utmost humility and helplessness should ye implore forgiveness for this grievous sin, that haply God, the All-Merciful, may turn it aside and deal with the world in mercy.

The Bayan is a perspicuous Book, revealed in clear Arabic; its meanings are evident and its intent is plain to every fair-minded soul. This thief would now destroy it and pollute the people with the delusions of heedlessness.

Say: O Hadi! For God's sake, relinquish this deed. Thou art in no wise informed of the reality of the Cause, nor doth this matter befit thy station. Thy duty is obedience and acknowledgment. Recognize thine own rank, and trespass not beyond it.

O my God, my God! Thou hearest and beholdest that Baha speaketh naught but by Thy command, revealeth not Himself save by Thy leave and Thy will, and uttereth no word save that which hath proceeded from Thy Purpose.

Thou beholdest, O my God, my tears and my sighs over what hath befallen Thy Cause at the hands of the tyrants among Thy creatures and the rebellious among Thy servants. By Thy glory, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! Sorrows have encompassed Me for that I have heard one of Thy servants arise to deny Thy Cause and to efface Thy Book.

O Lord! Seize him with Thy might and Thy sovereignty, then withhold him from whatsoever he desireth in Thy days. By Thy might! Wert Thou to cause My body to be transfixed with the lances of the haters, and My breast to be riddled with the arrows of the adversaries, it would be dearer to Me than to hear mention of the effacement of Thy Book, which was adorned with Thy commandments and Thy laws.

O Lord! Protect My servants in their thoughts and their imaginings, and cleanse them from his doubts and his insinuations. O Lord! Thou knowest that Baha hath desired naught but the refinement of the souls of Thy servants, and the reform of Thy cities and Thy lands.

We entreat Thee at this moment to assist Hadi to return unto Thee and to turn in repentance before the door of Thy bounty and Thy forgiveness. Enable him to confess after having denied, and to draw nigh after having turned away. O Lord! Make known unto him Thy straight Path and Thy great Announcement. Verily, Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou wilt, and into Thy grasp are the reins of all things committed. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones; then ascend unto the heaven of My Revelation and the firmament of My loving care, and say:

> "Peace be upon thee—the peace that dawneth and shineth from the horizon of God—and upon the light that gleameth from the horizon of the Mount, and upon the fragrances of Revelation that in this very hour are diffused from the Pen of God, the Lord of all the worlds."

O Malik! Thou who didst turn unto God when His servants disbelieved in Him and His bondsmen turned away from Him! I bear witness that thou hast arisen to celebrate His remembrance and His praise, in such wise that neither the ranks of the world nor the clamour of the nations could affright thee. Thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, severed from all save Him, and hast acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amongst humankind.

I testify that thou hast quaffed from the cup of true knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast drunk the Kawthar of utterance before the face of the Lord of religions.

By My life! When thy remembrance flowed from the Pen, the ocean of My forgiveness surged, the sweet savours of My loving-kindness were stirred, and the Tongue of My majesty spoke forth. Blessed art thou, for thou hast held fast to the cord of faith and certitude, and clung to the hem of the robe of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is whoso loveth thee and maketh mention of thee according to that which hath been sent down in the heaven of the loving care of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Glory, remembrance and praise be upon thee—upon thy first and thy last, thy outward and thy inward. And the mercy of God and His blessings be upon thee.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory. Praise be to God for the effulgent gleams of the lights of the Luminary of the Bayan, which hath shone forth from the heaven of the Bayan, the Desire of the worlds.

By My life! There hath been sent down for thee and thine other brother that whose fragrance shall never cease so long as My Kingdom and My Realm of might endure, and so long as the Manifestations of My Most Beautiful Names and the dawning-places of My most exalted attributes shall remain.

We counsel you with that wherewith We counselled Our loved ones and Our chosen ones of former times—namely, trustworthiness, godliness, and whatsoever shall exalt the Word of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

O friends! With a clear and certain knowledge fix your gaze upon the Cause of the Lord of all worlds. The hosts of God, in this Day, are goodly and acceptable deeds. We beseech God to adorn your heads with the diadem of piety, and your temples with the raiment of guidance. Verily, He is the Lord of all that are; He heareth and He answereth; He is the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Ponder, in some measure, upon the deeds and words of the Shi'ah party, and likewise upon the record of those heedless souls in the Day of the "Report" (Yawm al-Khabar). This Wronged One maketh mention of all things for the sake of God, warneth and admonisheth. His only aim is the protection and preservation of His servants; He seeketh naught else.

But the wearers of the turban—by My life!—have regard only for their own advantage, and are wholly occupied in the subjugation of the hearts of the heedless. Guard yourselves, in the Name of God, that ye may not be overtaken by the surmises and imaginings wherewith the former party was assailed, nor fall prey to the respite granted unto the slayers.

In this Most Great Prison, for the sake of God, this Wronged One is engaged in supplicating for you and in counselling you to that which shall be the cause of your salvation and your preservation. Thereunto bear witness all created things, and beyond them the Books of former and of later ages that are with Him.

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

BH00640: The tongue of truth speaks these words at…

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

The tongue of truth speaks these words at the beginning of this letter: O companion of my soul, where art thou? In truth, no fire hath been or is greater than the fire of separation. Its flames melt the world of existence, and its sparks consume all that is. Yet in the estimation of the dwellers in the cities of yearning and the lovers, no bounty hath been or is more beloved than this, nor any gift more desired. They would freely sacrifice a hundred thousand lives to attain unto this fire. This fire, in one sense, is a masterful teacher, imparting the mysteries of instruction and making evident the hidden secrets. If I were to say it is more excellent than light itself, this would not be amiss, for it both illumines and bestows warmth.

The hand is His hand, the decree is His decree. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, by the Dayspring of lights and the Lord of the righteous, He Who raised Him up and conversed with Him beyond the veil and honored Him with the Most Exalted Word—and verily this word is the lord of all utterances in the world, namely the word "Thou art the Beloved and Thou art the Adored One," and in another word, "But He is

the Apostle of God and the Seal of the Prophets"—that He may assist His servants in that which is the cause and source of power, greatness, and majesty for the people of divine unity.

O beloved of my heart! The traces of thy pen, which appeared in the form of a letter, arrived and the lamentation of that unique and lonely heart set my heart aflame, producing profound effects in all my limbs and members. These effects have been and are superior to the bounties of the world, nay rather, they are the cause and source of the manifestation of bounties. Well said the speaker:

> "I remain silent, being unable to mention numerous matters, and my utterance cannot encompass them; even were I to speak, I would speak little."

The mention of such stations is not the work of pen or man. I beseech the incomparable grace of God, exalted be His glory, to inflame His loved ones with the fire of love and affection in such wise that it shall neither abate nor be altered nor be numbered. In any case, after reading and beholding this flame which appeared from the letter, I approached the Presence of the Master and presented it. He said:

"O Ali! The world, with all its vastness and greatness, has become constricted. The righteous are afflicted under the claws of the wicked. Greed and avarice have conquered the entire world. Should one observe with penetrating vision, one would see all under the talons of these two oppressors. War and strife in the world emanate from these two, and the conflict and corruption of nations are manifest through them. Every person of power is powerless before them, and every mighty conqueror is non-existent and null before their dominion. Should the fire of these two be quenched, the world would find peace, and all regions of the earth would be seen as one country. They have usurped the domains of the people of unity, and yet they seek more. Strange that until now the guardians of government and nation have not discovered the cause and reason, nor have they arisen to ensure prosperity and reform.

> "Beseech God to protect what remains and to illumine the horizon of the world with the light of justice. I swear by the Sun of utterance that shineth from the horizon of the prison that most of the servants are unaware of that which benefiteth or harmeth them. The tongue of the world constantly giveth advice and remindeth; it declareth its own evanescence with utmost clarity, yet aware souls are rare. We beseech God's boundless grace and mercy to make all aware and to aid them in rectifying what hath been lost."

O Ali! This Wronged One is at this moment turning with complete attention toward thee and beseeching from God on thy behalf that for which there is no likeness or comparison. Verily God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Knowing, the Answerer.

We convey Our greetings to the loved ones. Each one is present before Our face. Every pure deed is a treasure for its doer and is preserved and safeguarded with the true Trustee. We make mention of all and counsel them to that which will exalt their stations, especially those souls who in this age have arisen to render assistance and are engaged in praise, glorification and service to the Cause. Peace be upon them, and mercy be upon them, and glory be unto them. We beseech God to aid them in all conditions to that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

In truth one is astonished at how long the oppressors of the world will continue to seek ascendancy, and what they have seen in plunder, pillage and bloodshed that they perpetually engage therein. I beseech God that what was formerly ordained by the Lord of the Cause may be made manifest—and that is the Most Great Peace. Should the kings attain to this supreme blessing and mighty gift, torment will be transformed into ease, tyranny into justice, poverty into wealth, hardship into bounty, and anxiety into tranquility. In these days the world of separation is possessed of another fire and another attraction, and no utterance can adequately describe it. Well have they said: The state of those who are attracted and sincere is transmitted from heart to heart. The tongue hath no access there and the pen is truly a stranger, while the inner tongue speaketh secretly these words:

My God, my God! Ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee, then grant us sustenance from the table of Thy heaven and illumine us with the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Disappoint us not of that which Thou hast ordained for the hopeful among Thy servants and them that hold fast among Thy creation. Then write down for us through Thy grace the gathering together. Verily Thou art the Lord of creation and the Sovereign of invention.

I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land, one and all, and I beseech God that they may at all times ascend the heights of mention and utterance. He is the Powerful One Whom the world's events cannot frustrate from exercising His might, nor can the force of opposition hold back His authority. Glorified be His greatness and glorified be His dominion. There is none other God but Him. To that spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Ja'far-Quli, upon him be God's peace and loving-kindness, I send greetings. At this moment they were making mention of him. His friends are not distant from His luminous presence. His grace hath made far distances near. We beseech Him to ordain for his honor the Mirza whatsoever conduceth to glory and bounty and blessing and nearness and praise. They said: We counsel all the friends to observe wisdom.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Musa, upon him be God's peace, God willing may he be confirmed in that which God loveth and is pleased with. I also convey greetings to him and beseech divine confirmation.

At this moment another letter from that Beloved One arrived. Though whatever arrives from those pages—even if a hundred thousand letters, pages and books should come—all are contained in a single word, and it is:

> "Verily, my self, my being, my essence, my spirit, and whatsoever lay hidden in my innermost heart belong to God alone."

This blessed word cannot in this station be compared with previous words. This word belongs to the world of reality. I beseech God to cause all to attain unto it, that all may be focused on this station, may reach this station, and may hold fast and cling to this station.

In any case, the second letter also opened the gates of joy, and the caravan of gladness and delight arrived. A hundred thousand blessings upon that honored one and this servant! As to the regret you expressed regarding the delay of that which was mentioned—I swear by the Sun of Truth that we consider you and ourselves as one, and all that is there and all that is here as belonging to a single soul.

This being the case, it is clear as light that that true Beloved One shows no negligence or delay in matters related to this place, but rather strives with all his being. This word is in truth the beginning of speech. Now that this greatest of ascents has transcended reckoning and been sanctified from all limitations, we beseech God—our Lord and your Lord—to unite us and ordain for us that which befits His glory, His mercy, His generosity and His favors.

God is witness and testifier that whenever I think of you or make a submission, I find myself in supreme tranquility. God forbid that this condition should ever change or be erased, for such a state would arise that time itself would cry out in anguish, let alone this servant. We conclude these words with the remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings, and we beseech Him to assist us in His remembrance, His praise, and the service of His loved ones. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those who are with you, upon those who love you, and upon those who hearken to your words for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH00653: A Tablet of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of bounty.

God testifieth that there is none other God but He, and He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses is verily the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery. Through His call the cry hath been raised from every direction, and at His Name the limbs of them that have denied God, the Manifester of clear tokens, have quaked. Through Him the Salsabil of utterance hath flowed throughout all possibility and all things have spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.” Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. He is the One through Whom the earth hath recounted her tidings and revealed her treasures, and the sea of knowledge its pearls, and the heaven of utterance its stars and its lights, and the Lote-Tree its rustling, and the Pens their shrill voice. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation and the Kawthar of inspiration from the cup of the bounty of God, the Lord of lords.

O thou who art mentioned before the Sea! The Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee with His Most Great Name, and desireth to make mention of thee with a remembrance whereby the realities of all things were attracted, and with verses that cannot be equalled by the treasures of earth and heaven, that He may draw thee unto Him and cause thee to speak and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life, that thou mayest arise to promote the Cause with a power that no hosts in the world can weaken, nor the clamor of the nations diminish, and mayest speak that which will draw the servants nigh unto God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Say:

O people! Behold, then be fair. By God, the ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all possibility. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance! Hear the call once again. He verily will aid thee and draw thee nigh unto Him in such wise that neither the gloating of enemies, nor the authority of princes, nor the clamor of divines, nor the mention of any frozen soul, nor

the utterance of any fearful one shall hold thee back. Thy Lord verily is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Turn with thy heart and thy spirit and thy inmost being toward the Kaaba of God and say:

My God, my God! I have turned to Thee with my whole being, and have desired naught on earth save to exalt Thy Word, manifest Thy Cause, spread Thy verses and reveal Thy bounty, generosity and bestowal. O Lord! Strengthen my heart through Thy Name and sovereignty, and my hand to grasp Thy Book, and my sight to behold Thy signs. By Thy might, O Thou the Desire of the world and the Manifest One through the Most Great Name, I desire naught save to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance and to demonstrate Thy proof amidst all religions. O Lord! Thou seest this servant turning unto Thee and standing before the Kaaba of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath conquered all things and by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, to adorn my head with the crown of detachment and my temple with the robe of godliness. Then make me, O my God, a standard of Thy Name amongst Thy servants and a banner of Thy remembrance in Thy lands.

By Thy might! I love naught but what Thou lovest and desire naught but what Thou desirest. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else besides Thee, for I know of a certainty that all else besides Thee can neither profit me nor protect me nor aid me. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of heaven, by the hidden pearls in the shells of the ocean of Thy grace and the mysteries treasured in the Book of Thy knowledge, to enable me to perform such deeds as will cause all created things to turn to the heaven of Thy favor, and to aid me in that which will cause all things to acknowledge Thy Manifestation, Thy power, Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty.

O Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses, speaking Thy Name and turning to Thy horizon. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and the lovers in the cities of Thy love, who have sacrificed their spirits with joy and radiance in Thy path in such wise that neither the ornaments of the world nor the treasures of the wealthy deterred them. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in earth and heaven.

Hear thou the divine call in the Persian tongue. This call is, in one station, the Fire of the Sinaitic Tree, for by it are ignited the hearts of the sincere ones and those near unto God, and in another station it is the Living Waters for the life of the world. Blessed is the one who attaineth unto it. Verily, he shall reach a station wherein no hosts shall frighten him, nor shall the power of the world weaken him. And at times it is a shining Light, guiding those who turn unto it to the straight path and the mighty announcement. Give thanks to the Desire of the worlds Who hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison with such mention before which books bow down. Through the power and might of God, glorified be His majesty, arise thou upon the Cause and with spirit, radiance, wisdom and utterance, awaken the heedless and guide the wayward to the straight path.

Say: O people! Know ye the value of this Day. Today the Sun of bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the world and is manifest, and the waves of the ocean of utterance are visible before the faces of all religions. Deprive not yourselves. By the life of God! A feast hath appeared and an assembly hath been raised up in the Concourse on High, for today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of

manifestation, and the people of God have attained His presence, and the blessed, goodly City hath descended from heaven. Its sun is ever at its zenith; no cloud can veil it and no eclipse can overtake it. Its moon is ever shining and luminous, its rivers ever flowing and coursing, and its trees adorned with countless fruits.

This Day is the Day of supreme joy. Blessed are they that attain, blessed are the sincere ones, and blessed is he who hath taken in his right hand the Living Waters through this Name whereby the gate of bestowal was opened to all in the world of creation, and the nightingale of faithfulness sang upon the branch of glory. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and sovereignty unto God, the Goal of the mystics, and command unto God, the Possessor of this mighty Day.

O thou who standest before My face! Glorify on My behalf him who was named Nabil before Akbar, unto whom We have sent down, both aforetime and thereafter, that which shall endure through the sovereignty of God, the Mighty, the Great. Recite thou once again these verses in his presence. O Nabil, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto that which We revealed in thy Tablet once again, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. It behooveth thee not to turn thy gaze to the past or future. Make mention of this Day and what hath appeared therein, for verily it sufficeth all the worlds. The declarations and allusions regarding these stations quench the fire of being. It is for thee to speak forth today that whereby hearts may be set ablaze and the bodies of them that have advanced may soar. Whoso is assured of the new creation this day and beholdeth the Most Exalted Truth as the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting over all things, verily he is among those endued with vision at this Most Great Prospect. Every discerning believer beareth witness to this.

Walk thou above the world through the power of the Most Great Name, that thou mayest behold the mysteries of pre-existence and discover that which none hath discovered. Thy Lord is verily the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou like unto an artery pulsating in the body of creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may arise that which shall quicken the hearts of them that hesitate. Thou hast indeed associated with Me and beheld the suns of the heaven of My wisdom and the waves of the ocean of My utterance when We were behind seventy thousand veils of light. Thy Lord is verily the True One, the Faithful.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Most Bountiful, the All-Wise. We expounded unto thee, when We were in Iraq in the house of him who was named Majid, the mysteries of creation, its origin, its end and its cause. When We departed, We limited Our utterance to: “There is none other God but I, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.” Be thou a promulgator of God’s Cause with an utterance which will cause fire to blaze forth from the trees, proclaiming: “There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.”

Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As for penetration, it dependeth on subtlety, and subtlety is conditioned upon pure and unencumbered hearts. As for moderation, it must be combined with wisdom, which We have revealed in the Books and Tablets.

We beseech God that He may graciously aid him who is mentioned, upon whom rest My glory and loving-kindness, to achieve that which hath been specifically sent down for him from the heaven of God’s

bounty. This day no garment is more excellent, more radiant and more beauteous for man than the garment of steadfastness in the Cause of God. Ye must hold fast unto it and occupy yourselves with the service of God's Cause. This Wronged One hath ever been and is still in grave peril. Whatsoever He hath mentioned or may mention hath been and is intended for the elevation of the station of His loved ones. The world and all that is therein is, in the eyes of the people of Baha, as something non-existent and transient. Yet in this Most Great Revelation, His bounty and grace are boundless. He bestoweth that which the Pen is powerless to recount. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom the swords of hatred have failed to turn away from turning unto God, the Lord of this mighty and exalted Station.

BH00663: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

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

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest Justice! This is the Day wherein are witnessed from the Most Great Sea waves the like of which no eye hath ever beheld, and from the Sun lights the like of which have never appeared. Blessed is the eye that hath witnessed and seen, and the ear that hath heard the rushing of the winds of My loving-kindness, and the rustling of My Lote-Tree, and the shrill voice of My Pen as it moveth by My command and power, and I am the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence. We have read it and answered it, that his eyes may be solaced and his heart assured through the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us and read thy letter which thou didst send to him who is with Me. We have mentioned thee with a mention one letter of which surpasseth all that the servants glory in, as attesteth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book. And thy letter which thou didst previously send to the servant who is present before the Face hath reached the Wronged One. Verily thy Lord is the All-Reckoning, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered, and the heart that hath been adorned with the love of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who was named Ishaq, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may rejoice and be of those who render thanks. O Ishaq! The Lord of the Day of the Covenant maketh mention of thee at the time of His Pen's movement, and His heart grieveth for what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We have raised up the Cause through a power from Us and a might from Our presence. When the Sun of Manifestation shone forth to a determined degree, the wolves emerged from behind the veil and uttered that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love and upright in such wise that the doubts of the heedless shall not cause thee to slip. The Wronged One mentioneth thee and beseecheth God, thy Lord, to aid thee in His remembrance and praise and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His unified servants.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Ramadan-Ali who desired to be remembered from Amman through the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Generous. Blessed is the servant who is mentioned before the Face; he is indeed among those who are nigh in My Great Tablet. We beseech God to aid him to preserve what he hath been given from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say:

My God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto the horizon of Thy Manifestation, and the ocean of Thy utterance, and the sun of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy generosity and grace, and to ordain for me that which shall deliver me from the promptings of Satan and preserve me through Thy grace. Then ordain for me the good of the hereafter and the present world. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

Hearken unto the divine utterance in the Persian tongue: Today the ocean hath different waves, the sun a different effulgence, and the world a different joy. Although the Wronged One dwelleth in prison and is afflicted in the hands of enemies, yet with utmost joy He is established upon the throne of manifestation, calling out to His loved ones with a call for which there is no end and which shall remain raised throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Although the people of the Bayan have committed that which the people of the Furqan (Muslims) did not, and have said that which that party did not say, yet by the life of God, this party is seen to be more base than the former party.

The verses are being sent down like rain falling in torrents, and the evidences are manifest and clear. Nevertheless, they remain occupied with their own vain imaginings and are striving earnestly to establish a party like the party of old. We beseech the True One to aid the people of Baha in such wise that they may see all else as non-existent, remain focused on the Most Exalted Horizon, and arise with mighty legs to uphold the divine Cause, lest they be made to slip by the doubts of the deluded ones and the gestures of the opposers.

As regards what was written concerning Muhammad-Baqir, who entertained the friends at a feast—well done, excellent indeed! We beseech God to assist him in fostering love and unity amongst His loved ones, and to ordain for him, through His grace and bounty, whatsoever is worthy of His generosity. We make mention of all the souls gathered at that feast, that they may attain the effects of the Pen and the remembrance of the Ancient King.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! We have made mention of thee on this day, once again, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

O Siyyid Barakat! Hearken unto the call of Him Who revealeth the verses and manifesteth the clear tokens. He hath remembered thee with a remembrance from which hath flowed the Kawthar of life unto all creation, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Verily, the Wronged One, in His prison, maketh mention of the friends and loved ones of God, beareth unto them glad-tidings of His mercy, remindeth them of His verses, and sendeth down for them that which shall guide them unto His straight path. By God's life! I have desired naught for Myself. Throughout My days, I have been in the hands of Mine enemies—every truthful and trustworthy one beareth witness to this. Such tribulations have befallen Me in God's path as have befallen no one else, until they made Us captives and brought Us to this mighty fortress. Therein was the trumpet-blast sounded once again, and We delivered unto kings

and subjects that which We were commanded by God, the Strong, the Powerful. The veils of the people have not hindered Us, nor have We been daunted by the oppression of the oppressors. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My utterance and My wondrous remembrance.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We testify that thou hast performed a good deed, and thy deed hath brought joy to the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. We made mention of thee before, and We mention thee now, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to assist thee in performing good deeds and to aid thee in drawing nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O ʿAbdu'llah! When thou hearest My call and art seized with the wine of the Kawthar of My utterance, say:

> "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn towards Thy horizon, to set my face toward the lights of Thy countenance, and to acknowledge that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being, by Thy most great signs and Thy mighty tokens, to make me steadfast in preserving that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised."

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ramadan-ʿAli, whom We have remembered on this day once again, that he may be numbered among the thankful ones. When thou art attracted by the Kawthar of My utterance and awakened by the breezes of the dawn of My Revelation, arise and say:

> "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having shown me Thy path and caused me to hear Thy proof. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Announcement and Thy Straight Path to ordain for me that which shall protect me from the oppression of the oppressors and the cawing of the croakers who have broken Thy covenant and Thy testament and have disbelieved in Thy signs. Verily, Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Mahmud! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Sing in My name upon the branches of the Tree of My love, that perchance by thy call every heedless one may turn, every sleeping one may arise, and every ignorant and doubtful one may become aware. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One in His manifest station.

O Amanullah! The protection hath come, yet the people understand not; and the proof hath appeared, yet mankind perceive not. The verses have been sent down, yet the factions turn away therefrom. The path hath been made manifest, yet the people know it not. The trumpet hath been sounded, yet they hear not; and the cry hath been raised, yet they comprehend not. They have cast behind them that which is with God, clinging to that which they possess. Verily, they are accounted among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who heareth, whom the doubts of the people have not deterred, and blessed is he who seeth, whom the veils of the suspicious have not hindered.

O Pen! Mention him who is named Muhammad-Baqir at the end of the Tablet, as a favor from Thee—verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. We testify that he hath turned unto Thee and hath attained unto Thy days, and hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy utterance, while most of the servants turned away. Thus doth God exalt whom He willeth and abase whom He desireth. He is verily the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And We make mention of Our loved ones who have gathered once again, that the remembrance and utterance may draw them nigh unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and cause them to speak before all faces. The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty. O My loved ones! There hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen the equivalent of what was revealed unto the company of the chosen ones and the Prophets, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. When ye hear My sweetest call, take ye the chalices of bounty in the name of the Lord of Names, then drink therefrom the Kawthar of divine knowledge, in defiance of the people of creation who have broken God's covenant, denied His proof, and disputed His verses.

Thus doth the Wronged One command you from the precincts of the prison. Verily, He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Abandon what the people possess, clinging fast to the cord of God, the Sure. When a cawer cometh unto you, leave him to himself, turning with your hearts unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We counseled you before, and in this hour, as a mercy from Us. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those who, when they heard, responded and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

BH00679: Immeasurable praise befitteth the peerless and incomparable One Who…

He is God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty!

Immeasurable praise befitteth the peerless and incomparable One Who hath illumined the dawning-points of the hearts of those who have turned towards Him with the lights of the Sun of Divine Unity, and Who hath drawn receptive realities through the magnet of His Creative Word. He is the Omnipotent One Whom no matter can hinder in His power and no thing can prevent His all-encompassing Will from penetrating. Through His pure grace and mercy He hath caused the Sun of Truth to appear in the world and guided those who had lost their way in the wilderness of ignorance and perplexity to the dayspring of grace and favor. Blessed is the soul that hath in this great Day attained unto the recognition of this mighty Cause and found its way to the straight path.

O thou who hast quaffed the crystal waters of divine knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, who art illumined by the lamp of the knowledge of the Lord of all possibilities, and who dwellest beneath the shade of the Tree of divine grace, the Mighty, the Help in Peril! Thy letter, which bore expressions of love and reflected the subtleties of intimacy and unity, became the cause of joy and gladness. Praise and thanksgiving be unto God that thou art engaged in service to His Cause and art arising to assist it. This is a bounty that hath had no peer or likeness in the divine worlds, for it is the key to the treasures of generosity and favor, and the cause of the manifestation of the subtleties of grace and mercy. It behooveth thee to thank Him at all times with every expression and tongue.

Concerning what thou didst write about the letter 60, we beseech God to acquaint him with that which will benefit him and others. In truth, man is unaware of what is beneficial for him unless he is aided by the confirmations of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. These matters have been discussed repeatedly and were explained in such a way as would suffice any thoughtful and discerning person. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, will guide all to that which is the cause of success and pure righteousness and prosperity. Verily, He is the Gracious, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great.

As for what thou didst mention concerning the arrival of him who turned away, reflect upon past ages and bygone centuries. Those who were greater in station and mightier in person arose to extinguish the light of God, yet found themselves in manifest loss. Where are Pharaoh and his hosts, Nimrod and his armies, Abu Jahl and his ignorance and his remoteness from the knowledge of God and his heedlessness? Should all who are on earth arise to extinguish this Light that shineth from the horizon of Sinai, and should they assist one another and grasp at every means, they shall find themselves in evident loss, and the Cause will remain God's, the Lord of all worlds. It is most clear that even if the whole world should unite and strive with utmost effort to extinguish this Fire, they shall surely find themselves powerless.

The Fire that hath been kindled by divine power in the world of existence shall never be extinguished by the winds of the vain imaginings of heedless souls, nor shall it be quenched by the waters of the doubts and intimations of deluded forms. Yea, every Cause hath an appointed time for its manifestation in the world of existence. When its time cometh, the standards of the Cause shall be raised, and the believers shall say: The dominion belongeth unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the deception of the veiled ones and their dissembling, and their striving to conceal the Cause through their vain imaginings—this is their way and the way of those who follow them, and this befits them and those who walk in their footsteps. The way of the people of certitude is to remain steadfast on the path of divine knowledge and to stand firm in the Cause of their Lord, the Sovereign of all religions. By thy life! Through their steadfastness are broken the backs of the people of vain imaginings, and severed are the cords of hope of the idol-worshippers. I beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to adorn His loved ones with the ornament of steadfastness and to establish them firmly upon the path of divine knowledge. Steadfastness is a shield that rendereth ineffective the swords of tyranny and oppression and the arrows of vain imaginings. Blessed is he who is adorned with its robe and armed with its weapons. He hath indeed achieved salvation and caused others to be saved, and hath attained unto good in this world and the next.

Regarding what was written about the question of the veiled ones and its answer—assuredly whatever is mentioned of such matters and whatever comprehensive and sufficient answer is given is most beneficial and profitable. We hope that thou wilt ever be successful and confirmed in all circumstances, and arise to celebrate the praise and serve the Cause of the Lord of all names. After thy letter was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and mention was made of that beloved one, the tongue of bounty spoke these resplendent words—exalted be His utterance and magnificent His favor:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy! Thou hast ever been blessed with the mention, praise, bounty and grace of the True One, exalted be His glory. This is a great bounty—know thou its worth. I swear by the light of the Day-Star of Utterance which shineth from the highest horizon of the world that the worthless ones of the earth and the weak-natured ones of this world were not and are not worthy to hear this utterance. For twelve hundred years they were worshippers of vain imaginings, and the people of the Bayan, despite having witnessed with their own eyes the deeds and actions of those souls and their fruits on the Day of Judgment, again clung to the same vain imaginings.

All testify that not a single one of the divines, from the inception of Islam until now, was aware of the nature of His appearance. The eyes, both outer and inner, were fixed and gazing upon the mythical Jabulqa while the Countenance of the Desired One appeared from the womb of His mother in Persia. The power of God made manifest the loss of all. Now Hadi of Dawlatabad, through names and past vain imaginings, hath in his own estimation established the straight path. Shame upon him, his fidelity, his knowledge and his understanding! Say: Be fair, by God! Look at what hath been sent down in truth and be not of the wrongdoers. By God's life! What hath been revealed in this Revelation is not equaled by what was revealed in the past.

To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one, and every learned and informed one. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who love thee and hearken to thy word concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Lord and my Hope! With what tongue can I make mention of Thee in a manner worthy of Thy sanctified court, and with what utterance can I thank Thee in a way befitting the gate of Thy detachment? By Thy glory, I see my pen powerless to render thanks for even the least of Thy favors, and my tongue unable to express praise for the manifestations of Thy bounty and generosity. Through pure grace and bestowal, Thou hast made known to us that which remained hidden from the learned and the mystics, and which was denied by the divines and the eloquent. This is solely through Thy might and power and Thy grace and mercy; else who is capable of knowing Thy Cause as it is, and who can comprehend Thy Manifestation as Thou art?

I beseech Thee to assist us in raising the banners of gratitude and praise amidst all created things, and to grant us the Kawthar of steadfastness in Thy Cause and the Salsabil of firmness in the path of Thy love. Enable us to teach Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance throughout the contingent world and to guide the followers of all religions to the city of knowledge and understanding. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Triumphant, the Glorious, the Helper.

Preserve, O my God, those who love Thee and who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, who have devoted themselves to the service of Thy Cause in the cities of Thy creation. Honor them at all times with the robes of Thy bounty and generosity, and aid them in that which they desire. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the Everlasting, the Most High, the Most Great.

O Lord! Thou seest those who are heedless of Thy remembrance and are veiled from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Thy Revelation, wandering in the wilderness of allusions and bewildered in the desert of veils. I

beseech Thee, by Thy pure power, to manifest in the kingdom that which will draw all unto the court of Thy knowledge and bring them near to the city of Thy wisdom and knowledge. They are Thy servants and are in the grasp of Thy power. They know not what profiteth them and what harmeth them. I beseech Thee to make known to them that which is best for them in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

Moreover, remember and glorify the friends of God who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and who utter His praise and remembrance with pleasing words and exalted glorifications. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon the steadfast servants of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. 202

BH00683: O Buzurg! The ocean of utterance has surged, yet…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent!

O Buzurg! The ocean of utterance has surged, yet the people perceive not. The fire has appeared in the Divine Lote-Tree and speaks with truth, yet the people understand not. The Herald has called out in the midst of heaven, yet the people hear not. The Light has shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, yet most of the factions know not. The Interlocutor of the Mount has been established upon the throne of Revelation, yet the people turn away from Him. By God! The Promised One has come and speaks before all faces—blessed are they who recognize Him. The Truth has appeared and revealed whatsoever He willed, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing escapes His knowledge, nor can the might of kings and subjects render Him powerless. He has arisen before the faces of the world with an authority that the Daysprings of justice and fairness cannot deny. To this bears witness the Pen of God in this praiseworthy station.

Say: O people of the earth! Do you know Him Who mentions you from the direction of the Prison? Do you hear that which has been raised in truth from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be? By God's life! Had you known, you would have hastened to God, the Possessor of this witnessed Day. Say: Fear God and dispute not the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Be fair in what has appeared and follow not every ignorant rejected one. The Desired One has come from the horizon of power with a Cause before which the world cannot stand, as you know. The might of the mighty cannot frustrate Him, nor can the power of princes prevent Him. He speaks at all times at the heart of possibility:

> "Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme over what was and what shall be."

Thus has surged the ocean of utterance while the Wronged One was in His mighty prison.

O Buzurg! Rejoice in the favors of thy Lord and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Desired One of the world and Beloved of the nations! I testify that Thou hast come from the heaven of proof with the banners of knowledge, such that neither the oppression of the aggressors, nor the turning away of the deniers, nor the learning of the learned, nor the power of princes could prevent Thee. Thou didst speak before all

faces with the most exalted call: ‘Verily, there is no God but Me, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.”’

O Muhammad! Thou hast attained unto the mention of the Wronged One time and again. He remembers whoever remembers Him and turns to whoever turns to Him. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. Hearken unto the call which has been raised from the blessed White Spot, the place wherein the atoms speak what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds.” We have remembered thee and those who have believed with a mention whose radiance shall never set, by the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have aided thee, taught thee, and made known to thee My manifest and straight path. How many a learned one has been prevented from recognizing Me, though he was created to serve My mighty and wondrous Cause!

And how many a knowledgeable one have We adorned with the ornament of being, that he might appear and stand before My exalted gate! They were deprived of the greatest favor in the days of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. But thou hast attained unto acceptance and heard the call of thy Lord, the Lord of the end, while every remote scholar turned away. Thou hast witnessed in His path what the Wronged One witnessed. Nothing escapes His knowledge of what befell you from the hosts of the aggressors who denied God’s grace and mercy and disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. We have forgiven thee and adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance, as a grace from My presence, and I am the Bountiful, the Generous. Preserve My verses, then recite them with the melodies of those near unto God and the songs of the sincere ones.

We make mention of the Martyr’s wife, that Leaf whom We have mentioned in diverse Tablets, and all the handmaidens and servants whom God hath related to His Name—he who was martyred in His path, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My handmaidens and servants! Rejoice in God’s remembrance in the Most Great Prison, then render thanks unto Him at all times. Upon you be My glory and the glory of them who are in My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the glory of those who circle round the Throne at dawn and at eventide.

O Husayn! The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison, making mention of thee and counselling thee with that which beseemeth this glorious and wondrous Day. Thou hast attained unto the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and His gracious remembrance. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath remained faithful to God’s Covenant and His Testament, when the people were wrapped in strange delusion. They worship idols and perceive it not; they deny Him Who hath been remembered throughout the nights and days, yet they understand not. They say that which causeth the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament, yet they comprehend not. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they perceive it not. O My Most Exalted Pen! Set aside mention of these and make mention of My loved ones, then forgive them as a token of My grace. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving.

O companions of the Prison! Your Lord, the Most Merciful, maketh mention of you in recompense for what ye have witnessed in His path. Recognize this most exalted station, then give thanks unto Him throughout the nights and days, at eventide and at dawn. We have purified you with the water of grace

and forgiven you as a mercy from Our presence, for We are the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Rejoice in that which the Tongue of the Ancient Beauty hath uttered, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, for having remembered us in Thy Prison when Thou wert in the hands of those who denied the Witness and the Witnessed. And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, for having sent down unto us that which shall never be exhausted throughout ages and centuries."

O Rida! The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee. By the life of God! Didst thou know the fruits of My remembrance and its effects, thou wouldst call upon thy Lord throughout the nights and days, and wouldst find thyself in a joy unequalled by any joy in the world, and in a delight that no delight in the seen or unseen can match. Verily, My remembrance is a tree We have planted with the hands of grace and bounty, and it hath fruits that perish not so long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto it, for he hath attained unto all good in the Book of God, the Lord of all creation.

We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon thy family, and We give you both glad tidings of God's tender care, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We manifested the pearls of wisdom from the ocean of the mercy of your Lord, the Possessor of all that was and shall be. And We make mention of My handmaiden who hath ascended unto God, and give her glad tidings of her Lord's tender care, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm. By the life of God! She hath attained unto that which the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise have attained, when her mention flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Ancient House. Were We to mention for My servants the fruits of My remembrance, they would sacrifice their souls in hope of a word from their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath My mercy preceded and My grace encompassed all, yet most of the people know it not.

Verily We make mention of the remnant of My party and give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered him and do remember him, and have ordained for him that which gladdeneth hearts and solaceth eyes. We have written for him the reward of martyrdom in My path, and I am the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. And We counsel Our loved ones and friends to perform such deeds and show forth such character as befitteth their relationship to God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. The splendor from Us be upon him and upon My party who have been martyred in My path and who have sacrificed their spirits for the glory of My straight path.

O Ali, rejoice in the verses of God. He hath made mention of thee and of His servants who have turned toward His countenance with a steadfastness that neither guns nor armies could prevent. We have remembered them and revealed for them that which shall endure as long as My most beauteous names endure. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Supreme over what was and what shall be.

O Khalil, the Wronged One maketh mention of thee and commandeth thee and those who have believed to observe the wisdom which We have sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is the servant who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and arose to serve My Cause and performed that which was commanded in the Book. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty. By God! That which

the peoples possess cannot equal it. To this testifieth He Who speaketh at all times that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And We make mention in this station of him who was named Ali, whom We mentioned before, and We give him the glad tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou, O Ali, and blessed are they who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. The word of forgiveness hath at this moment been revealed for whomsoever desireth the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all religions. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged as a token from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. The splendor be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are with thee and have believed in God, the Lord of all beings. We have forgiven the one who hath ascended, then those who sought forgiveness from the ocean of their Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful.

The splendor that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

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BH00691: Upon thee be Glory, O Samandar! Ism-i-Jud, upon him…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Upon thee be Glory, O Samandar! Ism-i-Jud, upon him be Glory, forwarded your letters to the Most Holy Court in the days when we were at the Most Great Scene at the Mansion of Bahji. All were honored to be beheld and favored to be heard. Blessed are they who are engaged with spirit and fragrance in the remembrance of the Best Beloved of the worlds and are steadfast in service. The Supreme Pen hath from the earliest days until now borne witness to thy acceptance, thy devotion, thy steadfastness and thy service. We praise God, blessed and exalted be He, for having aided thee to hold fast unto His cord in His days and to cling to His robe. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

Mention hath been made of Andalib, upon him be Glory. We have verily aided him and will continue to aid him. Thy Lord is indeed the Helper, the All-Wise. We send him greetings from this Station and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence both seen and unseen.

The servant in attendance before Us submitted the pages of proofs, and they were graciously accepted. Verily he hath spoken the truth regarding this Great Announcement and this firm, sound, and mighty Cause.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the compilation of verses and epistles—this deed is regarded and recorded as among the most great works in the sight of the Self-Sufficient. In these days the revealed Tablets are being read in Our presence, for many Tablets written both before and after were dispatched to various regions without being compared. Therefore, in these days they are repeatedly being read in Our presence, that what God hath intended and what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken may become manifest. Many verses and evidences have fallen into the hands of the idolaters, both in the Land of Ta [Tehran] and other lands. The people of God must make a mighty effort to preserve and protect the

Tablets. In the Land of Ta, whatever was found in certain homes was seized and fell into the hands of the heedless. We have commanded all to preserve what hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to aid them to do what He loveth and pleaseth and to draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The letter of Khalil, glory be upon him, was presented before the Most Holy Court and was honored with attention and favor. We beseech God to assist him and those with him to exalt His Word and to make his mention penetrating in the hearts and effective in the souls. On the last night of Jamadi'l-Avval, this servant presented his letter. Blessed be he! O Samandar! You mentioned Nabil-i-Akbar who has turned to various regions specifically for the service of the Cause and exaltation of the Word. Ask God that fruit may appear and it may not be without effect. We have revealed from the Kingdom of Our utterance in the Tablet of Wisdom, addressing him: "Be thou as the throbbing artery in the body of creation, so that through the heat generated by this motion the souls of the hesitant may be quickened." Blessed is he who hath attained to the outpourings of this Ocean in the days of his Lord, the Most Generous, the All-Wise. Be thou a promoter of the Cause of God with an utterance which will set ablaze the trees and cause them to speak: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: Utterance is a substance that seeketh penetration and moderation. As for penetration, it dependeth upon pure and unencumbered hearts, and as for moderation, it must be combined with wisdom which We have revealed in the Books and Tablets. And in another connection:

> "Walk with the power of the Most Great Name above the world that thou mayest witness the mysteries of eternity and discover that which no one hath discovered. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Were all the powers of the seen and unseen to be concentrated in the power of hearing, then perchance it could be said that it would be capable of hearkening unto this Call which is raised from the right hand of the Throne; and were the strength and brilliance of all eyes to be concentrated in one eye, then perhaps it would be worthy to behold these signs. With utmost humility and supplication beseech ye the Self-Sufficient One that He may not deprive His servants and that He may bestow upon them the Kawthar of immortality from the chalice of His bounty. We beseech God to assist His servants and confirm them in that which beseemeth His days. Verily, He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

O Samandar! The hosts of victory are goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes. In the divine Tablets this word hath repeatedly been revealed: We have enjoined upon all the fear of God and that whereby stations and ranks are elevated. Blessed are they that act. One word setteth ablaze, and another extinguisheth. Today the ocean of grace is surging and the sun of bounty is shining. Whosoever speaketh for the sake of God, its effects shall be manifest in all regions. Through the movement of the Supreme Pen We have set the world aflame and raised the banner of "He is God" upon the highest station of the world without concealment or hindrance. From the beginning of the Cause until now We have stood before the hosts and spoken. The oppression of the world did not prevent Us and the clamor of nations did not hold Us back. We beseech God to confirm all to teach His Cause with joy and fragrance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be My glory. He and his kin have ever been and continue to be remembered. Blessed is he, for he hath been faithful to God's Covenant and Testament, and hath arisen to serve Him and His loved ones over successive years. We have revealed for him that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Convey My greetings to Jinab-i-Muhammad-Karim. He hath attained unto My mention and My favor, and is under the glances of My grace, the Mighty, the Great. Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to him and remind him of that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. Mention was made of Jinab-i-Yahya, upon him be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy Court. The answers to his questions were sent in both the revealed and written scripts. God willing, may they discover the fragrance of God from His words, and drink and give to drink from His ocean of meanings.

Ye made mention of Jinab-i-Amin and Faydu'llah, upon them both be My glory. Each hath attained unto the mention of the Wronged One. We make mention of Fayd and give him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. As for Amin, upon him be My glory and My favor, he hath repeatedly mentioned that land and the hardships and hospitality shown, and previously mention of these matters was revealed from the Supreme Pen and sent forth. All the women of that land are adorned with the ornament of mention. We beseech God to adorn them with the garments of virtuous deeds and to ordain for them the good of both this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne and earth. We make mention of the teacher who turned towards God when the servants turned away, and who acknowledged when the people of the land denied. We verily send Our greetings unto him from this manifest station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Ye made mention of Jinab-i-Amin's journey on foot from the land of Rasht to the land of Qaf. O Samandar! We bear witness that he was mounted upon the finest steed in all the world and was seated in the most exalted carriage of all nations, for this walking on foot is a testament to humility, submissiveness, resignation, contentment and detachment. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing Expositor, the All-Wise Rememberer.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to all the kinsmen and give them glad tidings of God's favor. All are mentioned before the Wronged One and have attained unto the traces of the Supreme Pen. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My loved ones there who were not kept back from God, the Creator of heaven and Lord of the Throne and earth, by the might of the enemies.

O Samandar! At the end of the book We make mention of the kinsmen and of Jud, upon him be My glory, and convey greetings and give glad tidings of the favor of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to aid them, to grant them success, and to ordain for them the good of both worlds and that which shall be a treasure with Him. He verily is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He ordaineth for His loved ones that which shall benefit them in all the worlds of His worlds. He is verily the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

The prayer shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance and the glory gleaming from the direction of My prison be upon My loved ones who have arisen in their days to serve My Cause and have done that whereby My Word was exalted. These are they upon whom the Concourse on High and the

dwellers of Paradise send their prayers, and they who circle round the Throne in My mighty prison and in the Land of Mystery and in Zawra, the place from whose horizon hath shone forth the Day-Star of My Revelation, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

BH00728: At this hour when the Most Great Luminary…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Wise, the Manifest

At this hour when the Most Great Luminary is rising and shining from the heaven of His love, one named Mihdi—upon him be My glory—sent thy letter which attained unto the gaze of favor and was honored by the hearing of the Wronged One. The souls mentioned therein have each ascended by the ladder of divine grace to the highest horizon, which is the station of turning to the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and have attained thereunto. Verily, he who sacrificed himself by his own hand was in grievous error. The Supreme Pen hath ever forbidden such deeds in the Scriptures and Tablets. Today the friends of God, exalted be His glory, must occupy themselves with the promotion of His Cause, that perchance those souls who are drowning in the ocean of vain imaginings may find deliverance through the cord of the All-Merciful's utterance and be adorned with the armor of God's Word, and thus be protected from the arrows of the divines' doubts and the swords of the rulers' wrath.

O Mihdi! We have, as a token of Our grace, forgiven him. Upon him and upon thee be glory. We counsel all the friends of God to act in accordance with that which hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Book. Say: O people, hold fast unto the Book of God—this is better for you, did ye but know it. The Book of God hath ever been and shall continue to be the Protector, Helper, Guardian, Supporter, Sustainer and Confirmer. Today the True One Himself is established upon this station and counseleth all unto that which hath been and is the cause of eternal and abiding wealth. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having shown me Thy highest horizon and caused me to hear the shrill voice of Thy Most Glorious Pen. I testify that Thou hast guided them that are on earth to Thy path, made them to know Thy proof, and commanded them to that which profiteth them in every world of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee by the billows of the ocean of Thy knowledge, by the standards which Thou didst raise up by Thy command, and by the signs which were elevated throughout the earth by Thy power and sovereignty, that Thou forgive Thy servants even as Thou didst forgive him who gave up his spirit in Thy path. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for them who have believed in Thee and Thy signs that which shall gladden the eyes and rejoice the hearts. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thou didst mention [Mirza] Sadiq—upon him be My glory—and likewise Mirza Ibrahim—upon him be My grace. Each hath attained unto the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Name and been mentioned in the writings of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to aid them and grant them success that they may acquire eternal stations in these transient days. All the mentions of the world cannot equal one mention in this Day—this is a word to which the Lord of the worlds hath borne witness. O people of God! Strive that ye may attain unto that which hath no likeness or equal.

O Baha'u'din! Hear the call of God, the True King, the Manifest. He mentioned thee before and mentioneth thee at this time. When thou art honored by His mention, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know!

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Repeatedly have mention of thee and mention of him who ascended unto God flowed from the Supreme Pen. Reflect upon the heaven of divine grace—were all the peoples of the world to turn in less than that moment, all would be adorned with the robe of forgiveness and attain unto the greatest favor.

O Qasim! Grieve not. Verily the ocean of joy hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Rejoice in its turning toward thee and say: Thine is the bounty, O Lord of Names, and Thine is the glory, O Thou Goal of them that are in the heavens and on earth.

O my God and my Heart's Desire! Thou hearest the cry of hearts in their separation from Thee. I beseech Thee by the light of union with Thee and the ocean of Thy bounty, that Thou mayest ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Within Thy grasp are the reins of the world and the affairs of nations, and Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My Pen! Make mention of the names that have appeared before Thy face and have attained unto Thy promise. Say:

O Qasim! The Wronged One hath, from the precincts of the prison, remembered thee with a remembrance that hath no equal in all the world. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Gracious Lord. This is the Day of Joy, were ye to know it, and this is the Day of Gladness, to which testifieth He Who proclaimeth in every state that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great.

O Rida! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names calleth unto thee, that thy Lord may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt arise to make mention of Him and praise Him among His servants with wisdom. Verily, thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee in the prison purely for the sake of thy Lord, that thou mayest rejoice in the loving-kindness of thy Lord and be of them that render thanks.

O Baqir! We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Cause, which the world hath denied, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, hath willed.

O Sadiq! When the Horizon of Revelation shone forth and the Promised One appeared, He was denied by every liar, every wrongdoer, every transgressor, every tyrant, and every stubborn oppressor. We found not from them the fragrance of truthfulness, to which thy Lord beareth witness from this exalted station.

O Ismail! Reflect upon those who hastened to the sanctuary and offered up their souls in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind. Verily, thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

O Ja'far! We have guided the servants unto Our Most Great Path and have consigned the company of divines to the fire by the command of Him Who is the Lord of destiny. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Husayn! The All-Knowing hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which shall strengthen thee to remain steadfast in His Clear Announcement. Beware lest the might of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds frighten thee. When thou hast attained unto My remembrance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Joy of the World, and praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of them that are nigh unto Thee.

O Hasan! Say: My God, my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee when he heard Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy days and the fragrances of Thy verses to make me so steadfast in Thy Cause that the doubts of every remote scholar and every suspicious mystic may not hinder me.

O Ma'sum! We have seen thy mention and have remembered thee. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Infallibility and Thy Most Mighty Signs to make me hold fast unto Thy protection, cling to Thy bounty, and adhere to Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Siyyid Muhammad! Blessed is the servant whom the world hath not caused to slip, and the eye which the veils of names have not prevented. He hath cast aside the gulf, turning unto the Most Great Ocean. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention of the Alif before the Qaf (Aqa Jan) and counsel him with that whereby the station of man is exalted. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. We have counseled all aforetime regarding deeds and character. Blessed is he who hath held fast thereunto, turning away from every ignorant one who hath denied God and His verses shining from this luminous horizon.

O Ramadan! The Object of all worlds hath made mention of all. At the time when any soul turneth towards the Most Exalted Horizon, mention of him floweth from the Tongue of Grandeur—this is a truth concerning which there is no doubt. The people of God must render thanks and attain unto the most great steadfastness, and must beseech God to preserve all from the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the former people.

O Nabi! The Most Great Announcement proclaimeth and summoneth all to the Most Exalted Horizon. Beseech thou God that He withhold not the entire world from the choice wine of utterance and the Kawthar of divine knowledge, nor deprive them thereof. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Javad! The Lord of creation summoned all on the Day of the Call, but the heedless servants remained veiled and debarred, save for a certain number of letters before thy Lord's face. We beseech God that He illumine the people of that land with the lights of the Sun of Revelation, preserve them through His Name the All-Powerful, and make them steadfast upon the path through His Name the All-Conquering. He is the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

The Glory be upon you, O My party from among My male and female servants. We beseech God to aid you to be steadfast in this Mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH00772: O peoples of the world! Fear ye the Ancient…

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Answering!

O peoples of the world! Fear ye the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, and be not of the heedless ones. Verily the gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come, riding upon the clouds. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe betide every remote oppressor. The Speaker of Sinai hath appeared and ascended the throne of Revelation, and the Divine Lote-Tree doth call out from the most exalted station:

> "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful."

Sinai hath been honored by the mention of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in manifest veils.

O Elijah! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree; verily it hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Munificent, the Generous. He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward Him in days wherein every dubious learned one turned away—they who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs and committed that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this glorious station to lament. We came from the Orient of Power with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We desired naught but to meet Our servants and to reform Our earth, yet the servants hindered Us—they who denied God's proof and His evidence, and opposed Him Who came unto them with manifest sovereignty. We beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of meeting Him and to decree for thee what He hath decreed for His loved ones. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Between Me and My loved ones have intervened the oppressors among My creation and the transgressors among My creatures, who have cast My Covenant behind their backs, hastening unto every remote ignorant one. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen reveal Its signs and the Ocean of Utterance Its pearls, as a mercy from His presence. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and attain unto My verses, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me, made me known, guided me, and caused me to speak. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion, by Thy sweetest call between Thy earth and Thy heaven, by the lights of Thy countenance and Thy throne, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the servants nor the croaking of those in the lands shall deter me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon, with the hands of my hope raised toward Thy heaven. O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee not to disappoint them through Thy generosity, Thy favors, Thy grace, and Thy gifts. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose grace hath encompassed all. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have mentioned His Honor Elijah with a mention that shall endure in the Book of God. Praise be to God, the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses have attained unto the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree through the signs of the Most Exalted Pen. Well is it with them and may it bring them joy. Give them glad-tidings from Me, remind them of My verses, guide them to the ocean of My loving-kindness, and draw them nigh unto the heaven of My remembrance. In these days the fire of hatred is ablaze in this land, therefore We have forbidden pilgrimage. However, there hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will for him that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. He should rejoice and thank his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. As commanded, they should adhere to Islam and outwardly hold fast to the resplendent Law. This is better for them, as doth testify His manifest Book.

Thou didst make mention of Aqa Abu'l-Hasan of the Land of Ha. We have heard his call and answered him before, and at this hour, O My Name, the Countenance of the Wronged One is turned towards him from the Most Great Prison. Thou art witness that this Wronged One hath loved and continueth to love meeting His loved ones, but the transgressors with manifest tyranny have interposed and prevented it. From the beginning of this year until now, every day the fire of hatred hath blazed forth from the breasts of some, clear and evident. Therefore, hath the word of prohibition appeared from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen. Remember him on My behalf, give him glad tidings from Me, and illumine his heart with what hath been revealed for him from My Pen, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, and enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee by the land whereon the throne of Thy grandeur was established, and by the realms which were illumined with the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy bounty, the recompense of meeting Thee. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by the treasuries of Thy knowledge and the mines of Thy wisdom, to make me in all conditions cling to Thy cord, stand firm in Thy love, speak forth Thy praise, and hold fast unto the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Thou art indeed the One with power, to Whose might all created things have testified, and to Whose strength all beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing."

O My Name, thou didst make mention of his honor Nawwab, upon him be My glory. His remembrance hath flowed and continues to flow from the Supreme Pen, both before and after. Praise be to God, he hath been successful in turning towards God, in steadfastness, certitude, and service to the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. We beseech God to aid him, confirm him, and so enkindle him that he may attract the moisture of heedless souls and guide them to the highest horizon. Some time ago, a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds and was sent forth. In each word the ocean of grace was surging and the light of utterance was shining. We beseech God that they may drink from the ocean of divine meanings contained within the words of God that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Write and send what hath at this moment been specifically revealed for him from the Supreme Pen, that his eyes may be gladdened and his heart

rejoiced. Verily thy Lord is the All-Commanding, the Ancient of Days. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon him and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

You and the distinguished T were mentioned, and in these days a special Tablet was revealed for him wherein mention was made of you and the trusted one from the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained His favors. That which the sister and the other sister, upon them be the Glory of God, had desired hath been accepted. Give them the glad-tidings of God's favors—their Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earth. Your honor should give them the glad-tidings of the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. The Mother of the Friends hath been mentioned in numerous places and exalted Tablets from the Supreme Pen. In truth, that household hath ever been remembered before the Wronged One for their love, affection, mention, praise, acceptance and devotion. Blessed are they!

We make mention of Ayn and Ta who have ascended to the Most Exalted Companion, and the Mother of the Friends, and We give them glad-tidings in the Most Exalted Paradise of My mercy, My favors, and My grace which have encompassed them. We beseech God to send down upon them at all times that which befitteth His name, the All-Merciful. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. You mentioned the honored Andalib, upon him be My glory. We beseech the True One to assist him and bestow upon him from the seas of His bounty and generosity that which beseemeth His giving.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! ʿAndalib, upon him be My glory, hath for numbered years been occupied with the mention and praise of the True One, exalted be His glory. His verses have been the cause of order and the gathering of scattered hearts, and his prose the cause of joy and gladness to receptive souls. Ask from the True One whatsoever beseemeth His bounty and favor. In these days mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen and been uttered by the tongue. The reward of deeds is preserved and treasured with God, and none hath knowledge thereof save His all-knowing Self.

BH00785: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory…

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

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant who was present came and read the letter thou didst send. We have heard and have answered its sender through this perspicuous Tablet. We make mention of thee with that which hath mentioned thee and with that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been revealed. That which was concealed in the Books of God and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath appeared, and I am the All-Knowing Expositor.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee at this moment that thou mayest hear the call of thy Lord from the Most Exalted Horizon and thank Him for this great favor. The letter thou didst send to My Name, upon whom be My glory and loving-kindness, hath come, and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy turning and thy submission to God, the Goal of them that

know. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee to remember and praise Him, and to know, with true knowledge, that for which thou wast created. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Baqir, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We reveal unto him the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds, that they may draw him to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O Muhammad-Baqir! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth thee to the straight path of God. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the days of God, the tongue that hath spoken His praise, the face that hath turned toward the light of His countenance, the ear that hath heard His call, and the heart that hath turned unto Him when every distant scholar and every doubting mystic turned away. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having sent down the proof and made manifest the way, and for having called the servants unto Thy most exalted horizon and supreme summit—the station wherein Thy sweetest call was raised and the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was heard. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by the pavilion of Thy majesty which was raised above the most exalted standards through Thy command and power, and by the manifestations of Thy loving-kindness and the breezes of Thy days, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, clinging to Thy cord, speaking Thy praise, and standing in service to Thy loved ones. O Lord! Aid me to rend asunder the veils of glory, to dispel that which is vain imagination, and to attain unto clear understanding, that I may remain firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy Cause. Then ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come, and that which shall be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The forces of the world cannot withhold Thee. Thou art, verily, the Strong, the Mighty, the Great.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy most exalted Words and Thy greatest signs, to elevate the station of Thy servant who was named Ahmad and who was martyred in Thy path, yearning to attain Thy presence. We testify that he acknowledged Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that which the tongue of Thy grandeur did utter, and was so moved by the thrill of Thy most exalted Word that he offered up his spirit in Thy path and attained unto that which was hidden in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Bless him and those whom the affairs of the world did not prevent from turning to Thy most exalted horizon, who heard the shrill voice of Thy Most Glorious Pen and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Adored One of the nations, for having manifested Thyself and for that which Thou didst promise Thy servants."

Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful from eternity. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Hasan! Upon thee be my glory! Hearken thou in the Persian tongue to the divine call, that perchance the people of the earth may hear it and attain unto their purpose. Today the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the flowing of the Most Exalted Pen are raised high. This is the Day concerning whose triumph

all sacred Books have testified, and for Whose appearance all have besought God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized this Day and found its purpose.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the Spirit [Christ], the Most Exalted Pen doth at this moment testify that all His acts—whether sitting or standing, sleeping or waking, moving or still, speaking or silent—whatsoever proceeded from that Manifestation, all were proof and were distinguished above the deeds of all who dwell on earth. They who are possessed of insight and they who occupy the Most Sublime Vision have borne and do bear witness to His dominion, power, sovereignty and greatness. May all in the kingdom be a sacrifice unto Him!

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and inquireth about the Ocean! Reflect upon this Manifestation: though untutored, having attended no school nor engaged in scholarly discourse, suddenly the Light of wisdom and utterance dawned from the horizon of His Most Exalted Pen. The oceans of knowledge and understanding surge at His will. From the outset, without veil or concealment, He spoke the Most Great Word before the faces of divines and princes. Whence appeared this power, and from what dawning-place shone forth this grandeur? By God's life! It hath appeared above the comprehension and understanding of men. Yet out of grace and mercy, He at times appeareth in such vesture as may enable men to draw nigh and attain to that which shall ensure their salvation and life. The revealed Books have testified and do testify to this truth.

Consider thou the Surih of Ra'is and likewise the Surih of Kings, that thou mayest, according to thy capacity, become aware and attain unto this testimony. Indeed, testimony in this station is preferable to all deeds. We beseech God to assist thee and to vouchsafe unto thee the wine of steadfastness from the ocean of His bounty. He is the All-Bountiful One Whose generosity the disobedience of His servants hath not withheld, and Whose munificence the rebellion of creation hath not veiled. Through His name the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" hath been raised aloft, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" hath been unfurled. Reflect upon that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Exalted Pen, and arise to serve the Cause through teaching the people and refining souls. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

The souls mentioned in the letter have attained the grace of God, and mention of each hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. I swear by the Luminary of Power which shineth and is manifest from the horizon of the firmament of the Prison, that whoso attaineth unto a single word and preserveth the station of that word, he hath attained unto all good. No bounty can equal the verses of the Most Exalted Pen, and no deed can match their glory. Beseech ye God that He may not deprive all the peoples of the earth of this grace, that He may guide them to His Most Great Ocean and make them aware. He is the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

The Glory shining from the horizon of My celestial Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the Command and clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's mercy, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The Book hath ended, but the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, endeth not, though all the pens, ink, and paper of the earth be exhausted. We counsel thee and

those who have believed to that whereby the remembrance of My party shall endure in My Book and their deeds in My lands. O people of God! Upon you be the glory of God, His mercy and His grace. Know ye the station of this Day and Him Who speaketh therein, manifest and evident, Whom neither the politics of the world nor the oppression of nations hath deterred, nor have all the peoples of the earth prevented Him from raising His call.

It behooveth you to hold fast unto trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and purity. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and acted according to that which was commanded in My Book, and hath spoken My beauteous praise. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne and the exalted seat.

BH00786: O Javad! Upon thee be My glory! Ever hath…

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

O Javad! Upon thee be My glory! Ever hath thy mention been before the Most Holy Court, and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. This Wronged One hath testified, and doth testify, to thy remembrance and praise, to thy rising up to serve the Cause, and thy turning toward the lights of His countenance. The travelers and emigrants have each made mention of thee. Some time ago thy letter was received, and from it wafted the fragrance of sincerity and steadfastness. Blessed are they whom the idols of vain imaginings have not debarred from the lights of the Daystar of certitude. We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of God and the traces of His Most Exalted Pen, and hast arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the wicked nor the onslaught of the evil ones deterred thee. Rejoice in what hath proceeded from the Tongue of Grandeur in thy praise.

The whole world was brought from utter nothingness into being for the recognition of the Ancient King, yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth and He Who conversed on Sinai was seated upon the throne of manifestation, they turned away. Would that they had been content with that! Nay, they committed that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to be consumed and the lamentations of them who are nigh unto God to be raised. The Divine Lote-Tree bewailed the tyranny of the divines, and the Most Exalted Pen wept. O Javad! Thy letter was a faithful witness to thy devotion and steadfastness. Well is it with thee and with those who are with thee, and woe betide them who denied the proof of God and His signs, and who disbelieved in His grace after it was sent down, and in His Cause after its manifestation.

Glory be to God! Until now the Shi'ih sect remain unaware. The cry hath been raised, all things proclaim, the mountains echo the trumpet blast, and the Pen of the Ancient of Days speaketh, yet still they lift not their heads from the couch of heedlessness. God's favor toward thee hath been great indeed, and still is—none can reckon it save Him Who knoweth and counteth all things. He confirmed thee and guided thee to the straight path, made thy house a place of coming and going for the emigrants, and enabled thee to serve His Cause over the course of years. Thou hast ever been, and still art, beneath the glance of His loving-kindness. Ask thou God to preserve what He hath bestowed and to protect it from thieves and traitors.

We make mention of thy wife and give her glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My mercy and My favor which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! This day at dawn, this Wronged One proceeded from Bahji to the garden, for there the bearer of the name of generosity had spread a feast. After arrival and taking seat and partaking of tea, the Most Exalted Pen engaged in mention of the loved ones, His face turned in attention, His gaze in observation, and His hearing in attentiveness. How wonderful is this most great favor and this supreme bounty!

And We make mention of Ahmad and give him glad tidings of the ocean of his Lord's mercy, the Most Generous, the Bountiful. Thou art he who heard the Call when it was raised, and drew nigh, casting aside idle fancy on the Day of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thou didst take hold of that which thou wert commanded to take hold of. He Who spoke before all faces beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving. Thou didst drink the wine of mystic knowledge on a day when all authorities, all learned ones, and all mystics were debarred therefrom, save whom God, the Possessor of all being, willed. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those women who have attained unto My days and drunk the Kawthar of My love. We beseech God to strengthen them and draw them near in all conditions. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O friend! If thou wert to attain unto a single fruit of the divine Book, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing. I swear by the Finger of Power which rent asunder the veils and tore away the coverings, were all the peoples of the world to discover the station of but one of the handmaidens who hath heard from the Tongue of Grandeur the words "O My handmaiden", they would all proclaim the blessed words "Glory be to God and praise be to God!"

O Izziyyih! Upon thee be My glory! Thy mention hath been made. Remember thou those days when thou didst hearken unto the call of God, exalted be His glory, and didst witness His verses. The divines of the world were created for recognition, understanding, witnessing and hearing, yet all remain veiled and deprived, while thou, without veil or covering, hast attained and art blessed with beholding the Most Exalted Horizon by night and by day. O Izziyyih! Thou wert with Us and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered, and didst witness what no eyes have witnessed save whom thy Lord wished. Give thanks unto God and remember His mercy, His loving-kindness, His compassion, and His sanctification and exaltation above all who are in the heavens and the earth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and grant thee success. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Javad! Upon thee be My glory! The letter began with thy name and endeth with thy name. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have recognized this Most Great Remembrance and this Mighty News.

This is what was revealed in the Garden:

O Javad! When thou hast attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, and to the tokens of His Most Exalted Pen, say:

My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast honoured me with meeting Thee ere Thy Manifestation was made plain, and hast caused me to recognize Thyself when the people were veiled from Thee; and Thou hast made me to hear Thy verses in those days wherein the servants of earth—its divines and rulers alike—arose to oppose Thee; and Thou hast enabled me to acknowledge and to be assured of whatsoever was uttered by the tongue of Thy grandeur, while the idolaters denied it.

O Lord! In all conditions dost Thou behold me, proclaiming Thy remembrance and Thy praise, steadfast in the service of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. I entreat Thee by the lands which have been ennobled through Thy coming, by the mountains upon which the canopy of Thy glory hath been raised, by the ocean of Thy utterance and the heaven of Thy wisdom, to assist me in whatsoever may diffuse the sweet savours of Thy good-pleasure and Thy might.

O Thou Who art the Object of the nations, the One Who hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name! I love not life save for Thy service, nor do I desire to remain save to devote it in Thy path. I choose not a house save that Thy remembrance may be exalted therein; I love not a son save that he may aid Thy Cause; I take no joy in the rib save for her rising to watch over Thy handmaids—those who have attained unto Thy tokens and have turned with their hearts to the horizon of Thy Revelation, Thy beauty and Thy glory. Through Thy remembrance I am enriched above the mention of all else but Thee; through Thy love I am freed from love for all names and their dominion.

O Lord! Strengthen my heart by Thy might, and adorn it with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the One empowered to do as Thou willest by Thine all-subduing will over all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O Javad! This is the day when, in the garden, one of My loved ones—who journeyed with Me from the Land of Zawra to the Land of Mystery, and from thence to the Most Great Prison, and who had served Me by night and by day, and who was named Husayn in the Book of Names—did summon Me to partake of its fruits. When the Throne was set in the garden, the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, was moved to make mention of thee, and hath sent down for thee that which no thing in creation can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We call to remembrance Our loved ones at all times, and say: O Lord! Confirm them whom Thou hast nurtured by the hands of Thy bounty, whom Thou hast guided unto Thy straight path, and made to know Thine exalted Announcement and Thy mighty Message, that they may manifest Thy Cause with wisdom and lucid utterance. Then vouchsafe unto them the Table of Thy heaven, and that grace which Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thy Will. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful; neither the harm of the world can hinder Thee, nor the rancour of the peoples.

Thou doest whatsoever Thou desirest, and ordainest whatsoever Thou willest; and verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00828: O Abul-Qasim! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Abul-Qasim! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Most Great Throne. Verily, He hath aided thee amongst the nations and drawn thee nigh unto a station wherein thine eyes were blessed with beholding My Most Exalted Horizon, thine ears with hearkening unto My Most Sweet Call, and thy face with turning toward the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Manifest, the Dawning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The bounty of thy Lord hath encompassed thee. Verily, He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him and arisen to serve Him. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions to do what He loveth and pleaseth. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Almighty.

We have desired to make mention of those whose names thou hast mentioned, that God's favor unto thee and unto them might be perfected. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My Most Sublime Vision. Verily, He hath made mention of thee through verses whose fragrances have perfumed the worlds of dominion and kingdom, that thine eyes and the eyes of those who have turned with illumined hearts unto My luminous horizon might be solaced thereby. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold thee or the doubts of the dubious sadden thee. Cast aside the people and what they possess, taking hold of that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee in the prison, that the Call might attract thee to the Most Exalted Summit. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Beware lest the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment, frighten thee. Those who have attained unto the traces of My Pen are among those drawn nigh in My Perspicuous Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and godliness, and that whereby the light of man might shine resplendent throughout all existence. Thus hath the Pen of the Most Merciful spoken in this exalted station.

O Rajab! Thy letter was present before the Throne. We heard thy call and have answered thee with a word from which the fragrance of permission hath been wafted. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Ibrahim! The Truth hath appeared and revealed what was hidden in knowledge, inscribed in the Books, and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers. Blessed is he who hath recognized His days and attained unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Woe unto him who hath denied God's proof and evidence and turned away from Him, following the idle fancies of the fanciful. Cast behind thee all else but God, turning unto God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. Verily, they who have turned unto Him with their hearts are in the vicinity of their Lord's mercy, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Ali-Akbar! The world hath been honored by the advent of My Most Great Name, yet the nations are wrapped in a thick veil. Blessed is he who hath turned, whom the turning away of the people hath not hindered, and who hath directed his heart toward God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Give thanks unto God for having caused thy name to flow from His Most Exalted Pen and for having taught thee His straight path.

O Nasrullah! The Wronged One makes mention of thee—He through whose name the standards of victory and triumph were hoisted amongst mankind, and through whose command the banners of guidance were raised amidst all peoples, and the Dove warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Knowledge. The Promise has come, and the Promised One has appeared with a Cause before which neither the armies of the world nor the ranks of nations can stand. He speaks and will continue to speak before all faces:

> "There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent."

We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which will manifest your glory and the elevation of your stations. He is verily the All-Wise Teacher. Blessed is he who seeks His purpose and acts according to that which He has commanded in the Book. We make mention of thy mother, as a token of Our grace, and of those handmaidens who have turned to and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. We have made mention of every maidservant who has turned to and believed in a Book which none has comprehended save God, the Lord of Creation.

O Ali-Qabl-Muhammad! We have adorned the world with the ornament of wisdom and utterance, and have manifested that which was hidden from sight. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the circumstances of oppression, who arose and said: "God is my Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven." We beseech God to ordain for thee that which will draw thee closer in all conditions. He is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O people of God! Be not grieved by what has befallen you of hardship and tribulation. You have attained unto that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure through the eternity of Our Most Beautiful Names and Our Most Exalted Attributes. To this testifies the Mother Book in the most exalted station.

O Muhammad-Qabl-Ali! The Point round which circle the Concourse on High makes mention of thee from His Most Glorious Horizon and commands thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God amongst His servants. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Akka: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful." He forgives whom He willeth through His grace, and chastises whom He desireth through His decree. He is verily the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Beware lest the happenings of the world prevent thee from the remembrance of My Most Great Name. Be thou mindful amongst My servants, steadfast in service to My Cause, and hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Abul-Qasim! We have brought forth for thee from the ocean of inner meanings the pearl of remembrance and utterance, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and upon every one steadfast and firm whom nothing whatsoever has deterred from this Cause, whereby the limbs of every stubborn infidel have quaked.

We make mention of thy wife and daughter and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy. We beseech God to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him and benefit them in His realms. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving.

We seal this utterance with the mention of him who loved Me and soared in the atmosphere of My love and heard My call and stood before My face and acknowledged that which My tongue hath spoken, and recognized that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will in My Books, My Scrolls, and My Tablets. He was named Haydar-Qabl-Ali. We testify that he attained unto acceptance in the first days and arose to serve the Cause in such wise that the clamor of the ignorant ones who came between God and His loved ones did not deter him—they who committed that which caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and then those who circle round the Throne morning and evening. His letter hath come before the Wronged One wherein he made mention of God's loved ones there and desired for each one of them the favors of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Each name hath attained unto My mention, as witnessed by Him Who possesseth the Mother of Tablets. We beseech God to aid you and ordain for you that which will preserve you from those who have cast the ordinance of God behind their backs and followed the manifestations of fancy and vain imaginings.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God, Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word through which all things were enraptured, and by the surging waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, O Lord of all mankind and Sovereign of both this world and the next, to ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy loved ones that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity, the sun of Thy bounty, and the sea of Thy giving. O Lord! These are they who have turned unto Thee in Thy days, who have hearkened unto Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and who have witnessed that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the springtime of Thy favor and by the mysteries of Thy grace and mercy, to aid them under all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause, through which the limbs of the people have trembled. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH00859: Praise that is sanctified above manifestation, appearance, tongue, utterance…

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

Praise that is sanctified above manifestation, appearance, tongue, utterance, perception and minds, befitteth Him Who is the Desired One of the world, Who hath raised high the banner of "Verily I am God" in the most exalted station of the world. The sovereignty of the world did not prevent Him, nor did the clamor of the divines hold Him back from His purpose. Through the power of the Most Exalted Word He took possession of the cities of hearts—that is, the hearts of those who have turned towards Him and are sincere, and likewise the hearts that were concealed behind veils. The fire of His love burned away the veils, and the light of His proof illumined the realm of wisdom and utterance. Glorified be His dominion and great be His power!

Glory be to God! The Euphrates of bounty is flowing from the Supreme Pen and the ocean of inner meanings is surging with the waves of divine utterance, and yet the people of the earth are debarred from beholding and are deprived of understanding.

Glory be unto Thee, O Mystery of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the treasuries of Thy utterance and by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, to aid Thy

servants to turn unto Thee, that they may hearken unto Thy call and follow Thy commandments. Unveil for them, O my God, even as Thou didst unveil for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Then assist them with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My beloved! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that which hath no peer or equal. Thou hast drunk from the cup of contentment, as attested by the Lord of Names, and hast arisen to serve His Cause. Well is it with thee and pleasant it is to thee. Since His Honor Aqa, His Holiness the Servant, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was not present—being occupied with other writings—therefore, as bidden, this servant hath written these few words and troubled thee.

Night and day I beseech the Desired One of the worlds to rend asunder the intervening veils and guide His loved ones, that all may gather beneath the pavilion of glory and the canopies of grandeur, and be occupied with His remembrance, praise and service. The cause of these dispersions, separations, divisions and estrangements is the deeds of the people of the world and the ingratitude of the nations. Yet in all conditions the hand is raised in supplication, the tongue is pleading and the heart is hoping. The Command is in His grasp. Whatsoever appeareth hath been and is beloved.

The letter which that spiritual beloved sent to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, was presented in the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. These are the pearls of the ocean of the Most Merciful's mercy that have appeared from the mine of grace. His blessed and exalted Word: "O Haydar-ʿAli! We are well-pleased with thee." Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this most exalted Word, which the world and all that is therein cannot equal.

Praise the Wronged One of the world and say: My God, my God! Thou didst call me while I was sleeping, and didst awaken me while I was slumbering, and didst raise me up while I was sitting, and didst cause me to speak while I was silent, and didst move me while I was still, and didst teach me while I was ignorant. Which of Thy favors shall I mention, O my Goal and my Beloved, O Ultimate End of my desire, my Quest and my Hope?

I beseech Thee by the lights of the throne of Thy grandeur and the effulgences of the Orb of Thy Revelation to accept from me what I have wrought in Thy path, though I confess before Thy face that there hath not appeared from me what is worthy of Thy days and befitting Thy service. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty and generosity to adorn what hath appeared from me with the ornament of Thy acceptance, as a token of Thy mercy and an evidence of Thy favors and kindnesses. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be the eternal glory of God! Thou didst mention going to Yazd. Thou must be exceedingly mindful of wisdom, for there they are specifically appointed to observe. As a matter of wisdom from Him: "Associate not with one who desireth not to meet thee."

No news hath been received for some time from his honor [ʿAli-Rida], according to outward appearances. We have been with him in all conditions, in his grief and joy, in his difficult days and his bright days. He hath not been forgotten. Make mention of him on behalf of the Wronged One, and if thou proceedeth to the Land of Ya, convey greetings. We beseech God to assist him, aid him, and ordain for him that which

will bring solace to the eyes of the cities of justice and equity. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

The glances of loving-kindness have ever been and continue to be directed towards the friends. To this testifieth every discerning mystic and every informed sage. Previously several Tablets were sent, and now more are being sent. Deliver them to steadfast, firm and resolute souls, that they may be illumined by the lights of the Luminary of utterance, the Goal of all worlds, and be seen as free and detached from the troubles and sorrows of the world of dust.

O Haydar-ʿAli! How far removed are the aims of the Wronged One from the deeds of the people! Recently the Shi'ih sect hath been renewed. A people like that people—may God forsake them—have appeared. The same names as before have come forth. Thou hast seen the fruits of the Shi'ihs' deeds and that station which He declareth to be sanctified above the mention, utterance and understanding of the people of the earthly realm and the Kingdom. They have abandoned Him and occupied themselves with vain imaginings. Would that they had acted upon but one word of the utterance. He saith:

> "I have written a gem concerning His remembrance: verily He cannot be indicated by My allusion, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan."

Beyond this station, they have occupied themselves with mention of guardian, successor, chiefs and nobles.

In brief, the purpose of the Wronged One is to transform the fire of hatred in the world's heart into the light of love. This Cause moveth above the religions of the world. This Bird hath another nest, and this Tongue another utterance. Ask of God that He may enable the immature ones of the world to attain unto maturity, that they may recognize who is the Speaker and who is the Bestower.

Convey greetings on behalf of the Wronged One to his honor Sin, and likewise to Mim if thou shouldst meet him, otherwise not. End.

This servant is truly immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for the ignorant servants, heedless of the Revelation, know not what hath come to pass and what hath been manifested from the unseen realm into the visible. Had they known, they would have proclaimed with their outer and inner tongues: "Verily, we are God's, and to Him do we return."

In previous years his honor [ʿAli-Rida]—upon him be the glory of God—sent a letter mentioning the departed and elevated Siyyid Javad-i-Karbila'i—upon him be the glory of God—that the ungodly had said he was of the party of the deluded ones. Therefore, by command, his petitions that he had sent to the presence of the Servant—two petitions, one of which detailed the delusions of the dawning-places of vain imaginings—were sent that they might observe and become aware of the people's calumnies, and afterwards that honor should keep them in his possession. I beseech God to assist them in rendering victory, that is, to draw the servants, through wisdom and utterance, to the path of the Goal of the worlds.

This servant also offereth greetings and conveyeth salutations to them. Some of the Tablets are in writing between revelation and other than that, which his honor ʿAbd al-Hadir hath written.

Majd

BH00881: O Jamal! Time and again hast thou been mentioned…

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

O Jamal! Time and again hast thou been mentioned by Me and received the tokens of My Pen. Render thanks unto God for this great bounty. We have been with thee in all conditions and have heard thee make mention of this Announcement at which the limbs of all names have quaked, the hearts of the learned been perturbed, and the flesh of the transgressors trembled. I bear witness even as God hath witnessed, as I have witnessed before, and be not thou of them that remain silent. Remind the people of God's verses and His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily, the Wronged One seeth Himself beneath the swords, yet most of the people are heedless. He hath remembered thee and remembereth thee in this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him through those who have denied God, the Lord of the worlds. We hear that which causeth the heart to bleed. Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and woe unto them that turn aside. Remind the people of My verses and give them the glad-tidings of My tender mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

The croaking of the raven hath been raised throughout all regions. This is what We have announced to you in diverse Tablets and in this luminous Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and His trusted ones whom the might of the Pharaohs deterred not from this wondrous Remembrance. My Most Great Branch hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with verses that all upon earth cannot equal, and We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. Well is it with thee for having quaffed the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained that wherewith thou wert promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember the days when thou didst stand at the door and wert present before the Countenance, when thou didst behold My horizon and hear My call. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

We have honored thy dwelling-place and have sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of grace that which hath solaced the eyes of the sincere ones. That which thou didst send to My Branch hath been presented before the Wronged One and laid before His Countenance. Therefore hath the gate of utterance been opened once again, and We have sent down for each one of them that whereby every sitting one hath arisen, every prostrate one hath soared, every halting one hath hastened forward, and the hearts of those near unto God have been attracted. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down unto thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Powerful over what I will. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy son on this darksome night, that he may remember My days wherein he stood before My face, heard the shrill voice of My Pen, and spoke My beauteous praise. We make mention of thy wife who presented herself, circumambulated, and heard that which the tongue of the Wronged One uttered while in His mighty Prison. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who love thee for My sake and hearken unto thy word concerning My mighty Cause.

As for what thou hast mentioned regarding Baba Husayn, remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the worlds. His letter was not presented, yet the Wronged One read it, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My greetings unto him. We have remembered him in such wise as to cause the mountains to soar, how much more minds and hearts. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is indeed the One Who encompasseth both what hath been and what shall be.

We remember My loved ones in Kaf and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy, the Mighty, the Loving. We counsel them to manifest the most great steadfastness. Soon will a cawing one appear there and utter that which none before him hath uttered. Pay no heed unto him. Turn with illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of existence. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, that men may attain certitude in the verses of their Lord.

As to what thou didst mention regarding trustworthiness, verily We have made mention of ʿAli in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times mercy from His presence. By the life of God! He beholdeth Me and We behold him, and he heareth My verses at the time of their revelation together with the denizens of the most exalted Paradise. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names from His praiseworthy station. Should there be a righteous and steadfast son of him who hath ascended, the trust shall be returned unto him, otherwise it shall go to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, and whosoever findeth therein a Tablet in My handwriting shall return it to My residence. This is what God hath ordained. Blessed is he who acteth and attaineth, and woe betide every heedless and veiled one.

As to what thou didst mention regarding him who is named Ali-Akbar, brother of one who loveth Me, We make mention of him at this moment as a token of Our grace, for verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Ali-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth thee to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Call hath been raised to draw thee unto a place where thou shalt hear from all things:

> "The gates of heaven have been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty."

We have stood firm in the Cause before the faces of princes and divines on a day wherein earthquakes seized the tribes of the earth through the might of those who violated God's Covenant and Testament. Thus did their souls entice them, and they are of those who are the most lost, as recorded in a mighty Tablet. We beheld thy devotion and turned toward thee, and We heard thy call and called out to thee from the right side of the luminous Spot, that there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Turn with thy outward and inward being toward the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's verses, the

Dayspring of His Revelation, the Manifestation of His Self, the Source of His clear tokens, and the Treasury of His knowledge. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, and hath taken the chalice of immortality in the name of the Lord of all being, and hath drunk therefrom in His name, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful. This is the Day whereof the Books of God gave tidings aforetime, yet the people are in thick veils. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the Pharaohs of the age, then aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. Thus doth this Wronged One command thee from this remote station. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou hast drunk from the cup of My utterance the choice wine of My love, and the rapture of the Call from the precincts of My prison hath seized thee, turn thy face toward the House and say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me, made me know Thee, caused me to hear, and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause, whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of the world, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of eternity, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that the clamor of the people shall not prevent me, nor shall the might of those who have denied the Resurrection terrify me.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom and the mysteries of Thy utterance to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and assist Thy Cause. O Lord! Withhold me not from Thy sealed choice wine, whose seal was broken by Thy name, the Self-Subsisting. Then preserve me from the croaking of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs and have risen to mislead Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH00879: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, who hath traversed the lands to exalt My Word, to kindle My love, and to cause the dawning of the Day-Star of My Revelation, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the Call: We created you for My knowledge, caused you to speak for My remembrance, and bestowed upon you insight to behold My signs. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Verily the Euphrates of utterance hath flowed in the realm of possibility, and the path of God hath appeared. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this manifest bounty. We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Thy letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud hath come, and the Most Great Branch hath presented it in the Most Luminous Spot. We have answered thee with verses at whose appearance the

books of the people have bowed down. He Who possesseth the Hidden Tablet beareth witness unto this, wherein mention was made of him who turned unto My horizon, uttered My praise, held fast unto My cord, and soared in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the Possessor of existence. We named him Badi' in the Book of Names and made known unto him My Extended Path.

O Badi'! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. We counsel thee with a word whereby the hearts of the world will be set ablaze. Be a fire in My love, enkindled by My verses, attracted by My melodies, and acting according to what We have commanded thee in My Books, My Psalms, and My Scrolls. Thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be thou articulate with that which will attract the hearts of My loved ones. Read the Tablet of Wisdom which We sent down aforetime as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

This is a Day wherein that which would extinguish the fire of existence profiteth not. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. How many a wise one hath been prevented from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many an unlettered one hath hastened, taken the choice wine, and drunk in My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

We have assisted thee, taught thee, and made thee known, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord. Arise unto that which thou art commanded. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from Its praiseworthy station.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Convey My glorification unto his face and give him glad tidings of that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, that the Call may attract him to My horizon and draw him nigh unto My forbidden station.

We have desired to make mention of Our loved ones in Bahram and remind them of what hath been revealed from My Pen, and give them glad tidings of My favor, for I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O My loved ones there! Hearken unto the Call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of you for the sake of God and remembereth you with that which attracteth the hearts of them that are brought nigh. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Promised One hath come, and the Jews have believed in Him, yet the people of the Furqan are in manifest error. They mount the pulpits and speak that which melteth the livers of the sincere ones. Beware lest the cawing of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Religion prevent you. Take hold of the Book of God with the power We have given you. This is what We commanded you aforetime and at this time.

We have mentioned in various Tablets him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We beseech God to strengthen him, to aid him, and to draw him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of God! Take hold of that which will exalt the Cause of your Lord, and set aside what ye have heard before. I am, verily, the Counselor, the All-Knowing. By My life! We have mentioned you through

My Most Exalted Pen with such a mention as cannot be equaled by the mention of the world, and have revealed for you that which all the treasuries of kings and rulers cannot match. Arise to perform such deeds whose fragrance will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thus doth command you He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O Joseph Kh! Upon thee be My Glory! He who loved Me hath mentioned thee, whereupon We made mention of thee with that which the happenings of the world can never alter. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Preserve this most exalted station through the Name of thy Lord, the Creator of heaven. He, verily, witnesseth and seeth; He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the promptings of the deceivers, who have turned away from God and committed that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere to lament, shall deter thee. Among them are those who traveled to various regions with another soul.

We found them in manifest loss. They presented not themselves before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison to hear the Call of God, the Lord of all worlds. They wandered in the realms of fancy and turned away from the Dayspring of certitude. They departed with conjecture and returned with idle fancies. Thus did their souls entice them, without any clear proof from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. They hastened to the pond and turned away from the Most Great Ocean. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen testify in this Luminous Tablet. Say: Be fair in your judgment, by God, and follow not the ways of the ignorant. The rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary hath been raised before your faces. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this manifest grace.

O Ahmad! There is in My heart no hatred for thee, nor for any of God's servants. We counsel thee with that which God hath counseled thee in His Books, His Scriptures, and His Tablets. Fear God, and be not of the wrongdoers. Lo, the Lote-Tree is before thy face—behold its fruits and its leaves. Lo, the heaven is before the faces of the learned ones and the princes—observe it and its stars. Beware lest thou follow the fancies of the doubters. It behooveth thee to present thyself before the Wronged One and hear what thou hast not heard before. Thy Lord remembereth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, as a grace from His presence. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus hath the ocean of My utterance surged, and the fragrance of My loving-kindness wafted, and the light of My grace shone forth. When thou findest the sweet scents of My verses, say:

My God, my God! Aid me to be just and fair, and to gaze upon the signs of Thy Most Exalted Pen with mine own eyes and not with the eyes of others. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to unveil for me as Thou hast unveiled Thy Cause for others. O Lord! Disappoint me not of what I seek from the wonders of Thy grace, and deprive me not of recognizing Thee and turning toward Thy Most Great Cause and Thy Mighty Message. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Haydar-ʿAli! We began with a mention and concluded with My loving-kindness toward thee, and every name that was in thy book hath attained unto a mention which, in the estimation of God, is more precious than all things and more exalted than all names. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Creator, my Fashioner and my Maker, for having caused me to turn towards the

splendors of Thy countenance, to speak forth Thy praise and remembrance, and to hold fast unto Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest me standing ready to serve Thee. I beseech Thee to inspire me with that which shall deliver me through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My dominion be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who love thee, and who hearken unto thy word in this mighty Cause.

BH00975: O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! The mention…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Samandar, upon thee be My glory! The mention of the loved ones of that land hath ever been and continueth to be before the Most Holy Court, and from the Most Great Ocean there floweth forth unto each one a gulf of bounty, and the rain of mercy descendeth. The letter of Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, which he wrote to thee, was presented before the face of this Wronged One, and the servant in attendance submitted it all. We heard his call and beheld his deeds. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

According to what was mentioned, the deniers among the people of the Bayan have said that the people of Baha speak unseemly words regarding the martyrs and His Holiness Hujjat—upon them be all the most glorious glory and all the most luminous light—and that they do not accept the Bayan. This is naught but a mighty calumny. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically regarding the martyrs is without peer or equal. For each one, a specific tribute hath flowed from the Ancient Pen. The visitation [tablets] that are extant—every letter thereof beareth witness to the bounty and loving-kindness, the tenderness and mercy, of God, exalted be His glory. Yet have heedless souls, through these calumnies, withheld the poor and hapless servants of God from their Lord; even as the factions of former times, by their vain imaginings, deprived the people of the Sovereign of mankind.

Imaginary cities and fabricated invocations, in the Day of Reckoning, appeared in the form of a sword, and there befell the Lord of the worlds that whereat the very atoms of existence wept. The source of the people's illusions hath even forbidden the meeting of the people of Baha, lest they should hear the call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting; even as the idolaters of old withheld the people from meeting the companions.

A special exposition of this Cause descended from the heaven of the Divine Will, and every letter thereof, in eloquent tongue, proclaimeth this Most Great Revelation. And the Primal Point—may the souls of all else but Him be a sacrifice unto Him—commanded that all should recite it, that haply they may not be deprived of the surging waves of the Ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, nor be barred from the cry of Him Who conversed on Sinai in this Revelation. These words have ever been, and still are, the words of the idolaters; even as the Shi'ih party, in the mosques and from the pulpits, proclaim: "This people believe not in the Qur'an nor in the Apostle." May God confound their understanding and break their necks! By My life, the truth is as manifest and resplendent as the sun.

Say: O servants! Deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of the Days of God. The criers—that is, they that turn away—among the people of the Bayan hinder the servants in towns and cities from God, and summon them unto the calumnies and idle fancies of former times. They have purposed to fashion a party, after the likeness of the Shi'ih. It behoveth every soul who hath quaffed of the sealed Wine, in the name of the Qayyum, to guard mankind, in perfect love and in the spirit of fragrance and life, from the bondage of these imaginations, that perchance they may be awakened and may not swerve from the straight Path of God; even as the Shi'ih party, from the very first days, arose in denial and opposition, and from the pulpits reviled God, exalted be His glory.

God hath ever done what He willeth, and ordained what He pleaseth. His Cause is manifest, and His decree triumphant. From the beginning until now, the Imam of the faces of men—high and low, learned and mighty, rulers and subjects—hath, without veil or concealment, stood forth and spoken; to this beareth witness every informed soul and every fair-minded seer. Neither the majesty of the world, nor the clamour of the nations, nor the ظلم of the aggressors, nor the tyranny of the defiant, hath withheld Him from the Cause of God. Yet when the Cause was made manifest, they rushed forth from behind the veils of the idolaters and the worshippers of illusion, and, with swords of hatred, purposed to strike at the Desire of all mankind. Say: Where were ye when the limbs of the world were trembling for fear of these days? Where were ye when the Wronged One was beneath chains and fetters?

A soul who was reckoned among the servants, beguiled by certain idolaters, arose in opposition, and by vain imaginings deprived the weak of the earth from the Supreme Apex, from the Utmost Goal, and from the Most Exalted Horizon. Seventy persons were present in that journey, and beheld with their own outward eyes that that phantom-like person was powerless to utter a word in the presence of Him Who is the Almighty. We beseech God that He deprive not hearts and minds of the light of truth. Verily He is powerful over all things.

O Husayn! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books, in spite of those who denied God and His signs, and turned away from Him Whom they were wont to invoke by night and by day. Well is it with thee, and blessed art thou. Say:

My God, my God! All praise be to Thee for having taught me, and made me to know, and shown me, and caused me to hear, and guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Cause. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge, O Lord of all being, to assist Thy servants to rend asunder the veils that have hindered them from turning towards Thee and drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy testimonies and the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Repository of Thy knowledge. O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I have turned toward Thee, holding fast to Thy sure handle and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty, O Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee to aid Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! Withhold them not from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness, nor from the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the One in Whose grasp lie the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all on this dark night to wisdom and forbearance with the peoples of the earth, both learned and ignorant. Move with love, and with utmost joy and radiance set forth the

revealed verses and manifest proofs. Today the helper of the Cause is the fear of God, and Its hosts are goodly deeds and virtuous character. The splendors shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon you, O My friends and loved ones who were not deterred by the clamor of the heedless nor the croaking of the croakers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00974: O Ism-i-Jud! The Lord of existence is seen beneath…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Ism-i-Jud! The Lord of existence is seen beneath the claws of hatred. Nevertheless, We desire to make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Kazim—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—that the attraction of remembrance may draw him to a station from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, yet the people are heedless. They have denied the bounty of the Utterance and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise in the highest heaven to lament—a station which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Kazim! Upon thee be My glory! Hear in the Persian tongue: Thy mention hath ever been before the Wronged One, and the gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee. There befell Us what hath befallen Us. I swear by the ocean of utterance, had We not borne hardships in God's path, His Cause would have remained behind a veil. Fire in His path is light, and tribulation in His love is rest—nay, He is the Master of all mercies and the Sovereign of all comfort. Some time ago thou didst mention those who journeyed from the Land of Sad to that land. It was observed. Say: O my handmaiden, praise the Desired One of all worlds that thou hast been honored by His mention and distinguished by His favor. The Glory be upon thee from Us, and upon those with thee, and upon every maidservant who hath turned and believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We send greetings to the handmaidens of that land who have quaffed the choice wine and turned unto the Most Glorious Horizon, and We give them glad tidings of God's grace, kindness and mercy.

O Muhammad-Rida!

Thy name hath been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Know thou the worth of the Days of God; strive, perchance thou mayest be enabled to perform such a deed as shall be recorded in the Book of Acceptance. Praised be God! Thou hast been aided to attain unto that which, in the sight of God, hath been adorned with the ornament of approval; and We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, son of Husayn, that he may rejoice in the grace of his Lord, the All-Forgiving. Unceasingly is the Tongue uttering, the Pen moving, and the Gaze directed. We beseech God that He deprive not the peoples of the earth of this most great bounty and this supreme gift; that He guide them all and confirm them, that they may set their faces toward the Most Great Ocean and attain unto that for which they have been brought from non-existence into being. In nights and days, from the treasury of the Supreme Pen, the pearls of wisdom and utterance are revealed; yet eyes are withheld and deprived.

O Kazim!

The surging waves of the Ocean of the bounty of the Imam of the faces are seen in their utmost height, yet the people are behind veils of fancies and conjectures. With the hand of power He, at every moment, hath rent a veil asunder; but unjust souls—especially the criers—have contrived yet another veil. We beseech God to confirm mankind to preserve the pearls of wisdom and utterance that have issued forth from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen. By the Sun of Justice, shining from the horizon of the Most Great Prison! Should any soul, with keen sight, gaze upon the pearls of the Ocean of utterance, he would account aught save God as naught and lost, and would arise with the greatest steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all men—an arising that the winds of doubt and the insinuations of the peoples of the world shall not stir. Blessed is he that hath found the fragrance of My robe and hath said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the world; and Thine is the bounty, O Beloved of them that are in the heavens and on the earths!"

And We make mention of thy brother, who hath been named Muhammad, son of Sadiq, that the attraction of the utterance may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad Sadiq! Turn thou, with thy whole being, unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and say:

My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by that which is in Thy knowledge and ordained in Thy mighty Book to strengthen me in steadfastness unto this manifest Cause. Then I implore Thee, O God of all contingent beings and desire of all things existent, by the Word through which the ocean of knowledge surged in all creation and the sun of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, to write for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for me that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Thou Who art wronged and O Thou Who art imprisoned in the Most Great Prison! Remember him whose name was present in the Most Great Scene, that he may arise to serve the Cause, detached from all that was and shall be.

O Asadu'llah! The Lord of mankind remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. We were seated upon the thrones and speaking in praise when a new governor arrived in this city which was named with the Most Beautiful Names by the One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. When he was established in [the seat of] power, he committed that which caused the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament, and said that which caused the hearts of those who circle round God's throne, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to burn. By God's life! We bore the hardships of the earth out of Our desire to manifest the Cause, but most of the people understand not. Say: Tribulation hath never hindered the Baha. He hath stood before all faces with a power that caused the feet of the mystics and the learned to slip, yet the people understand not. We have appeared and manifested what We desired through Our power, and I am verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. If thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, arise and say:

By Thy glory, O Desire of the world! I find none to remember me who can reach the atmosphere of the glory of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and Thy Crimson Ark and the Tablet

wherein Thou hast mentioned those who turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon on this blessed and praiseworthy Day, to protect Thy loved ones from the harm of those who understand not.

O ʿAli! The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty turneth toward thee from His Most Great Prison. Canst thou hear and act upon what the Most Exalted Pen commandeth thee at this moment? Put aside the world in the name of thy Lord and take with the hands of power My perspicuous Book. Neither their books nor their sciences and arts will profit the people except through turning to this Most Great Ocean which surgeth through this manifest Name. What they possess will not profit the world except through My luminous and shining Command. We beseech God to strengthen thee in the greatest steadfastness and aid thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him at all times. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have not broken His Covenant and His Testament, who have arisen and declared: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

BH01002: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Consoler, the Comforter, the All-Merciful, the All-Bountiful!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come from the Most Exalted Horizon is the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, and the Master of the Beginning and the End. Whoso cleaveth unto Him hath verily cleaved unto God's mighty cord, and whoso holdeth fast unto His hem hath verily held fast unto the hem of God, the Holy, the Pure, the Mighty, the Luminous.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Whose voice was raised from the Most Exalted Horizon is indeed the One Who conversed upon Sinai, Who is established upon the Throne of Revelation, through Whom the Trump was blown, through Whom the decree of resurrection was fulfilled, and through Whom those that lay in their graves arose. Whoso heareth His call hath verily heard the Call of God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath verily turned unto God. Blessed is the strong one whom neither the might of the oppressors nor the power of the tyrants could deter. He stood before all faces and proclaimed with loudest voice:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! The Day hath appeared wherein the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Symbol, which had been concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest."

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My handmaiden and My leaf whom the rapture of the Call seized and whom the wine of the utterance of the Lord of the Kingdom of Names intoxicated, to such extent that she sacrificed herself in the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and His mighty and glorious Cause. Say: The peace that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Batha, and the blessings that descend from the heaven of grandeur and bounty, and the light that dawneth from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of the Lord of all creation, be upon thee, O luminous leaf who hast sprouted forth on the Mount of Sinai through the will of God, Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

I testify that thou didst answer thy Lord when His call was raised, and didst turn unto Him when most of His servants turned away. I bear witness that the Word attracted thee and the proof seized thee in such wise that thou didst detach thyself from the world and its colors, its ornaments, its pleasures, its blessings and its bounties, hoping for God's loving-kindness and mercy, God's grace and bounty, God's glory and splendor.

O My handmaiden! By thy tribulation the Tablet in the hand of Baha did lament, and the tongues of the faithful were stilled from mentioning thy Lord, the Most High. By what befell thee, the hearts of the holy ones in the crimson chambers and in the Most Exalted Paradise did melt. Alas, alas, for what thou didst hear and witness in the days of God from those who broke God's covenant and His testament, cast aside His laws and His verses, and from those women who denied God and His sovereignty and turned away from approaching His court and entering the precincts of His gate.

I testify that thou didst drink from the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness the Kawthar of divine knowledge and the choice wine of utterance, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the most exalted station. Thou art she whom the veils of those handmaidens who cast aside the Book of God, the Lord of all mankind, did not hinder. By thy tribulation hearts were consumed and livers melted, and the people of the cities of unity did lament, and the Maid of Heaven cried out in the midmost heart of Paradise.

I testify that the love of thy Lord inflamed thee, His nearness consumed thee, distance from His presence burned thee, and separation in His days destroyed thee. Alas, alas, for how griefs seized thee from every direction and prevented thee from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. Whenever thou didst hasten, turn and approach, yearning to meet thy Beloved and thy Goal, thou didst find the irrevocable decree as a barrier between thee and the Lord of Eternity, the Object of worship of the nations. And whenever thou didst reflect in the night seasons and at dawn that perchance thou mightest find a way to meet thy Lord, lo, the wall of denial from those who disbelieved in God, thy Chosen Lord, prevented thee.

I bear witness that thou didst believe in God and in that which was sent down from the heaven of His utterance and the horizon of His bounty, and in that which appeared from Him and was manifested by His command. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to send down upon thee at all times from the heaven of the loving-kindness of His Name, the Most Merciful, mercy from His presence and blessing from His side. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O My leaf! Rejoice in the Most Exalted Paradise in what hath at this moment been sent down for thee from the Pen of thy Most Glorious Lord. Blessed art thou for having attained unto a mention that shone forth from the mouth of thy Lord's will. The lights have shone forth in the horizons and the light of utterance hath gleamed forth from the word of thy Lord, the King of the Day of Meeting. I bear witness, O My handmaiden, to thy confession and acknowledgment, thy turning and orientation, thy remembrance and praise of thy Lord, thy Creator, thy Quickener, thy Manifester, and the Manifestation of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I bear witness that by My mention the ocean of forgiveness did surge, and the fragrance of the loving-kindness of Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, hath wafted in such wise that We have heard from the right side "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all worlds," and from the left

“Glory be to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High,” and from before Us “The Lord of all beings hath come with a sovereignty whereby the back of vain imaginings hath been broken.”

Thus have the verses been sent down from the heaven of Our loving-kindness unto thee, O My handmaiden and My leaf, who art mentioned in My sacred court and upon My intimate carpet. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee, upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outward and thine inward being, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Stay, my Desire and my Object of worship! I beseech Thee by them who hastened to the place of sacrifice in their longing to attain Thy presence, and by their blood which was shed in Thy path, and by the heads which were raised upon spears in Thy Name, and by the bodies which were consumed by the fire of hatred in Thy days and in Thy love, and by this handmaiden whose heart was melted in separation from Thee and whose inner being was attracted by the breezes of Thy verses and the fragrances of Thy utterance, and who was seized by Thy sweetest call and the rustling of Thy Most Exalted Pen in such wise that she sacrificed her spirit, her soul and all she possessed in Thy path, that Thou ordain for them who have turned unto Thee what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones.

Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by her and by her love and her turning unto Thee and her orientation towards Thee, and by her grief in her remoteness from the carpet of Thy nearness and the Dayspring of Thy reunion and meeting with Thee, that Thou forgive me and Thy friends and Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Great.

O my God, bestow Thy blessings, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and Thy handmaidens who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who have acted in accordance with what they were bidden in Thy Perspicuous Book. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Generous.

BH01063: O Ahmad! Be thou ready to hearken unto…

In the Name of Him Who is Sovereign over all Names!

O Ahmad! Be thou ready to hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One. He, verily, desireth to make mention of thee at this time. The glances of the tender mercies of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been directed towards thee. He hath aided thee to turn towards Him when all learned ones turned away, and guided thee to His path when the people were lost in manifest doubt. He enabled thee to go forth from thy home, turning thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou didst traverse the ways until thou didst arrive and attain His presence, and didst hear the Voice of God, the Lord of the worlds, and beheld that whereunto eyes were created to see and ears to hear His wondrous call.

Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty, and be not of them whom sorrows have overtaken in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We desire to behold thee content with that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to see thee among those who rejoice. By the life of God! He who hath ascended is, verily, in an exalted station with thy Lord, and desireth not to return to this world. Thy Lord is, in truth,

the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. We have recorded his mention in the Crimson Tablet through My Most Exalted Pen. This is a bounty from Our presence which nothing that the people possess today can equal. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-before-Rida, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of all mankind, the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below, and be of them that have attained. Thou hast indeed attained unto My revelations, turned towards My horizon, held fast unto My cord, and clung to the hem of the robe of My mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee. Verily, it is the abode of trials and tribulations. To this testifieth the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names. Soon shall all that is therein perish, and there shall endure only that which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee before, and at this time. Render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. Thou hast created me through Thy grace and brought me forth through Thy generosity and enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and the Manifestation of Thy Self on a day when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee, violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, disputed Thy signs, and denied Thy proof and Thy testimony. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the hearts of them that know Thee and the Beloved of the hearts of them that are sincere, by the breezes of the morn of Thy manifestation and by the fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause and by the fragrances of Thy days and by Thy verses which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will for Thy servants, to draw me ever closer to Thy most exalted horizon in all conditions and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants.

O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto the lights of Thy countenance and held fast unto the cord of Thy forgiveness and pardon. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the stream of Thy mercy nor deprive me from the ocean of Thy favors. Wilt Thou turn away the poor one from the ocean of Thy riches or remove the needy one from the gardens of Thy nearness? I implore Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory and the banners of Thy signs to ordain for me that which shall abide with me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Educator of all things visible and invisible. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering.

Hear ye in the Persian tongue, O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to God that through the favors of the Lord of all beings and the traces of His Pen thou hast attained, and by the light of His knowledge thou art illumined. Give praise to the Desired One of the world that afterward He did not withhold thee from His grace. Outwardly thou art distant, but inwardly near. He is the Gracious, the Merciful. The whole world was brought from nothingness into being for this blessed Day, yet heedlessness and pride have prevented all from hearkening to the call of Him Who spoke upon Sinai. They are seen wandering confused and bewildered in the wilderness of ignorance. The recompense of deeds hath been made manifest and hath prevented all save whom God willeth. And ye have attained unto that which hath had and hath no likeness. Verily the Cause is in His hand; He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

His honor Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, hath attained unto that which hath been revealed from the Divine Pen in the Book of Meanings. O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory. Know thou the value of this station. Convey My greetings unto the people of God in that land. Say: I swear by the Sun of utterance which shineth and is manifest from the most exalted horizon of possibility that ye are all mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are the recipients of His favors. Today is the day of mention and praise and the day of service. Deprive not yourselves. Ye are the letters of the words and the words of the Book.

Ye are saplings planted by the hand of loving-kindness in the soil of mercy, and have been nurtured by the showers of grace. He hath protected you from the tempests of misbelief and the thunderbolts of infidelity, and hath reared you with the hands of tenderness. Now is the time for fruits and leaves, and the fruits of the divine tree have ever been and are goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Withhold not these fruits from the heedless. Show them forth with spirit and joy, with wisdom and utterance. If they accept, the aim is achieved and life is manifest; otherwise, leave them to their vain imaginings.

O people of God! Strive ye that perchance the hearts of the diverse peoples of the world may be cleansed and sanctified from rancor and hatred through the waters of your forbearance and loving-kindness, and become worthy and receptive of the splendors of the Sun of Truth. We convey greetings to all and give them the glad-tidings of the outpourings of the lights of the Lord's favors. O friends! Know ye the value of these days, for they will soon come to an end. At all times counsels of loving-kindness have flowed from the Pen of the Merciful. Blessed are they who have hearkened and acted, and whom the doubts and appearances and diversities of these two days have not kept back from the straight path and the mighty announcement. O people of God! Upon you be the glory of God and His favors and the mercy of God and His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Exalted, the Great.

BH01138: O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God!…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The letter of Husayn Ba'i, upon him be My Glory, was received, was graced with Our glance and honored by Our hearing, and was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In this Most Exalted Station, mention of him hath been sent down from the Supreme Horizon. Were the songs of the birds of the Cause, which warble upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of utterance, to pass from the hidden to the manifest, the world would be struck with awe and wonderment. His honor Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, from among the people of Nur and Ra, We have made mention of. We beseech God to protect him and ordain for him what he desireth of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mahmud! We have heard thy communion with God and have answered thee with this clear exposition. We make mention of Ata'u'llah and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and remind him of My verses. I am verily the All-Knowing Rememberer. We make mention of Ibn-i-Kamal who attained My presence, circumambulated around Me, and held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to My robe. We beseech God to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty that which befitteth His grace and generosity. He is verily the Generous, the Munificent.

O Mahmud! Upon thee be My Glory! We made mention of thee before and at this hour. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who turned towards God on a day whereon every perfidious unfortunate one and every doubting scholar turned away.

And give glad-tidings unto him who is named ʿAbdu'llah of My remembrance. We beseech God to forgive him and his father as a bounty from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God! The people of Baku are seen to be ablaze with the fire of the love of God, exalted be His glory. O people of God! Strive that ye may attain unto that which shall never be erased from the ledger of the world. The Wronged One counseleth you to fear God and to observe wisdom. In the Most Holy Book, which hath been sent down from God's holy kingdom, this blessed verse hath been recorded:

> "Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship."

O Friend of God and His loved ones! Devote your efforts to teaching the Cause and associate with the people of the world in unity and concord, that the fragrance of virtuous character may be diffused throughout the world and others may be attracted by that fragrance and perchance attain unto what God hath willed and find it.

The people of Ba are all remembered before the Wronged One, both men and women. We give them glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, and We give them glad-tidings of God's grace, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And as to what his honor Ibn-i-Attar, upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness, wrote regarding the sum he wished to spend according to ancient custom for the Mother of the Near Ones, upon her be My Glory and loving-kindness: according to the wish of My Name Jamal, upon him be My Glory and mercy, it was given to one of the leaves of the Tree. Excellent is what Ibn-i-Attar hath done. Blessed is he in that he hath hearkened unto what was commanded by My Name Jamal. We have made mention of the Mother of the Near Ones with such remembrance before which all mention boweth down, in recompense for what she did in the path of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

And as to thy mention of deputyship from his honor Shaykh, upon him be My peace and loving-kindness: We have accepted what thou hast desired as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Kind, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Asad! Upon thee be My glory! The missive of Haydar, who before was named Ali, attained the presence and was honored to hear that which was uttered from the Mount. In truth he is steadfast in service to the Cause and speaks in praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. We give him glad tidings, strengthen him, aid him, make mention of him, and beseech God to assist him with the hosts of His wisdom and utterance and the legions of His grace and favor. Verily He is the Generous, the Munificent, the Ancient Bestower. The names mentioned in his letter have all been honored with the mention of the Supreme Pen and its verses. Previously, numerous Tablets were sent, and for some of the souls mentioned in this letter there was revealed that which giveth rise to noble character and quickeneth moldering bones. We beseech the True One to aid His servants that they may drink from the ocean of the All-Merciful's

utterance and arise to champion the divine religion. Such is the call of the Wronged One of the world, raised from the shore of the sea of utterance.

Counsel and exhortation have reached such a degree that upon everything a pulpit hath been erected, and upon it a counselor engaged in refining souls. The bounty is God's, Lord of all worlds. His is the grace, His the generosity. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily He maketh mention and guideth the way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Give thou the glad tidings to Haydar—upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny—of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. O Asad! The letter of Muhammad-Hashim—upon him and his two brothers be My glory—was seen. Praise be to God, the fragrances of the love of the Truth, exalted be His glory, wafted therefrom. Blessed is he and joy be unto him. Beseech thou the Truth to aid him to serve the Cause and whatsoever beseemeth His manifest and luminous Day. His kinsmen who have quaffed the sealed wine are each mentioned before the Wronged One and have been blessed with the verses of the divine Pen.

Likewise another page was observed. We heard and saw that the souls mentioned therein were each blessed with the utterance of the Goal of the world's desire. Muhammad-Hashim was honored with My mention, and Husayn after Muhammad was graced with My attention toward him, and Muhammad was adorned with the ornament of My wondrous mention. In brief, all the names mentioned are remembered at the Divine Throne and blessed with special favors. The glory of God rest upon them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH01169: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and sent forth the Messengers, making them the Manifestations of His Revelation, the Dawning-Places of His inspiration, and the Harbingers of what He hath sent down in His Books, His Psalms and His Tablets. He is verily the Single, the One, the Unique, like unto Whom there is nothing. He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Single, the All-Informed.

The Wronged One beareth witness to His unity and oneness, and to His greatness and sovereignty. He it is Who hath spoken with the tongue of will concerning the unity of His Being and the unity of His attributes, and hath caused all things to speak that there is no God but He. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the understanding of all created things. Through Him the ocean of bounty hath surged in the world and the banner of unity hath been raised amidst the nations. And blessings and peace be upon the Dawning-Place of the Word of God, the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Source of His laws—He through Whom the countenance of the Hijaz smiled and the horizons were illumined with the light of concord.

He it is Who gave glad tidings to all of the hidden Mystery and the treasured Symbol, and informed the people of the Hour and its signs, and the Resurrection and its mysteries. And upon His family and

companions who strove in the path of God with true striving and sacrificed their souls and their possessions for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause, and upon those who acted according to what they were commanded in His Book, which God made to be supreme over all books and through which He separated truth from falsehood, from that Day until the Day when the trumpet shall be blown and all who are in the heavens and earth shall swoon away, save those whom God willeth.

And now, O thou who hast turned towards Him! The Wronged One mentioneth thee for the sake of God with that which shall profit thee in the hereafter and in this world, and counseleth thee in all circumstances to perform deeds and to show forth character, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, shall be exalted.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned: Spiritual virtues and goodly deeds are as wings for the human temple and as hosts for the triumph of the Divine Cause. A single pure word, free from the dust of vain imaginings, delivered and granted salvation to an entire city. The details thereof have been mentioned before. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance and hath acted according to what was commanded in the Book of his Lord, the All-Merciful.

Praise be to God that thou hast turned thy face and directed thyself to the horizon of the Prison, and hast drunk from the cup of contentment. How many souls at all times sought divine confirmation from the Lord of all beings but attained it not, while thou didst arrive and hear that which its hearing is the cause of salvation and the source of prosperity. Today all the believers must, with the utmost humility and supplication, beseech assistance from the Lord of the Worlds, for all find themselves confronting the assaults of the ungodly. Each day they seize one pillar and destroy another, and this is naught but the recompense of deeds. All must today utter this most exalted word:

O God of the worlds and Creator of the nations! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to protect Thy lands from Thine enemies and Thy countries from the oppressors among Thy servants. O Lord! We have returned unto Thee and repented of our transgressions and errors, and have turned with our hearts and faces toward Thee, O Kaaba of the yearning ones, Answerer of the prayers of the distressed, and God of all in the heavens and earths. We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the cities and souls to blot out our evil deeds and to pass over what our hands have wrought. Verily Thou art He to Whose mercy all atoms bear witness and to Whose generosity all beings testify. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qabil-i-Karim! Make mention of the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One. Ever hath the tongue been occupied with the praise of His loved ones and the Pen moved by that which exalteth them. Blessed art thou, for thou hast endured hardships and tribulations in the path of God and hast traversed both land and sea until thou didst attain thy goal and didst convey the remembrances of the friends of God. Praise be to God that each one hath been made the recipient of mention and adorned with the grace of the Friend. We beseech God to ordain for them what He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to decree for them the reward of this world and of the world to come. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings and the King of the throne above and the earth below. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

If thou shouldst meet Muhammad-Qabil-i-Hasan, convey Our greetings and say: Thou hast not been forgotten. Verily thy Lord loveth faithfulness and He prayeth God to assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to aid thee in His remembrance and praise amongst all peoples. We beseech confirmation for all, that perchance the clamor of the aggressive ones, the tyranny of the oppressors, and the might of the deniers may not prevent the people of unity from the Most Exalted Word. We hope that God, exalted be His glory, may guide all the world and direct them to the straight path. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

And at the conclusion of this epistle, may the mercy sent down from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, be upon His Prophets and His Messengers and His chosen ones who have sacrificed their souls and have not broken the Covenant, and upon every one who hath turned toward His most exalted horizon and whom nothing hath deterred therefrom. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

BH01244: O Muhammad! We make mention of thee that My…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O Muhammad! We make mention of thee that My remembrance may attract thee, My call draw thee nigh, My utterance strengthen thee, and My loving-kindness sustain thee amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The treasures of meaning and utterance cannot equal the remembrance of thy Lord—to this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We made mention of thee before in words wherewith all things have spoken—sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

The fragrance of the garment of utterance hath been diffused from the Mount of Knowledge, and the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out with the loudest voice, yet most of the people remain heedless. They who are heedless this day of My choice sealed wine—these have no portion in God's Book, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of you in numerous Tablets. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and desireth him who desireth Him—a grace from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned toward My horizon, who hath drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness, who hath soared in the atmosphere of My love, who hath responded when My call was raised, who hath spoken My praise among My servants, who hath held fast to the cord of My grace and clung to the hem of the robe of My generosity—he who hath been named Hussein in My writings and dominions. He is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark, inscribed in a Tablet which none hath beheld save My All-Knowing Self.

Say: The first utterance which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of mystic knowledge from the All-Merciful is upon thee, O thou who hast turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon, who art attracted by the screaking of the Most Exalted Pen, who art oriented toward the lights of the Countenance when it appeared after the passing away of all things. Thou art he whom the vicissitudes of the world did not prevent from the Ancient Being, nor did the clamor of nations from His binding Cause. Upon thee be the

glory of God and His mercy, the peace of God and His grace. Blessed art thou for that which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified in thy favor, and for having attained the mention of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Thou art he who hath drunk My choice sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name on a day wherein the servants turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast attained that which was hidden in knowledge and recorded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We bear witness that thou didst stand firm in the Cause when the Hour arose, such that neither the Hour and its portents frightened thee, nor the convulsion of the earth and its quaking. Thou wert steadfast in thy Lord's Cause and didst speak His most great verses among all peoples. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and unto them that love thee, and unto them that make mention of thee according to what hath been sent down from the Tongue of Grandeur in this mighty, this impregnable station.

O God, my God! Lord of the seen and unseen, and Sovereign of existence! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and by Thy chosen ones and pure ones whom nothing whatsoever hath hindered from turning toward Thee—who stood before the faces of the world and declared:

> "We believe in the Dayspring of verses and the Manifestation of clear tokens Who hath come with a brilliant light and a mighty sovereignty"

- to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Then forgive them through Thy grace and generosity. Thou art He by Whose command the ocean of forgiveness surged in the contingent world and the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness wafted among all religions. Then ordain for Thy loved ones the good of the hereafter and of the former days. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou art the Ancient Bestower.

O thou who hast turned to God! Thou hast ever been and art remembered. The Wronged One's gaze hath been and is fixed upon thee. Mention of him who ascended unto God hath been revealed in diverse Tablets, including in a Tablet which was revealed from the heaven of God's Will specifically for His Holiness ʿAba, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and was sent through Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be my glory. Likewise was he mentioned in other Tablets, and in this blessed Tablet too, wherein the Sun of loving-kindness shineth resplendent from its horizon. Convey to all the kindred My greetings from the Wronged One and remind them of the verses of God. Great is this Day.

Blessed is he who hath in this divine Day attained unto the outpourings of the true Bestower. Convey greetings to the people of Baha and say: O people of God! This is your Day. Know ye its worth, recognize its station, and arise as beseemeth you. Fear not the moving bubbles that appear briefly upon fetid waters, for ere long all shall return to their abode. This Wronged One and His loved ones must pray for all, that perchance the hidden rancor in the hearts of the followers of religions may be stilled and the light of harmony and unity may shine forth from the heaven of hearts. This is the purpose of the Wronged One, to which My soul, the Self-Subsisting, doth testify.

O Muhammad! We beseech God to strengthen thee through this Name in His Cause, that thou mayest be as a speaking standard and an upright banner raised high. However, wisdom is called for—wisdom in this

day taketh precedence over most deeds. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the might of the wicked nor the ranks of the idolaters could weaken. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01294: O beloved of my heart! Ustad ʿAli-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him…

He is God!

O beloved of my heart! Ustad ʿAli-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God, has written from the people of Ya to Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. My brother Ustad Kazim, from whom no good effects have been witnessed, has multiple veils. Among them is that this humble one had sent two payments for the Huquq—once through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, and once through His Honor Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. One payment arrived and they wrote it in my brother Ustad Kazim's name. This has become a source of his veils, [saying] "I have not sent any payment, so why has this receipt been sent in my name?" That beloved one should be very careful in writing names, as this servant acts according to that beloved one's letter and sends acknowledgment of receipt. Glory be to God! Such matters should not become causes of veiling, for you are the seeker and the servant writes. Verily He is sanctified from what we have; He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Some receipts were previously sent. It appears some may have been sent repeatedly. Please review and inform which ones have arrived.

Regarding what was written about His Honor Aqa Azizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, what this evanescent one witnessed and testifies to is that he has been and continues to be steadfast in the Cause with perfect love, and has repeatedly attained unto the verses of the Supreme Pen, and there has been revealed for him that which every letter thereof is a true testimony and an articulate witness to the compassion, favor and mercy of the True One, exalted be His glory. He said:

> "O Trustee! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest Justice. Give glad tidings to My servant Aziz of what was revealed for him before and at this time from the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Aziz! Grieve not over anything. Commit thy affairs unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily We have mentioned thee in My verses and given thee glad tidings of My favor and adorned thee with the ornament of My mercy which hath preceded those who are in the heavens and on earth."

We make mention of the loved ones of the land of Kha and convey greetings. For each one has been revealed that by whose light the horizons of utterance are illumined and by whose mention the people of the cities of justice are made joyous and content. Soon it will be sent and will be illumined by the lights of the utterance of the Goal of the worlds.

Regarding what was written that His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Javad (with nun and ra), upon him be the Glory of God, has arranged with that beloved one to deliver the mentioned amount each year, after being

presented at the Most Holy Court, this word appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Goal of the worlds:

> "O Trustee! He hath attained unto acceptance and is engaged in service. Leave this matter to himself so that whatever occurs may be with spirit and fragrance. Verily We greet him once again that he may give thanks to his Lord, the Generous, the Bountiful."

And regarding what was written about Ibn-i-Shahid, upon him be God's Glory and favors—if souls act with perfect spirit and fragrance and gratitude for the sake of God, it is accepted; otherwise, leave them to themselves, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This servant greatly wonders at souls who have attained unto the light of recognition and faith, yet hesitate in what is befitting the Day of God. We beseech God to assist them and grant them success. Verily He is the best Helper and the best Guardian, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

As regards the matter of regular allowances about which they wrote, it is by no means permissible to mention it to them. Concealment of this matter from all is necessary and obligatory. This evanescent servant beseeches God to assist them to attain wealth and independence. If they cleave for a while to contentment and arise to serve, assuredly the gates of bounty will be opened before them and the sun of wealth will shine forth from the horizon of the Ancient Lord's generosity, even as this has been manifested in previous communities and they have heard thereof.

Another matter concerns the funds sent by three trustworthy souls—his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida (of Muhammad-Abad), his honor Karbala'i Aqa Husayn (of Tabas), and his honor Aqa Muhammad-Baqir (of Naraq), upon them be the Glory of God—which were received and accepted with favor. However, the beloved and honored one, Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be [the Glory of God], requested the receipts, as they had been received from him and given several months ago. Later that esteemed one requested them again, and as he repeatedly mentioned this, they were sent. The point is that receipts for these three items have been given twice, and that beloved one should be informed of this.

Another matter: According to the command, if the beloved of the heart, his honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, should proceed to the Caucasus region and conduct himself with wisdom, this would be acceptable and beloved in the sight of God.

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BH01293: O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be My glory…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy letters and petitions, both past and present, have attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. In these days thy mention hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. Make thou mention of the loved ones in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the waves of the ocean of utterance of the Desire of the worlds. They have ever been and continue to be remembered.

Mention hath been made of Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah. O Nasru'llah! My Name hath made mention of thee through a Word from My Tongue whereby were created the heavens and the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. When thou dost inhale the sweet savors of utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having made mention of me in the prison. I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested whatsoever Thy Will desired and Thy Purpose ordained, in such wise that neither the rancor and hatred, nor the swords of the enemies, nor the clamor of the divines who spoke in Thy Name yet turned away from Thy Self, who disputed Thy verses, denied Thy bounty, rejected Thy proof and Thy testimony, and violated Thy Covenant and Testament, could hinder it. I beseech Thee, O God of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art my Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

We make mention of thy son in this station and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all things and My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Verily My Name Jamal desireth that Thou make mention of him who hath turned to My horizon and heard My call, who was named Siyyid before Abdu'llah. Say: O Abdu'llah! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and say:

O Lord of eternity and Desire of the nations! I testify that they who claimed Thy love and spoke Thy praise and beseeched their Lord at all times for Thy manifestation and meeting, and who would rise at the mention of Thy Herald saying "May God hasten His relief," and who lamented in His separation and shed tears in His absence—when the appointed time came and the Light shone forth from the horizon of manifestation, they denied Him and His verses, rejected His right, and denounced Him openly from the pulpits until they pronounced sentence for the shedding of His blood and killed Him with such injustice as caused the dwellers of the pavilions of Thy greatness and the inhabitants of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Sublime Garden to lament.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names, to protect Thy party from the evil of these people, then assist them with the hosts of the unseen and the visible, then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face and circling round the throne of Thy majesty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art He Who with the finger of Thy will didst rend asunder the veils and the shrouds. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

And We make mention in this station of thy wife and give her glad-tidings of the Salsabil of My utterance and the Kawthar of My mercy and the choice wine of My knowledge and the wine of My wisdom, whose decree We have sent down in My perspicuous Book. We beseech God to aid thee and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O daughter of Hashim! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison. Dost thou recognize Him Who maketh mention of thee? This is He by Whose grace the whole world holdeth fast

and by Whose name they speak. From monasteries and temples and mosques and churches do they seek Him and call upon Him, yet remain veiled and debarred from Him. The cause of this debarring hath been and continueth to be the divines of the various parties. Say: […] O my God and my Desire! I praise Thee and beseech of Thee that which befitteth Thy bounty and generosity. Thy handmaiden knoweth not what profiteth or harmeth her. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Within Thy grasp of power lieth all things. Grant that which Thou deemest expedient. Thou art the Bestower, the Loving.

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Praise be to God, My Name is Beauty, upon him be all glory, most glorious. He hath ever been and continueth to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court, especially on this night when the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh his praise, and two days ago a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will for his son, that is, Habibu'llah. We beseech God to assist His servants to hearken unto His utterance in remembrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Compassionate, the Generous.

We wish to make mention of him who is named Davud. Verily We mentioned him before, and We mention him at this hour that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Grace is within the grasp of divine power; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. Davud is in his place while the Wronged One is occupied with his remembrance in the Most Great Prison. No earthly means can equal this bounty. Blessed is he who hath attained in this Day, and woe unto the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be from Us upon those who have heard and answered their Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

BH01290: He gazeth from His most exalted horizon

He gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of Divine Will as a token of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds, that it may draw the servants unto the most exalted horizon and bring them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O thou who hast turned thy face unto the lights of His Countenance! Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. He remembereth thee in the prison and remindeth thee of the verses of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is a Day whereon the Herald hath called out from every direction, the mountains have passed away, the Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon the ocean of divine knowledge, and the Dove of proof hath warbled upon the highest branches. O peoples of the worlds! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, who have disputed His verses and denied His Most Great Cause and His Mighty Message, can ever withhold. The stream of life-giving waters hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have denied God's favor and have changed it into disbelief. Lo! They are among the oppressors in a perspicuous Book.

We have heard mention of thee and have beheld thy turning unto Us. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet. When thou art blessed with it and findest the fragrance of utterance from thy Lord's verses, the All-Merciful, say: "My God, my

God! Praise be unto Thee for having strengthened me, made me recognize Thee, and caused me to hear when Thy sweetest call was raised and the pen of Thy most exalted Pen moved. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world and the banner of Thy remembrance was raised amidst all religions, to make me aflame with the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, illumined by the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation, uttering Thy praise, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, standing before the gate of Thy bounty and generosity, and serving Thy Cause.

> "O Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee and turning unto the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. Ordain for me to attain Thy presence and to stand before the gate of Thy grandeur, and if Thy decree preventeth me from attaining Thy presence, ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have heard Thy sweetest call and have attained Thy presence, O Thou Who art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below! O Lord! Aid me to serve Thy Cause and to arise for that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall hold me back. Then write down for me, O my God and my Master, the good of this world and the next and that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Hear in the Persian tongue: Today is the day of remembrance and praise, and the day of service. Service to God, exalted be His glory, and assistance to His Cause have been and are through goodly deeds, pure character, and the fear of God. We beseech God to assist you in promoting His Cause, that you may be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—an enkindlement which the polluted and fetid waters of religious opposition cannot extinguish. The most excellent of all deeds today is to teach His Cause with joy and fragrance. Whosoever achieves this has achieved all good. Strive that you may attain to that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. The cawing ones are spread abroad like locusts. Beseech God to protect His loved ones in that land. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. Say: O party of God! Hold fast to the cord of patience and cling to the hem of service. This Day has no peer or likeness. Deeds performed therein are the sovereign of all deeds, and remembrance therein is the king of all remembrance. Deprive not yourselves. Set the world ablaze with the fire of the blessed Lote-Tree. Hold fast to the cord of unity and concord. Ere long will the Cause of God encompass all things and its signs appear throughout all regions. We beseech God to assist you and not deprive you of that which is ordained in His Book.

In the Scriptures and Tablets We have counseled the people of God to observe serenity and dignity, humility and submissiveness, kindness and grace, and wisdom. All must hold fast to the cord of wisdom and utter that which God desires. Should you engage in service in that land, the reward of attaining His presence is ordained by God. This matter—namely, teaching—is most great. If you hold fast to it, it is, in the sight of God, closest to godliness. And if you wish to return, there is no objection, provided wisdom dictates it, for the command of wisdom is most firm. In most Tablets We have commanded all to observe it. God suffices as a witness. The glory which proceeds from Us be upon you and upon God's loved ones

there, and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01336: Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth…

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

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and hath come from the heaven of utterance with a mighty proof, and hath spoken before the faces of the world. The hidden hath been revealed and that which was concealed hath come with a luminous light. He hath aided His Cause through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen and hath taken no helper unto Himself. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, and woe unto him who hath clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the certain Truth.

O ʿAli-Akbar! There hath come before the Wronged One the letter thou didst send to Asad, who circled round Me and sought My presence and took for himself a station in My prison. Majdu'd-Din read it before My face. We have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth out with the most exalted call:

> "O concourse of creation! There hath appeared that which hath rolled up the carpet of every learned one and hath caused the hearts of every remote ignorant one to quake."

Verily, he who hath heard the Call is among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have mentioned thee before with a mention which God hath made a treasure for thee in the Kingdom, to which the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, doth testify. Grieve not over the incidents and affairs of the world. There hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which hath brought joy to the hearts of them that are nigh. Had the world any worth before God, the Wronged One would not have been imprisoned in this mighty fortress, nor would the Point of the Bayan have been suspended in the air, nor would the Spirit have been afflicted among the Jews. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a favor from Him unto thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O ʿAli! We were in the land of Ta [Tihran] under chains and fetters for successive months, and in the abode of Mar [Mazindaran] in the hands of the oppressors. Were I to recount to thee what befell Me, thou wouldst lament with the lamentation of the bereft. We have concealed what hath befallen Us lest the cry of them that are nigh and the wailing of the sincere should be raised. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty and art seized by the rapture of My call, say: "My God, my God! I have longed for Thy nearness, and desired to appear before Thy face, to hearken to the shrill voice of Thy Pen, to behold Thy most exalted horizon and the seat of Thy Most Glorious Throne.

Days and nights have passed, yet mine eyes have not been gladdened, mine ears have not been blessed, and my heart hath not rejoiced. My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, turning away from all else. Hast Thou ordained, O my Best-Beloved, my drawing nigh unto the court of Thy oneness and my presence before Thy face, or dost Thou desire to record for me the reward of meeting Thee as a bounty from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence?

> “O Lord! Thou seest what is in my heart and hearest my sighing, my crying and my lamentation in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations, to ordain for me that which shall be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I testify, O my God, to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which hath descended from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. I bear witness that through Thy Most Exalted Word the near ones have soared to the atmosphere of Thy nearness and the sincere ones to the horizon of Thy grace, and through it the river of mercy hath flowed between Thy servants and the scratching of Thy Most Exalted Pen hath been raised among Thy creation. I beseech Thee by the blood of the lovers and the cry of the yearning ones and the rapture of the hearts of the believers to ordain for me in every world of Thy worlds that which shall benefit me and draw me nigh unto Thee. By Thy glory, O Goal of the world! I desire naught but what Thou desirest, and I love naught but what Thou lovest, for I know not what shall profit me and bring me near to Thee. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O Lord! Ordain for me through Thy grace and bounty the best of the hereafter and the former life. Verily Thou are the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.”

Thus hath the Wronged One spoken and mentioned God, thy Lord, with the tongue of thy heart. This is naught but a great favor from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We make mention of Muhammad who hath attained unto My remembrance and heard My call and held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Give him the glad-tidings of My mention of him, then recite unto him what hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter. We beseech God to aid them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to remind them of His signs, and to grant them what hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty. He is verily the Most Merciful of the merciful.

And We make mention of My handmaiden whom thou didst mention in thy letter, who desired to be remembered in the court of My glory and the pavilion of My majesty and the tabernacles of My grandeur. We have mentioned her as a bounty from Our presence and given her the glad-tidings of My tender mercy which hath encompassed the world. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have heard the call and responded, and upon those women who have heard and believed in God, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great.

BH01345: O Attar, upon thee be the Glory of God…

In the name of the One Desired

O Attar, upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors! Asma’i, upon him be the Glory of God, forwarded thy letter to the Most Holy Court where it gained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names in the Most Great Prison. We have heard thy call and what thy tongue hath uttered in remembrance and praise of God. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him on a day when the princes and divines of the earth have turned away from the Horizon of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is a great bounty and a mighty favor. The whole world hath been brought into being to serve the Ancient King. The sun and moon, heaven and earth, all bear witness to this. Nevertheless, when the Horizon of Revelation was illumined with the lights of the countenance of Him Who conversed on Sinai, all turned away and perpetrated that which caused all created things to prefer non-existence to existence. Every hearing ear perceived these words from the tongue of all things:

> "Would that I had never been created and had not witnessed what the hosts of the oppressors inflicted upon the Dayspring of God's Cause!"

Praise be to God that the people of that household have attained unto this supreme honor and this most exalted station. We beseech God to aid all to preserve this lofty rank and mighty gift. In all conditions, profit hath been and shall be with you, while loss shall be the portion of those who turn away, who hesitate, and who deny.

Soon shall the peoples of the world witness with their outward eyes that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. Convey My greetings to all the kindred, and likewise say to the friends of God: O people of God! This is a day wherein if a single pure deed is performed for the sake of God, it cannot be equated with the deeds of centuries and ages. Among goodly deeds it is as the sun among the stars. Blessed is he who hath recognized the station of the Day of God and hath arisen as befitteth it.

Today is the day of virtuous conduct and deeds. We counsel all to fear God, for the friends of God have ever championed His Cause through godliness. This banner and standard take precedence over all other banners and standards. Blessed are they that understand, and blessed are they that have attained. We beseech God to aid His people that all may advance in unity and harmony towards the Supreme Horizon. He is, verily, powerful over all things.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Husayn-i-Ardistani, upon him be the Glory of God, the servant in attendance before Us hath made mention of it. Convey greetings to him from the Wronged One. He hath spoken the truth. O Husayn! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful. Praise the Desired One of all worlds Who made His path clear to thee, Who manifested His Cause which thou didst witness, Who enabled thee to attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion.

He bestowed bounty, showed favor, and granted success. By the Luminary of proof which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Every word that hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen is the choice wine for the Concourse on High, the Kawthar of immortality for the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, and the Salsabil of the spirit for the dwellers of the supreme Heaven. Should the peoples of earth inhale the fragrance of but one word of God's words and truly perceive it, they would all sacrifice their lives, rend asunder the veils of idle fancy with the fingers of power, and soar in the subtle atmosphere of inner meanings.

O Attar! The fragrance of God hath caused intoxication. Ask God that the intoxication of the choice wine of utterance may seize the world and lead it to the Most Great Paradise. Say: O Husayn! Hearken unto the rustling of the Supreme Pen, for verily it maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that which beseemeth His days and His Great Announcement. We beseech God to aid thee at all times to perform

deeds whose mention shall endure forever. O Attar! Convey that which thou hast been bidden, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

Each of the souls mentioned in thy letter hath been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory. Give them glad tidings of My favor, remind them of My verses, and illumine them with the Sun of My utterance. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. The two honored souls who have attained the hearing of the call of the Lord of Names and the cup of meeting—each hath been and still is mentioned by the Wronged One. They have attained the blessing of nearness and reunion. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One, then recite unto them what hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen at this moment. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God, the Firm, the Mighty.

BH01364: O Ahmad! Upon thee be My greeting. Thy letter…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My greeting. Thy letter, in this Most Great Prison, hath reached the Wronged One. According to that which thou hast set forth, thou hast purposed to cleanse heart and breast with the Kawthar of utterance that hath flowed from the Pen of Burhan, and to turn thy face towards the Most Exalted Horizon. The recognition of this Most High Station, this Supreme Apex, is a bounty from God—glorified be His majesty. Were ye to ponder the Dispensations of former ages, and enter the ocean of equity, by virtue of that loftiest word wherein one saith: "O my Lord, admit me into the depths of the sea of Thine oneness," ye would, assuredly, through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth, attain unto illumination. Hence have they declared: "And in its very depths a sun doth shine." For this, in truth, is the Station of Qadar. We beseech God to vouchsafe unto thee thy portion from this well-spring of exposition, that, passing from Qadar—the realm of measure, proportion, and ordained limit—thou mayest attain unto the manifestation of Qada, and become of them that truly know; even as it hath been said: "Qada is the composing together of that which hath been Qadar."

This Wronged One, from the earliest days until now, hath called aloud, with the most exalted summons, both kings and subjects, unto God—glorified be His majesty—seeking thereby but this: that lost honour be restored, and the abased and overturned standards, cast upon the dust, be uplifted once again. Yet, until this hour, heedless souls have not perceived the Purpose, nor have they come to equity. Consider thou: with what power and ascendancy did the people of unity appear in the first days, and into what abasement and weakness are they now fallen! Whither hath that might departed, and from what source hath this feebleness arisen? No aim was intended save the exaltation of the Word of God—and, moreover, the deliverance of His servants. Thou hast, assuredly, heard what they have spoken and what they have done. "This is not the first Cause that hath arisen in the world, nor the first vial that hath been shattered in Islam."

Let this Wronged One beseech thee to reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets—may the souls of all else but Him be a sacrifice unto Him—what they said of Him and what they wrought against Him. Turn thy gaze upon the Book of Certitude, that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Pen of knowledge and

wisdom; thou wilt behold all things unveiled and without veil made manifest unto thee. For though He summoned mankind by the Word of Unity, yet from the divines of idols, and from Jews and Christians, there befell Him that which caused the Tablet to weep and the Pen to lament.

Ponder likewise the Spirit. He called all men unto the ocean of divine loving-kindness; yet the Jewish doctors and the worshippers of idols brought upon Him such afflictions as the Pen is powerless to recount. The ظلم of those heedless ones reached such a pitch that God—glorified be His majesty—raised Him unto heaven. And thus it was with the other Prophets, the Chosen Ones, the Saints, and the Friends of God. The blessed verse, "And there cometh unto them no Messenger…," and that other verse, "And verily every nation purposed against their Messenger…," are two witnesses unto that which hath been mentioned.

What, then, was the cause of their turning away and their opposition? What was its root and reason? All the divines of Íran are of one mind that, when the Promised One appeareth and uttereth a single word, the leaders of the earth will reject that word—leaders who, in that Day, are accounted the best of the people of the earth. They themselves affirm this, and yet, for the very best of mankind, they establish defeat and flight; and still they imagine not that they have tarried, or turned aside, or objected, or fled. From this it is plain and manifest what is the measure of the insight and understanding of that party.

If thou findest the fragrance of My utterance, turn thou thy face toward the House which God hath made the place of circumambulation for the world, and say:

My God, my God! This servant of Thine and son of Thy servant beareth witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the tongue of Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers hath spoken. I beseech Thee, O God of all beings and Goal of all things, by Him through Whom Thou hast adorned the heavens of Thy might, and by the lights of His countenance, and by the Word whereby Thou didst bring all created things into being and didst perfect Thy proof unto all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy service, and speaking forth Thy praise. I moreover beseech Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, by Thy praised station and by Thy Name that prevaileth over every witness and witnessed thing, to assist me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Source of Thy command, and the Fountainhead of Thy knowledge.

Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no cause can hinder. Thy might hath transcended the might of the world and Thy will hath transcended the will of the nations. Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01362: The first utterance of the Creator is this: Come…

In the name of Him from Whom proceedeth fear and hope!

The first utterance of the Creator is this: Come ye forth before the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, and the All-Powerful with hearts pure from desire and defilement, and minds cleansed from the colors of creation, and bring forth that which befitteth His Day. This is the Day of Meeting, for God hath appeared unveiled and manifest. Hasten with pure hearts that ye may attain and discover that which is befitting.

Purify yourselves with the water of detachment from covetousness and unseemly deeds, that ye may discover the mystery of the Day of the Self-Subsisting. The Primal Light hath appeared in the Final Day. Through three things shall the Meeting be attained and deliverance made manifest: purity of heart, purity of sight, and purity of hearing from that which hath been heard.

Say: O friends! The Guide hath come, His utterance distinguished among utterances, His path manifest among paths. His is the Path—find it! His is the Word—hear it! Today the clouds of God's bounty are raining down, and the Sun of Knowledge shineth forth and showeth the way. The noble one is he who hath abandoned the paths of conjecture and taken to the path of God.

O friends! The mighty hand of God hath rent asunder the veils of fancy that the eye might see and the ear might not be deprived of hearing. This is the Day of Hearing—hear ye the utterance of the Peerless Friend and conduct yourselves in a manner that befitteth.

From Persian utterance We now turn to Arabic:

O thou who hast turned! Hear the Call that hath been raised from the Prison of Akka, calling the servants unto God, the Lord of Creation. Reflect upon that which hath appeared that thou mayest behold what no eye of creation hath seen. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the things of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Leave behind suspicions and their manifestations, and vain imaginings and their dawning-places, turning unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. This is the Day of Vision, for the Greatest Scene hath been illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Lord of Destiny, Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with proof and evidence. And this is the Day of Hearing wherein the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven. Hearken, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all men.

O thou who asketh! Today the Light speaketh and the Fire uttereth and the Sun of Truth shineth forth. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which befitteth the Day of God. If thou wouldst reflect upon that which hath been manifested, thou wouldst find thyself independent of questioning. God is sanctified above the doubts and fancies and will and desire of men. He hath come with "He doeth what He willeth" and the banner of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." He hath made manifest proof and evidence above the station of all contingent beings. His verses are found and witnessed in Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets, and His evidences are manifest and clear in the Surih of the Kings and the Surih of Ra'is. None hath the right to test the Lord—verily He testeth His servants as He willeth. If thou wouldst in truth observe with the eye of fairness that which We have mentioned, and hearken with the ear of justice, thou wouldst utter "I have returned unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds," detached from all peoples.

Hear the call of the Wronged One. Remove thy step from the stations of doubt and fancy of the people of contingent being and place it in the realm of the Absolute, that thou mayest hear the warbling of the birds of the Throne and the melodies of the nightingales of knowledge upon the highest branches. We beseech God to assist thee and enable thee to do that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When the attraction of the Call from the Supreme Horizon taketh hold of thee, say:

O my God, my God! I bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy might, Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, detached from all else save Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the rain from the clouds of the heaven of Thy generosity and by the mysteries of Thy Book to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! This is a servant who hath turned away from vain imaginings unto the horizon of certitude, who hath stood before the door of Thy bounty, who hath resigned all affairs unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee.

Do Thou ordain for him that which befitteth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I testify, O my God, that Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings, and in Thy grasp are the reins of bounty and bestowal. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Glory be unto the people of Baha who were not kept back by the clamor of the nations from the Ancient Lord, who arose and proclaimed: God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH01431: All praise befitteth the Lord of creation, glorified be…

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

All praise befitteth the Lord of creation, glorified be His majesty, Who through the sending forth of His Messengers made clear the paths, and through the revelation of His Tablets distinguished the people of prosperity. His sovereignty transcendeth all sovereignties and His power surpasseth all powers. In the sending of Messengers and the revelation of Books, His purpose hath been none other than to manifest His grace and shed the light of His justice, until the Messengers were sealed with the Seal, whom God made the Dawning-place of His ancient Names and the Ruler of nations. Upon Him be God's blessings, peace, mercy and bounty, and upon His family and companions whom God made the dawning-places of His power amongst His creation and the daysprings of His signs amongst His servants. Through them the fountains of wisdom gushed forth among all creatures and the mysteries of creation were revealed. These are servants to whom the Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, have borne witness.

Thereafter, the petition which thou didst dispatch to the Most Holy Court arrived on the blessed night of Rabi'u'l-Avval. It was read, and after being reviewed, was brought to the Holy Presence and attained the honor of being heard. The Lord—may the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for Him—spoke thus:

He is God, blessed and exalted be He!

O Taqi! Upon thee be My peace. This Wronged One hath ever loved and continueth to love the friends of God, namely the sincere ones. Every person of insight hath testified and every person of understanding hath borne witness that God is aware that We have ever desired and continue to desire to meet with friends and kindred. However, when anyone arriveth here, the heedless people attribute it to other purposes. Justice is like the phoenix, and fairness like the philosopher's stone—rare to find. For this reason We have not given and do not give permission save to a few souls, and this too for the sake of wisdom. In the previous year and this year, the governor of this land hath been aflame with the fire of

hatred. At every moment the fire of his tyranny becometh manifest. Deprived of good, he rideth upon the mount of evil. He hath committed that which hath caused the people of the cities of justice to lament. In brief, it is not fitting to mention details. Whatever hath come to pass or may come to pass in the path of God is and hath been beloved. We are thankful, not complaining.

Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to perform goodly deeds and to manifest praiseworthy conduct, and to that which its fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the kingdom of His glorious and wondrous Cause. God willing, thou shalt be assisted and with these hosts thou shalt conquer the cities of hearts. Whenever wisdom requireth, We shall summon thee; otherwise, We beseech God to bestow upon thee the reward of pilgrimage. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful, and worthy to answer prayers. Beseech God to protect the believers from the evil of the ungodly. The realm of unity is encompassed, while the realm of misbelief encompasseth. Each day they seize and take away from the lands of the people of unity, and until now the cause and reason remain unknown. All must cleanse their hearts through true repentance and seek deliverance from God, glorified be His majesty. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God that thy letter arrived and attained the honor of being heard, and the answer was immediately bestowed. Know ye the worth and station of this supreme bounty and be assured. On one occasion the tongue of the Lord spoke these words:

> "How many who were far We behold standing before Our face, and how many who were near were deprived of what they desired. Verily the Cause is in the grasp of God, the Lord of the mighty throne."

I beseech God to assist thee in that which pleaseth Him, and likewise that permission be granted when appropriate, that we may together undertake the pilgrimage to the House and attain that which hath been revealed in the Book. Convey greetings, praise and mention to all the friends in that land. It is hoped that all the believers, through the attraction of the blessed verse "Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind," may set forth toward the ultimate goal, namely the House of God, the Lord of all beings, and attain the honor of circumambulation. This is not difficult for God.

Peace and praise be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged the oneness of God and His singleness, and His Prophets and Messengers, and that which was sent down unto them from the heaven of His grace, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01471: Praise and gratitude be to God! The Sun…

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

Praise and gratitude be to God! The Sun of love hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of Alexandria, and the pearls of sincerity, humility, submissiveness, recognition and attention are witnessed from that direction. Glory be to God! Each of these pearls hath an utterance and expression, having come from the Kingdom of wisdom, yet none can comprehend its language save those who are detached and sincere. Glory be to God! They utter a single word, and upon that word are the melodies of the Most

Exalted Paradise with their relationship and multiplicity. We shall not call it unique, nor name its essence, for whatsoever appeareth to the eye and is comprehended lieth outside of it.

In any case, after observation and witnessing, it was presented to the Most Exalted Court. They said:

> "O Muhammad! We have heard what was to be heard and seen what was to be seen. O Muhammad! Expression is the mirror of contingent existence. Glory be to God! A mirror that hath ears and eyes and tongue! Although ears worthy of hearkening to the Word of Truth are as rare as red sulphur, yet the utterance from which the fragrance of the favor of the Desired One of the worlds is diffused bestoweth hearing and imparteth it."

This servant was present when thy letter was read before the face of the Wronged One. Blessed be thy pen, thine ink, and that which occurred to thy heart when thou wert engaged in writing what thou didst send to the Prisoner. We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee that thou mayest see thyself in the station of the world and call upon Him on their behalf at all times with the utmost lowliness and supplication, that He may lift the veil from them and show them the light which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of His favor.

O Muhammad! Thou hast been and art mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. All things bear witness and testify, and that which hath been present and shall be until this time and after it is of the sincere ones and those drawn nigh, and We testify that thou art of them. By the life of God! The mention of one blessed Name of God, manifested from the depths of the heart and the essence of certitude, is more precious in the sight of God than whatsoever existeth and is witnessed in the world and whatsoever is hidden. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the people of unity. God is witness that ye are present and existing in the City of Utterance at all times.

O Muhammad! The believers of the world are encompassed by the hands of the ungodly. Cities and lands have been lost. We ask of God, and continue to ask, that He may grant strength and bestow power, that perchance the former glory may return, and that He may protect the believers and likewise the cities and lands. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. There is none other God but He, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

The pearls and jewels of the world have no luster compared to these precious pearls which have appeared from the Treasury of the Pen of Knowledge of the Lord. Praise be to God! They have attracted hearts and souls and drawn them to the highest horizon. The fragrance of everything is its identifier; it showeth the way and giveth tidings, especially tidings that are mingled with the light of love and mixed with the musk of affection. Its diffusions are straight paths. From it floweth that which is the polish of spirits and bodies. It bringeth bodies to the station of spirits, and draweth spirits to a station that transcendeth mention and utterance. Well is it with them that behold, and well is it with them that hear!

The petition of that beloved of the heart hath in truth produced a mighty effect, and evident fruits have appeared therefrom. The passage of time shall not alter these fruits, nor change their freshness. All this is from the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us with you and ordain for us that which will aid us in acting according to what He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We beseech Him by the Sovereign of Names, by Whom the valley

was made to flow, to make us in all conditions turned toward Him, holding fast unto Him, and clinging to His luminous hem. Verily, He is All-Knowing and All-Seeing of His servants.

I mention the loved ones of that land from the depths of my heart, and I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to adorn all with deeds whose light may shine forth in the world and encompass it. This is not difficult for our Lord. Peace, remembrance, and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH01473: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be my glory! The letters…

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be my glory! The letters of Samandar—upon him be my glory—which he sent to thee were perused. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the light of recognition and are aflame with the fire of love. Through the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen they have found and attained unto the fruits of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing.

That which was written concerning Aqa Mirza Husayn was observed and became the cause of joy and gladness. Verily We make mention of him through Our bounty, remind him through Our verses, and give him the glad-tidings of Our mercy. We beseech God to assist him in that which will profit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is powerful over all things.

At all times We beseech the Goal of all existence to aid His people to attain unto chastity, virtue, trustworthiness and godliness. O Samandar! Time and again hath this exalted Word flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: We have said and continue to say that the hosts which today assist the Truth have ever been and shall ever be goodly character and deeds that are well-pleasing. The comfort, glory and wealth of the people of God have been and shall be under the shadow of the banner of these hosts, and the commander, leader and sovereign of these hosts is the fear of God. Repeatedly have these sublime words dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of the Manifestation of clear signs. By the life of God! Each word thereof is a rising sun and a manifest light. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained.

Husayn and Kazim—upon them be the glory of God—have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Beseech ye God that He may aid all the friends to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. We make mention of the people of God in that land and in the Land of Ta and other countries, and We counsel them with that which will lead to their elevation and ascendancy. Today the deeds of the friends of the Self-Sufficing, the Exalted, distinguish them from the people of the earth. O My loved ones! Hold fast unto sanctity and detachment. Your deeds must be so holy and pure that they will be even as the sun amidst the works of creation.

O Samandar! Today is the day of unity and concord, and the day of pure deeds. Beseech God that He may assist His loved ones and sanctify them from whatsoever causeth hesitation and perturbation. A pure deed is itself a herald—its fragrance guideth men to the most exalted horizon and directeth them thither. The Trustee—upon him be God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds—hath arrived. He repeatedly made mention in the Most Holy Court of the friends in the lands of Ya, Kaf and Ta and other regions, and all have been honored with the mention and loving-kindness of Him Who is the Ever-Living. He likewise

made mention of that land and of thee and of Javad—upon him be my glory. He also detailed the feasts of you all, and of Javad, and Nuru'llah, and the service of Ruhu'llah and others. He repeatedly presented the service and endeavors of each of the friends. Praise be to God that the saplings of the divine garden have yielded fruit; their signs and fruits have become manifest and evident.

O Samandar! Convey My greetings to Yahya and give him the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. That which hath befallen him in the path of God is clear and evident before the Wronged One. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him and assist him with steadfastness from His presence, to draw him nigh unto Him, and to send down upon him from the heaven of His grace mercy and loving-kindness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We make mention of the friends in that land and We beseech for each one that which will cause enkindlement, attraction and attention. Convey greetings to the handmaidens of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness. We conclude Our words with the mention of Khalil—upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness—and those who are with him. Their letters have been honored with hearing. O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. We have heard thy call time and again, and We have answered thee with that which none can reckon save God, the Lord of all worlds. Remember thou the days when thou wert beneath the canopies of thy Lord's grandeur, when in the morning the breath of loving-kindness wafted over thee, and in the evening the fragrances of revelation were diffused before thy face, and at dawn the gentle breeze of God, the Kind, the Gracious. Blessed are the days when thou didst stand at the door, hearing His verses, beholding His horizon, and speaking His beauteous praise. The Glory be upon thee, and upon thy nephew, and upon those who are with thee among thy kindred, and upon all who are steadfast and firm.

BH01496: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the Glory of God!…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be the Glory of God! That which His honour Haydar-ʿAli—upon him be My Glory and loving-kindness and mercy—hath sent, hath been received. Blessed is he! In these days, fear hath so seized the people of that land that even in the darkness of night they inquire not about the Truth nor speak of Him—how much less in the day, and in the presence of the people. Therefore silence is preferable until such time as God shall open the gates of utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of possibilities. Should ye perceive from any quarter the fragrance of acceptance and love, entrust unto them the blessed Word; otherwise, God hath never been, nor is He now, in need of such souls.

Their denial harmeth Him not, even as their faith profiteth Him not. The people of the world have, with their own hands, fashioned idols out of their vain imaginings and have named them "the learned." These manifestations of rancor and hatred, these dawning-places of tyranny and iniquity have, throughout the ages and centuries, visited upon the daysprings and fountainheads of knowledge that which hath caused the denizens of the cities of names and the Concourse on high to descend from the throne of glory to the dust of abasement. I speak the truth when I say that creation hath never been, nor is it now, worthy of these days, save for a few.

O Haydar! O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene! Faces are altered, hearts veiled, eyes inflamed, and ears stopped up. O people of Baha! The day is your day. The fewer the witnesses, the better. Despite those who have disbelieved and turned away, drink ye of that choice wine of utterance which is mingled with the tribulation of the Best-Beloved of all creation. Today the ocean of bounty and grace hath desired eternal life for all peoples, yet they accepted it not; nay rather, they have arisen to extinguish the divine light. They have transformed gratitude into complaint, and acceptance into cruelty. By the glory of Baha! They are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

O Haydar! Upon thee be the glory of God, and the glory of the heaven of My mercy, and the sun of My favors. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a pass that the Kingdom of Utterance hath been bidden to silence. Several years before the Most Great Announcement, this binding command was revealed:

> "Be thou pulsating like an artery in the body of the contingent world,"

yet now it commandeth stillness. That which hath been and will be revealed from His presence is the truth, about which there is no doubt. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the All-Informed.

The command for promotion hath been firmly revealed, and wisdom hath necessitated the prohibition of proceeding to the land of Ta. The second hath not abrogated the first. If ye act with wisdom and carry out that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Divine Book, it will assuredly be accepted and confirmed before the Wronged One. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been revealed in the Book of his Lord, the Commander, the All-Knowing. However, proceeding to that land must be undertaken with wisdom, for should some become aware of it, it might cause commotion. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect thee even as He hath protected thee, for He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Trusted One.

The friends whom thou didst mention—the name of each hath been heard, and at this moment the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards each one. May the True One, exalted be His glory, assist them. By My life! They have attained unto My mention, which nothing in existence can equal, not even all the treasures of the earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One and remind them of My days, My verses, My evidences, that which hath flowed from My Pen, that which the tongue of My wisdom hath spoken, that which the mouth of My knowledge hath uttered, and that which hath befallen My Person for the exaltation of My Word and the manifestation of My straight Path.

Permission hath previously been granted to construct whatever buildings and stores they wish in the place mentioned, and likewise to engage in commerce, but discussion of this matter is not now permitted. Silence is preferable. Should any word be uttered, whatsoever they mention regarding persecution would be acceptable in the sight of God; otherwise, patience is preferable until such time as God shall open the gate of remembrance and utterance. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

As to their intention to proceed to the direction of their goal, there is no objection if wisdom so requireth. The matter is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the Divine Countenance be upon thee and upon those who have arisen and have said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths."

BH01533: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory!…

He is the Hearing, the Answering One!

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The petition of Asad—upon him be My glory—was noted and achieved the honor of being heard. Praise be to God that they have inhaled the fragrance of divine knowledge and are turning their gaze toward the horizon of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds. This is the fruit of existence, to which the Supreme Pen hath testified and doth testify. They have not been and are not deprived, for they have turned unto Him in days when the divines, the jurists, and the princes of the earth became opposers. We beseech God to aid all to preserve that which hath been bestowed.

O Asad! The breathings of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, have taken thee, and the Kawthar of divine knowledge hath attracted thee. Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and unto Thee be thanksgiving, unto Thee be bounty and generosity, for having honored me with Thy days and caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Self, and the Dayspring of Thy signs, and for having aided me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon, to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and turning away from all else, acknowledging that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken when Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne by Thy command and will, that verily Thou art God, Who hath ever been One, Single, Alone, and Self-Subsisting, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one seeking the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit, the needy one seeking the kingdom of wealth, the distant one seeking Thy nearness, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust, the weak one seeking the horizon of Thy power, the ignorant one seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, the weary one seeking the kingdom of Thy utterance, and the dead one seeking the Kawthar of Thy eternity. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation and by Thy Most Exalted Word, whereby the rivers of Thy knowledge have flowed from the hearts of Thy loved ones, and by the Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy servants and Thy lands, to cause me in all conditions to hold fast unto that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, and to cling to that which Thou hast commanded me through that which hath been revealed when the creaking of Thy Most Exalted Pen was raised in the kingdom of creation through Thy bounty and favors.

I know not, O my God, my Goal, and my Hope, which of my deeds hath made me worthy of recognizing the ocean of Thy light and the fire of Thy Lote-Tree, and which of my remembrances hath guided me to the court of Thy favor and the Dawning-Place of Thy hidden Names and Thy treasured Secret. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose forgiveness all things bear witness and through Whose grace all things

exist, to forgive me and those who love Thee, O Lord of Lords, Master of the Day of Reckoning, and the Speaker in the Return.

I know not, O my God and my Lord, whether Thou hast ordained for Thy servant to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, to stand before Thy throne, to stand at Thy gate, and to enter the place which Thou hast made the circling-point of Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, or whether Thy irrevocable decree hath prevented me from this most great bounty, O Master of nations. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy giving and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me from the Pen of Destiny the hearing of Thy sweetest call and the gazing toward Thy most exalted horizon, and ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee, O Beloved of the Concourse on High and Master of the Most Glorious Paradise. Then write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord, I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance to make my turning toward Thy presence a treasure for me with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what was written about ʿAli-Haydar, it was mentioned before the Wronged One and adorned with the ornament of the favor of the Goal of all worlds. We beseech God to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In these days, mention of him hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to make him successful in that which beseemeth His days. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon the faces of the brethren and upon him and upon those whom the might of the ranks and multitudes prevented not from turning toward God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Realm.

And should Asad—upon him be My glory—recite this brief prayer, it would be beloved:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Most Exalted Word and the might of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of Names, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is with me and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH01534: O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be the Glory…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O handmaiden of God! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His favors. The letter thou didst send to him who beareth the name of God, upon him be My Glory, attained unto Our presence, was seen and heard. There hath come upon you that which hath caused grief to the loved ones and joy to the denizens of the highest Paradise—grief to the loved ones due to separation, and joy to the denizens of the highest Paradise due to union. His honor Badi', upon him be My Glory, hastened from this dust-heap earth to the highest Paradise. All the peoples round about are saddened by thy sorrow, yet it behooveth all to hold fast to gracious patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient. He commandeth thee, His handmaidens and His loved ones to gracious patience.

However, O My handmaiden and My leaf, I swear by the Sun of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the highest horizon of the world, through God's grace and favor—exalted be His glory—there have been ordained for thee offspring and children who shall forever be nourished in the paradise of inner meanings with eternal, everlasting bounties and delicate foods. By the life of God! This bounty shall never

cease nor undergo change. This is hidden within the innermost of the innermost. As to the outward realm, that which will bring you certainty and assurance is mentioned for the sake of God, that thou mayest rend asunder with the fingers of certitude the somber garment that is unpleasing, and adorn thyself with the luminous robe that is most beloved of all that hath appeared from thee.

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My Glory and My mercy. Every word of the divine words specifically revealed for thee from the heaven of the merciful Will is as a righteous child and a manifest remembrance. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath neither hearkened to nor heard any word of unseemly deed, and through the Most Exalted Pen thou hast been blessed with children and offspring who are immortalized, eternal and everlasting in God's Book, each bearing witness concerning thee. Rejoice thou in this great bounty.

Mention was made in thy letter of the son of him who hath ascended unto God. His supplication was sent from … and its written lines were received with attentive ear, and were read before the throne of the Lord. We beseech God to confirm … in that which befitteth His Day, and to cause him to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness, in such wise that the clamour of the criers and the might of the idolaters—that is, the foul Shi'ih divines, and the heedless among those who lay claim—shall be powerless to hinder him. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness, addressed particularly unto him; convey it unto him, that he may, through it, be gladdened with the glad-tidings of the Water of Life in the name of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and may become of the firmly grounded.

And We exhort his brother unto sanctity and purity, and enjoin upon him that whereby the station of man may be exalted amongst all created things. Say: Verily thy Lord is the Counsellor, the Compassionate, the Generous. We counsel thee for the sake of God. With Him is the knowledge of all things in His Perspicuous Book; nothing escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing.

And We make mention of thine other brother, and announce unto him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness towards him; and We exhort him with that wherewith We have exhorted the servants of God, both aforetime and hereafter. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

This Wronged One dwelleth in prison, and in the land of imprisonment each day a new trial appeareth; wherefore, in answering the petitions, delay hath at times occurred, and doth occur. Yet whatsoever, in this hour, floweth from Pen and Tongue, God—glorified be His majesty—hath heard and doth hear. His knowledge encompasseth all things, and His mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

Another bounty is this: leave to attain unto Our presence, from the Mother Book, hath been made manifest. In every state, the permission to turn unto the Dawning-Place of the Cause shineth forth and gleameth. Turn thou, therefore, unto the Most Exalted Horizon, trusting in God, the Lord of all worlds. Yet in all things observe wisdom; unto this are all commanded. The glory from Us be upon thee, and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O My Name! Upon thee be My Glory. Although the condition of this land and the events occurring therein are outwardly unknown, repeatedly hath this exalted Word been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen: the

prison land is outwardly calm but inwardly turbulent. The knowledge thereof is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Yet, purely through grace and favor, permission for the Leaf to approach and remain hath been granted, as a bounty from God, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01537: Praise be to God Who has manifested the Light…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

Praise be to God Who has manifested the Light and through it illumined the world of inner meanings and expression, and Who has revealed the Fire and through it shone forth upon Moses on the Mount of mystic knowledge. Glory and praise, blessings and splendor be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones, whom He has made the Dawning-Places of His names and the Daysprings of His attributes and the Manifestations of His Self and the Recipients of His knowledge and the Treasuries of His verses—through whom were opened the gates of divine knowledge to all in the realm of possibility, and the Dove of certitude warbled upon the highest branches. There is none other God but Him. He has ever been in the heights of power and majesty, and in the summit of might and grandeur. His favor has been complete and His proof perfected and His evidence fulfilled and His sovereignty made mighty. He it is Who has sent down His verses and revealed His clear tokens. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! The Wronged One bears witness to thy turning, thy devotion, thy arising, thy presence, thy attentiveness, thy service and thy deeds in the Most Great Prison and the Most Mighty, Most Impregnable Fortress. We beseech God to assist thee and grant thee success, and to ordain for thee from the Supreme Pen the best of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, Who is established upon His mighty throne.

We make mention of thy father, whom We have remembered in such wise that his remembrance shall endure in the cities of knowledge and wisdom. We testify that he attained unto acceptance and witnessed that which God Himself has witnessed—that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And We make mention of him who was named Nasrullah, whose mention thou desired. We beseech God to forgive him through His grace, to purify him through His loving-kindness, and to draw him nigh unto Him. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Thou hast hearkened unto the voice of the Wronged One in eloquent Arabic; now hear it in sweetest Persian. Praise be to God, the children of Abraham and the heirs of Moses have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and have heard the call of the Blessed Tree. This Wronged One has made mention of each one, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Make mention of each one from the Wronged One, that perchance through the breezes of remembrance they may attain unto everlasting joy and be freed from the troubles of this world.

O Mihdi! Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds Who has assisted thee to recognize Him and to turn toward Him, and at all times seek thou the preservation of this most exalted station. Verily He is the

Powerful, the Preserver, the Mighty, the Great. We counsel the loved ones of God with that which conduceth to the elevation of souls and the reformation of the world. No host hath been or is mightier than goodly deeds and pure character. With these hosts must they conquer the citadels of hearts. This is the true good that hath been mentioned and recorded in the Books and Scriptures and Tablets of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto the cord of grace and clung to the hem of trust in God. Such is among those men of whom He saith: "On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve."

Say: O friends! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and sanctify yourselves from the doubts and allusions of the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings, that ye may be refreshed by the breezes of God's loving-kindness that waft at dawn, and attain unto everlasting life. God is aware and mankind doth witness that this Wronged One hath, from the earliest days until now, striven mightily to reform souls and unite hearts, that the horizons of the world might be illumined with the light of concord among nations, and that all might turn with spirit and joy toward the Supreme Horizon and occupy themselves with that which profiteth their souls. To this testifieth every informed sage and every discerning knower.

O Mihdi! We beseech God to assist thee in serving His Cause and to enable thee to do that which is pleasing unto Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

BH01598: O Abu'l-Fadl! He speaks through this Most Exalted Blessed…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon

O Abu'l-Fadl! He speaks through this Most Exalted Blessed Word which has dawned from the heaven of the Supreme Pen—fix your gaze upon it: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." In these days this utterance has repeatedly flowed from the Tongue of the One Mentioned. The tree of this word was planted aforetime, and in these days it has sprouted and borne fruit.

O Abu'l-Fadl! In one of the Tablets this passage was revealed:

> "If the entire spiritual realm were to be transformed into the power of hearing, one could say it would be worthy of hearkening to this utterance which has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Otherwise, the visible ears were not and will not be capable of hearing this call, save a limited few."

Praise be to God, you have hearkened and attained to that which was the cause and purpose of creation. Blessed are you and joy be unto you! The All-Knowing God accompanies you in travel and at home.

The tribulations that have descended, the difficulties that have arisen, the straits and trials and grief and afflictions—all are witnessed and recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. This passage transforms the world's tribulations into mercy, and diseases into health. Whatever has befallen you has been for God and in the path of God—the Supreme Pen bears witness. Fire in His path is light, and poison is sweet honey.

I swear by the Sun of Revelation which has shone forth from the highest horizon of the world—if the people of earth were to attain to a drop from the chalice of inner meanings, or a drop from the ocean of utterance, all would turn from what they possess to what is with God, and would occupy themselves with circumambulating around the chosen ones of God. The veils of the wicked have prevented eyes from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon, and likewise ears from hearing the Most Exalted Word.

Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, forwarded your letter to the Most Holy Court, and this response has descended from the heaven of the Will of the Beloved of the worlds. It gives life to the spirit and bestows true wings, that you may teach the servants to soar and guide them to the true Ka'bah of God. O Fadl! The wings have become soiled with the clay of vain imaginings—ask God to cleanse them with the water of return. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Teach the servants to read what has been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen. My God, My God! I beseech Thee by the penetrating power of Thy Most Exalted Word and the might of Thy Most High Pen to assist Thy servants to turn to Thee and gaze toward Thy horizon. O my Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of the heaven of Thy Will and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

As to the matter mentioned, whatsoever conduces to the benefit of the world is acceptable and beloved before God, and whatsoever is otherwise is rejected. For this Most Great Revelation has been dedicated to the salvation and reformation and unity and harmony and tranquility of the peoples of the world. To this bear witness the dwellers of Paradise and the companions of the holy precincts, and beyond them I am the All-Knowing Witness.

According to the command, the servant in attendance has written to His Honor Varqa, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, that which wisdom requires. We beseech God to show a way and guide to it, that the purpose may be achieved without harm. Praise be to God, His Honor Sin has from the beginning stood ready to assist. Now too We beseech God to confirm him in that which befits His Day. He has shown friendship and love from before.

In all matters one must consult while considering the outcome. Take what is good and what benefits the world—this is My bidding before and after. To this testifies every truthful and trustworthy one, and every knowing and informed one. Whosoever proves to be a well-wisher of this party, We have wished and wish for his good, and this will certainly be manifested and answered. Blessed are they that understand, and blessed are they that act.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have turned and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01625: O Ism-i-Jud! The letter of Ali-Asghar—upon him…

He is the Ever-Present, He is the All-Seeing

O Ism-i-Jud! The letter of Ali-Asghar—upon him be My glory—which he wrote to that one has been presented in the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God to confirm him and grant him success in remembrance, praise and service to the Cause. His mention has been made repeatedly and his name inscribed by the Pen of the Wronged One. God willing, may he be adorned with such an adornment that its light shall be effulgent and its fragrance diffusive. He had mentioned Muhammad-Ali Kh. We ask and beseech God to enable him to recognize that for which all created things have been brought from nothingness into being. O Ali-Asghar! By the life of God, this word which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him is better for him than all that is witnessed and seen. He is the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first. He should say:

> "My God, my God! I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon after hearing Thy sweetest call. O my Lord! Illumine my face with the lights of Thy countenance, my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge, and my breast with the effulgences of Thy names. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions and ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous."

O Pen! Return to the mention of him who traveled through the lands to exalt My Most Great Word and My Most Glorious Remembrance, who was named Haydar-ʿAli in the Book of Names from God, the Cleaver of the heavens, that the breezes of revelation may attract him once again and draw him nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein naught is heard save the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of the water flowing in the Most Exalted Paradise. And I am the Expositor, the Teacher, the All-Merciful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hearken in the Persian tongue, that perchance the people of Iran may be attracted by the heat of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto their purpose. By the life of God! The Light is manifest, and He Who speaketh on Sinai is speaking, and the Sun is shining, and the verses are being revealed, and the proof is resplendent. Nevertheless all are heedless save those who have been moved by the movement of My Most Exalted Word, and have drawn nigh and heard the Call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say to those who have turned away: Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers.

We counsel all to read the Persian Bayan. Whosoever considereth it for the sake of God will find himself independent of the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Glory be to God! What objections they have raised against the Truth—exalted be His glory! Say: O company of the heedless ones! First reflect upon the Truth Itself and Its proof and evidence, and judge with fairness. After the establishment of this most exalted station and most glorious rank and most resplendent horizon, other objections are not and have never been befitting. What have those souls understood from "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and what have they comprehended from "He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth"? Lost indeed are they who have denied the signs and proof of God, rejected His evidence, and turned away from His shining countenance.

The Truth—exalted be His glory—hath ever been among the people. His deeds are manifest, His utterance evident, and His Book eloquent. That one himself hath been for some time in the Most Holy

Court. By the life of God! There hath appeared that which hath no likeness or parallel. The infidels have become veils and clouds. We beseech God to sanctify the lights of the Sun of Truth from these veils and clouds, that the seekers and wayfarers may attain their Desired One and their Intended Goal, may behold the Straight Path and hold fast unto it. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those who have soared in My atmosphere, spoken My praise, held fast unto My cord, clung to the hem of My robe, and arisen to serve My friends who have not broken My Covenant and Testament and have acted according to what was enjoined upon them in My mighty and great Book.

BH01670: O Abdul-Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! The Holy…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of proof!

O Abdul-Husayn, upon thee be My Glory! The Holy Forerunner utters this word, saying:

> "I have written a gem in His remembrance—verily He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was revealed in the Bayan."

Should one, through divine grace, drink from the ocean of meanings concealed within this word, he would become aware of the greatness of the Cause.

Today the friends of God, who in the Tablets are designated and known as the Party of God, must turn from the river of names to the ocean of meanings. The deniers among the people of the Bayan have not, to this day, recognized the station of this Day. They remain occupied with former names and former words. At times they engage in misinterpretation, and at times they cling to names. Blessed is the soul who, by divine power, has transcended names and attained to that which is befitting this Day.

They deny the station which He declares cannot be known through Him or what was revealed in the Bayan, measuring it by their own vain imaginings. Sometimes through mention of Ali, sometimes through mention of the Mirror and the like, they deprive the helpless servants from the straight path and the mighty announcement. For one thousand two hundred years they said "O Ali," and in the end they martyred One through Whose word a thousand Alis could be created. By the life of God, such oppression was manifested by that party as had not been seen from the beginning of the world until now. They cursed Him from all pulpits, and now again Hadi Dawlatabadi is occupied with organizing such a party. Let someone for God's sake tell him: these same words existed before—what was their result? Was anything seen to result except infidelity and cursing and reviling from the pulpits?

O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it draws thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Glory proclaims: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee from the treasuries of His Most Exalted Pen that which nothing in all things can equal, as the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness in this most sublime station.

Say: O people of the Furqan! The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty before which all parties are powerless. Cast aside what is with the people and take what ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Bestower. The carpet of idle fancies hath been rolled up. By God! The Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of the world by the command of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: What ye possess will not profit you today. Turn ye toward the Most Sublime Horizon with spirit and fragrance.

Then, O people of the Bayan, die in your wrath! He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared, and He Who was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets hath come. By God! Neither your clamor nor the murmuring of those who have disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return can hinder Him. Say: This is God's Day, did ye but know it, and this is a Day wherein naught is mentioned save Him, did ye but perceive it. He is not known through names; rather, they are created by His command.

We make mention of thy father and ask God to confirm him in steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have been shaken. We make mention of thy brother and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may thank his Lord, the Possessor of existence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable him to make mention of Him and praise Him among His servants with wisdom and utterance. Verily He is powerful over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

O Abdul-Husayn! At the end of the letter We make mention of thee again. Blessed art thou for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. By the life of God! Those who have turned away from the Truth, these are the worshippers of vain imaginings in this praiseworthy station. Aid thy Lord with the hosts of utterance, placing thy trust in God, the Possessor of the Promised Day. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My Kingdom be upon thee and upon those whom neither the doubts of the world, nor its ornaments, nor its vicissitudes have withheld from this irrevocable Cause.

BH01668: After completing the letter of Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, this was…

After completing the letter of Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, this was written:

He is God

O beloved of my heart! Regarding what you wrote mentioning the solace of Mine eye Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be the peace of God—after it was presented before His presence, He said:

He is God, exalted be He in might and power

O Husayn! Upon you be the peace of God and the peace of His loved ones. His honor Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be God's peace and grace, and you have been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. Although this Wronged One has commanded all to act with goodness, and likewise to that which God has revealed in the Book, and My purpose has been nothing but the preservation of the people of unity and their might and power and exaltation, they have done that which is beyond mention. The

power of the people of the cities of unity and detachment reached such a station that the limbs of the ungodly and heedless trembled from it and hearts were troubled.

Now weakness has reached such a point that opponents have attacked from all sides. Each day some harm arrives and some tribulation appears. They have denied this bounty and imagined this justice to be tyranny. Therefore the Wronged One is afflicted in the Most Great Prison. But tribulation in His path, exalted be He, has been and is beloved. In all conditions We have wished and do wish the good of the people of the world. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of justice, that they may speak with fairness and observe with sanctified vision. The purpose of what was mentioned is that the friends may become aware of what has transpired and know that this Wronged One has loved and loves meeting His loved ones, but the heedless servants have become a barrier.

O Husayn, say: My God, my God! I am the one who has turned to Thee and placed my trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by the trees of the gardens of inner meanings and utterance, and the leaves of realities and exposition, to ordain for me that which will profit me. Verily Thou art more knowing of me than I am of myself. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

O Husayn! Praise be to God, thou hast attained to that of which most are heedless. Be not grieved at what hath befallen this Wronged One. Reflect—We have mentioned thee with a mention that is the cause of greatest joy. We beseech God to assist thee and make thee successful and ordain for thee the best of what He hath revealed in His Book. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

This servant also conveys greetings and beseeches from God that which is the cause of loftiness and elevation. To his honor your father, upon him be God's peace and care, I send greetings. He has ever been and is mentioned. The servant asks his Lord to protect him and ordain for him the good of the hereafter and this world.

Mention was made of the light of my eyes, the honored ʿAbdu'l-Hadi and his brothers, upon them be God's mercy and grace. After presenting their mention, He mentioned them both, and likewise mentioned the honored leaf of the family, upon her be God's peace. Concerning each one was manifested that which testified to bounty and care. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This servant also conveys greetings to each one and seeks divine confirmation. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Mention was made of Habibu'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. After presenting this, He spoke these words:

> "Verily We have mentioned thee before and at this time, and We ask God to assist thee and make thee successful and render thee protected, steadfast, firm and resolute in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee what beseemeth His generosity, exalted be He."

This servant also conveys greetings and makes mention with that which is the cause of enkindlement. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions to act with goodness and with that which will elevate

their station among the servants. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon God's near servants.

BH01763: Praise be to the Ancient King Who, through…

He is God, exalted be His glory in bounty and bestowal!

Praise be to the Ancient King Who, through the key of His Most Great Name, hath opened and taken possession of the prepared hearts of the peoples. None can resist His sovereignty, and none can prevent the manifestation of His power and might. He hath sent down the verses and made them the gate of knowledge throughout creation. Exalted be His dominion, exalted be His proof, and exalted be His testimony which hath encompassed existence, both seen and unseen. And peace and blessings be upon the Hands of His Cause, who have taken hold of the Book through His power and aided His Cause among His servants. We beseech God to strengthen them in all conditions to remain steadfast in a manner that hath caused the hearts of the heedless to tremble.

O my leaf and she who gazeth toward the horizon of My manifestation! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court and attained unto His presence and meeting. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make thee so firm in holding fast to the Tree that neither winds shall move thee nor worldly events cause thee to fall, and to give thee to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance by His bounteous hand, and to ordain for thee that whereby thy mention and thy name shall endure in His Perspicuous Book. Command and judgment belong to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O my leaf! Hearken unto what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. His exalted Word states: "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But the good deeds which endure are better in thy Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope." This blessed verse was revealed when the sons of the Prophet ascended to the Most Exalted Station and the All-Glorious Companion. The idolaters arose in derision and spoke words unfitting to their base desires. Thereafter, the aforementioned verse was revealed, meaning that good and righteous deeds are better and more beloved in God's sight. They failed to understand that the enduring good deeds are the verses revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance upon his heart, which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. The idolaters supposed that since the Prophet was without heir, His Cause and His decree would perish and vanish. They were heedless that all that appeared from Him was adorned with the ornament of perpetuity and imperishable glory. And to spite the idolaters, the Surih of Kawthar was revealed, meaning that the idolaters are the ones cut off and heirless. He saith: "For he who hateth thee, he will be cut off."

God willing, that leaf shall enter and swim in the depths of the sea of oneness and detachment. This station is mighty, and thus He saith:

> "So patience is most fitting. And it is God Whose help is sought against that which ye assert."

The highest fruit of the tree of detachment hath ever been and shall ever be patience. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and recognized its station. I say in truth that there hath never been and shall never be any barrier against the decreed hour. Thus He saith that death shall overtake every soul, even if

they be in lofty, impregnable towers. But that which is not decreed may be lifted through God's absolute Will and His pervading divine Purpose. Blessed is he who readeth what hath been sent down from the tongue of My grandeur at this moment, as a command from Me, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned to the horizon of Thy manifestation, and a leaf among Thy leaves who hath held fast to the Tree of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the nations who broke Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, who disputed Thy verses and contended with the Daysprings of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, were made to tremble, to change my sorrow into gladness from Thy presence and my grief into joy from Thy direction. I testify that Thou knowest what profiteth and harmeth me, and I know not what is with Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

BH01792: O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! For some…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory! For some time now the Leaf, the Mother, hath dwelt in the House and during the nights and days hath been blessed to hearken unto the verses of God. They have attained a great bounty and been honored with supreme grace. On this dark night, two hours past the nineteenth night of the sacred month of Muharram, the letter of ʿAli-Muhammad written on behalf of Ghulam-Husayn was presented and this servant read it aloud. Praise be to God that they are illumined by the rays of the Sun of divine love and are firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is a great favor from the Most Great Announcement which speaketh before all faces:

> "The Desired One is come and the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting!"

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth and hast hearkened unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai, Who is the Source of all good. We beseech God to preserve thee and ordain for thee that which profiteth thee. We make mention of thy father as We mentioned him before. We beseech God to send down upon him at all times mercy and grace from His presence. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thou didst mention Ghulam-Husayn. We heard his call and have answered him with this clear Tablet. O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy call hath been heard and there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. This grace shall not be erased by death, nor shall this utterance be effaced from God's Book. It hath been and shall forever be. At this hour the Leaf, the Mother of Ha', upon her be My glory, intended to visit the Most Great House. She entered on behalf of the souls mentioned and was blessed with the visitation, and from the Dayspring of divine verses and the Source of heavenly evidences the decree of acceptance was revealed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained this supreme grace. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of proof that all that exists and is

visible cannot equal one word of His utterances. He verily knoweth and speaketh the truth, but most of the people know not and understand not.

We make mention in this place of My handmaiden who was named Farkhundih in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for her that which shall gladden her eyes and rejoice her heart. He is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. And We make mention of My handmaiden Umm-Maryam and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all and My grace which hath encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Blessed is the servant at whose name My Most Exalted Pen hath moved, and blessed the handmaiden who hath attained this glorious, mighty station. We make mention of My loved ones and handmaidens there. We beseech God to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to give them to drink from the cup of steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the learned were perturbed and the limbs of those who bear the names did quake, save whom God wished, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Husayn, upon thee be My glory and My grace! Glorify on My behalf the faces of those who are with thee. We have made mention of them as a favor from Us. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. A single letter of thy Lord's verses cannot be equaled by all that the kings and rulers possess. To this testifieth every seeing scholar and every informed sage. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having remembered me time and again and for having sent down to me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall cause my mention to endure as long as Thy kingdom and dominion endure. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Cause and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and whatsoever lay hidden and treasured in the repositories of Thine immunity, to aid me to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy generosity, and to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01789: O Ism-i-Jud, upon thee be My glory! The letter…

He is God, exalted be His glory, wisdom and utterance!

O Ism-i-Jud, upon thee be My glory! The letter of Ali Haydar, upon him be My glory, was mentioned by this servant before the Wronged One and attained the honor of being heard. We beseech God to confirm him in mentioning, praising and serving the Cause. He had mentioned A.B., upon him be My glory. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of favor; now it has been sent. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him, confirm him, and ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Say: O My loved ones, honor his dwelling place. This is what We commanded you before and at this time.

The friends in that land must invite the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance. Whosoever attains to teaching is recorded among the near ones in God's Book. Be not grieved by the events of the days and the hatred and animosity of the deniers and those who turn away. Soon the effulgences of the light of the Day-Star of Manifestation will encompass all, and the station of the friends will become evident and manifest to all the worlds.

The honored Ghayn who attained to the presence and another who arrived there have ever been and continue to be remembered in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and are recipients of God's grace and adorned with love. That which hath no peer or likeness hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them. Haydar-Qabli-Ali, upon him be My glory, mentioned them repeatedly. We send Our greetings upon them both and We have honored them with a third one who is in Shin. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make them banners of His remembrance among His servants and to assist them with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted.

O Ali Haydar, convey My greetings to the friends of that land. By the life of God! All are remembered at all times. The Most Exalted Pen is moved to mention them and speaketh. At the end of this Tablet We make mention of the Deputy and give him glad tidings of God's grace, the Forgiving, the Generous. We beseech God to confirm all in assisting the Cause. In numerous Tablets We have forbidden the servants from conflict and contention and from that which is blameworthy, and have commanded that which is praiseworthy. They must arise to assist the Cause with the hosts of goodly character. We beseech God to confirm them, assist them and enable them to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Thou didst mention Shaykh Abdul-Husayn, upon him be My glory. O Abdul-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and maketh mention of thee from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Verily He desireth him who hath desired Him and mentioneth him who hath mentioned Him. This is outwardly and inwardly. My remembrance hath preceded all things mentioned and My mercy hath encompassed all created things. To this testifieth every discerning one who is aware.

They have sought permission. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath ever gazed upon His friends, but in these days this land is in turmoil and in the breasts of some the fire of hatred is ablaze. Therefore the Most Exalted Pen hath paused in giving permission. Be patient. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient and commandeth thee to beautiful patience. This is a verse We have revealed in various stations, a command from the presence of an ancient Ordainer. Today whosoever is occupied with serving the Cause is recorded among the people of the Crimson Ark in the Books of the highest heaven. We beseech God to confirm thee in serving this mighty Cause. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

And We make mention of the Praised One who was mentioned in thy letter and We send greetings upon him from this exalted station. The Glory be upon thee and upon My friends whose names thou hast not mentioned, in wisdom from Our presence, and I am the Commander, the All-Wise.

BH01895: O Kazim ʿAli-Akbar! Your letter, and the letter concerning…

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

O Kazim ʿAli-Akbar! Your letter, and the letter concerning the Pilgrim House, have been received and achieved the honor of being heard before His presence. Praise be to God that you have been favored with His grace and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Your mention has been and continues to be before the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and

to aid you with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Verily He is the Lord of the world and the Ancient Sovereign. There is no God but Him, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Powerful.

You made mention of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. Yes, the Wronged One bears witness that it is the truth in which there is no doubt. However, for the "fresh and withered" there have been and are many meanings. The primary meaning of "fresh" refers to utterances that draw man closer to the Truth, that is, bring him nearer to God, while "withered" is that which removes him from His straight path—namely the divines and theologians of the earth whom you see today lying prostrate as if they were hollow palm-trunks. They acknowledge the Book yet turn away from the Mother Book. They have ever been the cause of preventing the servants from the supreme horizon. Their own actions testify to this. Though they acknowledge the greatness of the Cause, yet they remain heedless and withered. In every age and era, rulers have acted according to the verdict of the divines. That at which the Pen lamented and the Tablet wept!

Some time ago, in a Tablet to one of His loved ones, this exalted Word was revealed: In Our childhood We would hear that a certain divine was discoursing about the word "Qa'im", saying that according to traditions, on the Day of His manifestation He would utter a word from which even the most learned would flee. O company of the ignorant! This is that Word—He now declares "He" in the garment of "I", and the Hidden One speaks as "I am the Manifest One." Say: This is that Word at whose might all have trembled save whom God has willed. By "divines" in these passages is meant those souls who have prevented people from the shore of the Divine Unity. Otherwise, the learned one who acts upon his knowledge and the just sage are as the spirit to the body of the world. Blessed is the learned one whose head is adorned with the crown of justice and whose temple is adorned with the ornament of equity.

O Kazim! In another Tablet too, some reference was made to "fresh and withered". Knowledge is with God. Today the purpose is that if someone truly attains the honor of acceptance, he should exert his utmost effort to extinguish the fire of hatred and animosity that blazes between the peoples of the world. Supplicate God, exalted be His glory, by night and day, to protect His servants. O Kazim! The divine religion has ever been for unity, concord, fellowship and love, yet ignorant servants have made it the cause and reason for hatred. This is the world-consuming fire. We beseech God to quench this fire with the water of wisdom and utterance, that all the world may find repose beneath the shadow of His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

If you encounter any of the friends, convey Our greetings. We counsel all to spiritual qualities and goodly deeds, and that whereby man's station is exalted in the contingent world. Verily He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

BH01930: We have come for the sake of remembrance…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

We have come for the sake of remembrance, and Our remembrance is to remind the servants toward the One Who is remembered. When We turned from the most exalted horizon toward the realm of creation, We opened the gates of counsel with the key of wisdom and reminded all of that which is the cause and

means of lofty stations. Blessed is the soul who has purified itself from the desires of self and passion with the Kawthar of counsel of the Lord of Names, and has aimed for the supreme height and ultimate goal. One must strive for the reformation of the world and purification of the nations. In the early days We showed the people of the earth the way and guided them to the straight path and the mighty announcement. Some, upon hearing the call, turned immediately to the most exalted horizon, sanctified from all that is unworthy of God's days, while others remained afflicted with the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings. We beseech God not to deprive any from the ocean of His mercy and to aid them as befitteth. Verily He is powerful over all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

O friend! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled with the heat of divine love. Today is the master of days. Ask God to aid thee in a deed whose mention shall endure in God's Book. The Trustee, upon him be My glory, mentioned thee, and likewise the friends of that land. Therefore the Supreme Pen turned from the direction of the Prison and adorned each one with the ornament of remembrance. O Baba! Praise be to God that thou hast turned to Him in days when most of the people of the earth have turned away from the Sun of Truth. Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to the ocean of Thy grace and the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, and I acknowledge Thy oneness and Thy singleness and what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy light wherewith Thou hast illumined the world and guided the nations to aid me in all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Sha'ban! Thy name was present before the Wronged One. God mentioneth all and commandeth what is right, and hath counseled and doth counsel to trustworthiness and godliness and praiseworthy character and goodly deeds and that whereby the station of man is exalted. Blessed is the soul who hath heard the call and acted upon what was commanded, and is recorded among those who have turned to God in His Book. Say: My God, my God! I have turned to Thee. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy sovereignty and the Daysprings of Thy might and the Sources of Thy Command and the Rising-places of Thy verses to make me steadfast in Thy love and gazing toward Thy horizon and holding fast to Thy mighty cord. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ali! Give thanks to God that thy name hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen, which calleth out with the most great call between earth and heaven: The gate of meeting hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with clear authority. Praise the Goal of the world Who hath aided thee and guided thee to His straight path. Thy mention is remembered and thy name is recorded. God, exalted be His glory, hath been and is aware. Ask Him for steadfastness and be occupied with serving His loved ones. Verily He heard what thy tongue uttered and saw thy turning to Him. He turned to thee and remembered thee with this clear remembrance. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01955: Praise and thanksgiving in truth belongeth on this Day…

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

Praise and thanksgiving in truth belongeth on this Day—which hath been mentioned in the Books of God as the Day of God—exclusively to the friends of God, glorified be His majesty, namely those who have hearkened with their inner ear to the Most Great Word and who are seated firm and steadfast upon the throne of certitude. This is that Word through which whosoever attaineth unto it, neither the doubts of the world nor the allusions of the peoples shall debar him from the Ancient of Days. This is the Dawning-Place of certitude and the Rising-Point of the Sun of assurance. This is that Word which draweth man unto the ocean of inner meanings and freeth him from the kingdom of names. This is the gate of power and might, and the straight path of God amongst His servants. This is the ornament of divine wisdom and heavenly knowledge. This is that Word which is as a sword against the idolaters, for it rendereth null the sorcery of the sorcerers and the calumnies of the transgressors. Whoso holdeth fast unto it, he is indeed among the most exalted of creation in the sight of God, Our Goal and the Goal of all mankind.

And that Word is the blessed Word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth." This Word closeth the door of objections raised by the idolatrous souls and rolleth up the realm of self and passion. Glory be to God! Until now they have not inhaled the fragrance of this blessed Word. They speak but understand not; they utter words but perceive not. Should any soul attain unto this blessed Word and drink from the hidden ocean contained therein, he would find himself independent of the mention of that which is unseemly and of hearkening unto it. But the fire of jealousy and hatred ever inflameth the idolaters and atheists. They are tormented in the fire yet perceive it not. Woe unto them!

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist His party that all may hold fast unto the blessed Word and be freed and detached from all else besides it. Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Goal, my Beloved, Beloved of the world, my Lord and Lord of all nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour and its signs, and the Resurrection and its tokens, were made manifest, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy Afnan that which beseemeth Thy glory, Thy power, Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy might.

O Lord! Thou seest him in all conditions standing in service to Thy Cause and speaking Thy praise. He is the one who turned unto Thee on the day when they who dwell on Thine earth turned away from Thee and they who inhabit Thy lands rose up against Thee. He spent whatsoever he possessed for the exaltation of Thy Word, the manifestation of Thy Cause and the spread of Thy verses. By Thy glory, O my God! Should this servant attempt to mention that which hath proceeded from him in Thy days, his pen would prove powerless and his tongue would falter.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and Beloved of the hearts of the sincere ones, by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Exalted Self, to cause his deeds in Thy verses to appear from the horizon of bounty and favors that all may witness their manifestation and their lights even as they witness the sun and its effulgence and its lights. I ask Thy forgiveness, O my God, for mentioning this station which Thou hast made to be above my station. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy oneness, from which Thy servants are held back, to assist him at all times in that which he was. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Helper. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02013: In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger!

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger!

Thou hast ever been remembered, and art still remembered, in the Most Great Prison. Some time ago thy letter was received and was read before My face. From it We perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity and thy love for God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears.

The people of the world have denied this most great favor, though the Cause is manifest, verses have been revealed, and clear proofs are evident, the Light is radiant. Yet the recompense for the deeds of the servants hath prevented them from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, save whom God willeth. By the life of God! The Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree have attained to that which hath no likeness or parallel. All must fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon and, with utmost joy and radiance, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Goal of all who dwell on earth.

We beseech God to protect that which He hath bestowed from thieves and betrayers. It hath previously been said: “The true believer is rarer than red sulfur.” Certain souls outwardly claim to have turned towards God while inwardly they strive diligently to lead His servants astray. We previously said concerning the transgressors and the heedless: “Your likeness is as the morning star that appeareth to shine brightly, yet in truth causeth the caravans of My cities and regions to go astray.”

Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. The glance of Our loving-kindness hath been and shall ever be upon thee. God will soon manifest that which He hath purposed. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Thou hast shared with God in His tribulations. All the treasures of the earth cannot equal this testimony. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness unto this.

We make mention of the wife of the Afnan, upon her be My glory and loving-kindness, and all the household. We beseech God to aid them in that which He loveth and pleaseth, to strengthen them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning the countenance of the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, We have commanded the Greater Afnan, upon him be My glory, to write to the land of Ya. That countenance must reach that honored lady. This is what the Wronged One hath decreed. We beseech God to aid them in that which they have been commanded by the Ancient Ordainer. The glory from Our presence be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed, the One.

O God, my God! Look upon Thy Afnans with the glances of the eyes of Thy mercy and bounty, then ordain for them that which shall make them pages of Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants and creatures. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee, by the ocean of Thy verses and the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge, to preserve them from the oppression of the enemies of Thy Self who have turned away from Thy horizon and have committed that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the most exalted Heaven to lament. O God! Send Thy blessings upon them and upon those whom neither armies could prevent from taking Thy Book nor ranks from turning to the lights of Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art

powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be unto Thee, for Thou art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of those near unto Thee.

BH02063: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! We…

He is God, exalted be His glory, wisdom and utterance.

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! We have heard the call of those who have turned to the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty. He who hath heard My call, verily he is of the people of the most exalted Paradise before God, the Lord of the worlds. By My life! All things have appeared for this Most Great Day, and all beings for the recognition of this glorious station. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that for which it was created, and blessed the eye that hath beheld My luminous countenance. Say: O people of God! Beware lest anything prevent you from the path of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Through My Name, the All-Powerful, every denier was weakened, and through My Name, the Trustworthy, every ignorant one far removed was shaken. Exalted be My Most Great Name through which the limbs of the nations trembled, and glorified be My Name, the Mighty, whereby We have strengthened the servants. Blessed is he who hath understood that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered in this wondrous, glorious dawn.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Ghulam-Rida, that My remembrance may attract him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the signs of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then praise thy Lord at all times for this bounty which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God.

O Nasru'llah! Thy letter was presented and We heard thy call. We have answered thee through this manifest Book. Give thanks unto God and say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me know Thee and guided me and caused me to hear Thy call when every learned one was debarred therefrom. I beseech Thee by the glances of Thy loving-kindness and the movement of Thy Pen and the mysteries of Thy verses and the lights of Thy countenance and the power of Thy most exalted Word in the kingdom of creation, to make us among those whom the ornaments of the world and the tyranny of the nations have not prevented from turning unto Thee and beholding Thy horizon. Then ordain for us, O our God, the All-Merciful, the reward of meeting Thee. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness! The petition of Jinab-i-Ghulam-Rida and Aqa Nasru'llah which thou didst send hath attained unto the Most Holy Court, and these most holy, most exalted verses have been revealed in reply. We beseech God to assist them in mention and praise and the triumph of His Cause, and We counsel them and all the people of God to wisdom. Wisdom is like the sun for the new world, that is, the world of Baha, and it is a light for the nights. And We counsel all to the fear of God. It is the opener of cities and it is the helper of truth and the succourer, and it is the protector of the friends and their helper.

Blessed are the souls who are adorned with this most great ornament. The light of these souls is more brilliant and glorious in the sight of the denizens of heaven than the light of the sun. O people of God! Take ye My Book with the hands of resignation and contentment. We beseech God to assist you in sincere deeds and to ordain for you the good of the hereafter and of the former life and that whereby your eyes may be solaced and your hearts may rejoice and whereby your mention may endure throughout the duration of My earthly and heavenly kingdom. And verily I am the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer.

O My Name! Set forth in general the affairs of this land that they may become informed. In these days inattention is in no wise permissible, for the heedless are engaged in evident deceit and tyranny.

BH02081: Today the Book hath summoned all peoples…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor.

Today the Book hath summoned all peoples to the Most Exalted Horizon, without veil or covering. This is that Most Great Book which in the Qur'an was mentioned as the Mother Book and the Mighty Announcement. For the Book there are meanings beyond counting, and likewise volumes beyond number. One volume thereof is the world itself, and the world itself is reckoned as a Book. It is that Book which encompasses all things and all regions of the world. One Book is inscribed by the Pen of Power and Creation, and one Book is written by the pen of the servants. "All things have We recorded in a clear Book." But this Book hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen, and the power of the Supreme Pen transcendeth all reckoning. It hath arisen before all faces with such an arising that no sitting could seize it, and neither ranks nor multitudes nor severity nor wrath could hold it back from its mighty, prevailing purpose.

And one Book is [mentioned] in the Crimson Scroll, and it is specifically concerned with the mention of the gems of existence—they who regard the world as one country and who move amongst all with spirit and fragrance. The armor of these souls hath ever been and shall ever be the fear of God. They are adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness and are characterized by truthfulness, purity and fidelity. They possess praiseworthy qualities and perform commendable deeds. They render assistance, but through the hosts of virtuous character and proper conduct.

The world is under the control of the All-Wise Physician. He hath ordained and continueth to ordain whatsoever is conducive to the welfare of His servants and the requirements of the age. None can comprehend anything of His knowledge save what He willeth. His throne embraceth the heavens and the earth. The mention of "earth" that hath been revealed in the Book encompasseth all lands. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book.

Should anyone ascend through the ladder of utterance unto the heaven of inner meanings, he would testify to this exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen, namely: "No fresh or withered thing is there but it is noted in His perspicuous Book"—how much more so with a Book that is manifest and evident! The meaning of "fresh and withered" in one instance referreth to the divine commandments and prohibitions, and in another instance to that which profiteth or

harmeth them in this earthly life. A brief mention hath been made and a mere allusion given, else numerous volumes would need to appear from the treasury of the Supreme Pen.

We send greetings to the brethren of the earth and say: Today no fresh or withered thing can profit, nor can any question and answer. All must hold fast to this Most Great Verse which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance, and act in accordance with it: "This is not the day for tarrying and questioning. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, to arise and say: 'Here am I, O Lord of the worlds! Here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of all that are in the heavens and on earth!"'

Truth, like unto the sun, is distinguished from all else besides it. Blessed is the ear that hath attained to hearing the Call and the eye that hath beheld the Horizon of God's Manifestation, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. At the end of this utterance, verily the Wronged One remembereth His loved ones and remindeth them of the verses of God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven.

BH02158: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down. Verily it is the spirit for bodies, and fruits for trees, and the Kawthar of eternity for the people of Baha. Blessed is he who hath taken the chalice of bounty from the hand of the Lord of Names, detached from all that hath appeared in the kingdom of creation, and hath drunk in the name of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love and thy steadfastness in this Most Great Cause and Momentous Announcement. We have mentioned thee before in various Tablets whereby the fragrance of thy acceptance and thy humility before Him Who hath come from the horizon of might with clear verses and manifest sovereignty hath been diffused. Soon shall he who hath turned away from the Supreme Horizon behold what hath escaped him in the days of his Lord and find himself in manifest loss. This is a word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Arise to serve the Cause through My command and My sovereignty. Verily He is with thee and will protect thee from the hosts of the oppressors. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, when the Wronged One was in this exalted station. This is a glad-tiding from Us unto thee. When thou dost inhale its fragrance say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs, and shown me the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and enabled me to behold the horizon of Thy Revelation, and guided me to Thy path, and honored me with Thy traces, and illumined my heart with the lights of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and the present world, and that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones through whom the heaven hath rained and the earth hath brought forth its fruits. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deny me any good thing which Thou hast

> sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thy brother who hath been named Abdu'llah, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O Abdu'llah! When the wine of My utterance doth intoxicate thee and My call doth attract thee, say:

> "My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height, the station wherein Thy most sweet call hath been raised and the shrill voice of Thy Most Sublime Pen. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Cause, and the signs of Thy grandeur, and the Word whereby Thou hast aided Thy loved ones throughout ages and centuries, to make me in all conditions firm and steadfast, arising in Thy remembrance and praise and the service of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful."

We make mention of the Leaf, thy wife, and send Our greetings upon her from this station. We beseech God to confirm her and assist her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. And We make mention of him who hath been named Husayn and him who hath been named Fakhru'd-Din. We beseech God to ordain for them that which shall gladden the eyes of His servants and benefit them in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Great.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon them and upon those whom neither the doubts of the wayward nor the cawing of the ravens have prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02146: A remembrance from Us to him who has turned…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity.

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned toward the horizon of God, the Lord of Lords, who heard and responded and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the final abode. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Day of God, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The ocean of utterance hath surged in creation, yet the people remain in wondrous drunkenness. The verses passed before them morning and evening, yet they turned away from them, following vain imaginings. Thus did their souls seduce them, and they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all men.

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He mentioneth thee in the Most Great Prison and remindeth thee of verses that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. The Mother Book with Him beareth witness to this. Thank thy Lord for this most great favor and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having remembered me while I was among the hands of the wicked."

We desired to mention in this station him who hath ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower—he who turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the Luminary of Manifestation shone forth therefrom and illumined the horizons.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who heard My call, held fast to My cord, and uttered My praise. He is indeed of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Say: The first light that dawned from the horizon of the Most Merciful's utterance and the first fragrance that wafted in the days of God, the Lord of all beings—upon thee, O thou who didst attain unto faith when the people were wrapped in the darkness of vain imaginings. Thou didst turn with thy face and thy heart and didst attain unto that which was revealed in the first days from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Blessed art thou, and blessed thy heart for having turned, and thine eye for what it beheld, and thine ear for what it heard.

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy turning, thy faith, thy recognition, thy certitude, and thy steadfastness in days wherein smoke enveloped all possibility. This is a testimony that nothing in all things can equal. Thou art he whom the rapture of the call so seized that neither the clamor of the divines, nor the might of names, nor the hosts of princes could weaken thee. Thou didst testify to that which God testified. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, and unto him who mentioned thee through what flowed from the Pen of Utterance in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful.

The Glory manifest, evident, resplendent, dawning from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee, upon thy beginning and thy end, thy outward and thine inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings. O Ali! We have repeatedly mentioned the honored deceased one. The Pen is witness and the Tablet testifies that no good deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. Every good mention and pure deed is a treasure for its doer, preserved and protected with God. We beseech God to aid thee in mentioning him and to ordain for thee that which is the cause and means of drawing nigh. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Glory be upon thee and upon those whom nothing among all things hath prevented from drawing nigh unto God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02231: Your letter was present before the Wronged One…

He is the One Who speaks from His most exalted horizon.

Your letter was present before the Wronged One and the glance of favor was directed towards it. Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of divine love and are gazing toward the horizon of His grace. In His days you have drunk from the ocean of recognition and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of proof. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been with you—He made His path clear for you, revealed His evidence, and you saw and heard and were blessed with acceptance, which is among His greatest bounties.

What is beloved from you today is steadfastness and assistance. Steadfastness attracts the favor of God. Until now no steadfast one has been deprived, as testifies to this He Who possesses the Clear Book. From your letter wafts the fragrance of sincerity, attention and acceptance—every possessor of smell inhales from it the fragrance of divine love. The mentioned requests are granted, however resignation and trust are more fitting and beloved, for God, exalted be His glory, is most knowing and aware of the interests of His servants, and none but He, exalted be His glory, knows about a good ending.

Say: My God, my God! This servant of Thine has detached himself from all else save Thee and turned to the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace, and has affirmed Thy oneness and singleness, and acknowledged what hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. I beseech Thee by the dawning-places of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy might, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the pearls of the sea of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. O my Lord! I am he who hath placed his trust in Thee and resigned his affairs unto Thee. I testify that Thou knowest me better than I know myself; nothing is hidden from Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy behest.

O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the handle of Thy trust and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below. I beseech Thee by the influence of Thy Will and the power of Thy Purpose not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Thou art He through Whose power all things have testified and through Whose grace all created things have been made manifest. The hosts of the world cannot withstand Thee, nor can the might of nations. The clamor of the divines and the power of rulers cannot weaken Thee. Ordain for me what beseemeth Thy greatness and sovereignty and bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the Powerful, and worthy of answering prayer.

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Upon thee be My glory. We have mentioned thee with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off and shall endure as long as My most beautiful names and most exalted attributes endure. Be grateful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the world, and glorified be Thou, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee. We have forgiven thee and purified thee with the water of My favor, and then those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness from the Dayspring of the bounty of the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. And We have sent down for thy wife that which shall gladden the hearts of faithful women and solace their eyes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, and worthy of answering prayer.

BH02247: O Most Exalted Pen! The most great calamity…

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

O Most Exalted Pen! The most great calamity and supreme affliction hath come to pass. Make mention of him who hath ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion and the Most Glorious Horizon. Say:

The first splendor that shone forth and gleamed from the heaven of the mercy of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and the first fragrance that wafted from the gardens of loving-kindness and immortality, be upon thee, O Dawning-place of faithfulness among the righteous ones and Rising-point of good-pleasure among the free! I bear witness that thou didst hold fast unto the Book when the idolaters cast it behind their backs, and didst cling to the hem of bounty when the transgressors denied it through their idle fancies. Blessed art thou, O my brother, in that thou wert made a target for the arrows of destiny in the path of God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Names. Joy be unto thee, O thou who spoke with God, in that thou didst attain unto the lights of the Ancient One.

I testify that thou didst fulfill the Covenant when the people of discord broke it, and didst hasten to the Most Exalted Horizon when the call was raised between earth and heaven. Thou wert with thy Lord in times of hardship and tribulation until thou wert exiled with Him from the Land of Ta by reason of what the hands of the wicked had wrought. And thou didst arrive with thy Lord in Zawra, the place which the All-Merciful made the seat of His throne for successive years. I bear witness that thou didst believe in God and acknowledge what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered amongst all created things, and didst drink the choice sealed wine when its seal was broken by His Name, the Self-Subsisting. And thou didst migrate once again from Iraq with the Luminary of the horizons, and stood before His face morning and evening until thou didst arrive with thy Lord in the Land of Mystery which was named Adrianople, and from thence to the Most Great Prison.

And thou wert with Him for numbered years, and present before the Wronged One morning and evening, until thou didst soar on the wings of longing unto God, the Lord of the Day of the Covenant, and the verses of thy Most Glorious Lord drew thee to the Supreme Paradise—that station wherein naught can be seen save the manifestations of the grace of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The glory that hath shone forth from the heaven of the bounty of thy Lord be upon thee and upon thy beginning and thine end, thy outward and thine inward self, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen and Educator of all existence! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the splendors of the Light of Thy proof and by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will in Thy days, that Thou forgive me and my parents and whosoever hath believed in Thee and Thy signs.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by this sanctified and holy sepulcher and by him who circled round Thee and arose to serve Thee until he laid down his spirit in Thy path in the Most Great Prison before the faces of the world, that Thou assist Thy male and female servants in that which will cause the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure to be diffused. Then ordain for them through Thy bounty and generosity that which will accompany them in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Protector of all beings and the Possessor of the throne on high and below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH02248: Praise be to God, the Ever-Living, the Ancient…

He is God, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty!

Praise be to God, the Ever-Living, the Ancient of Days, Who transcendeth description and honor, and is sanctified from glorification and magnificence. He hath immersed the world in the ocean of His all-embracing grace and encompassed existence with His supreme bounty. Can His favors be comprehended? Can His generosity be described? Can His eternity be known? Every learned one hath stumbled and every wise one's wisdom hath failed. He hath ever been sanctified above similitudes and mentions, and exalted above likenesses and thoughts. He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

O my God, my Lord and my Hope! Thou art He Who created existence and brought forth that which is limited, and Who described Thyself as sanctified from similitudes and limitations. I beseech Thee by Thy

Name through which Thou didst deliver the sincere from the deniers and preserved the knowing from the ignorant, and through which Thou didst prevail over the world and judge between the nations, to preserve him who hath turned unto Thee and recognized Thee and tasted the sweetness of Thy call and turned toward the horizon of Thy eternity. Grant him, O my Hope, that which Thou hast ordained for those near unto Thee in Thy perspicuous Book. O Lord! As Thou didst confirm him to turn unto Thee, confirm him in steadfastness in Thy Cause, and as Thou didst guide him to the court of Thy knowledge, grant him in every moment the Salsabil of Thy grace and the Tasnim of Thy loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the Generous; there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Merciful.

O spiritual friend! Your letter arrived and from it were made evident the degrees of love and stations of affection. We hope you will ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and be sustained by the bounty of nearness and reunion. After perusal of the letter it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and mention was made of you. The Tongue of Grace spoke these resplendent words, His utterance, may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for Him:

My Greater Branch appeared before Me and mentioned you. We made mention of you with this wondrous mention. There hath flowed from the Pen in your mention that which hath attracted the hearts of those who have turned unto God. We beseech God to confirm and assist you and to make you in all conditions a champion of His Cause and one who speaketh His beauteous praise. Soon shall appear that which the Tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this luminous station. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

And We make mention of him who was named ʿAli before Muhammad. Verily he attained unto My verses and appeared before My face and heard that which My tongue spoke in remembrance of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Praise be to God, you are adorned with the ornament of grace and sustained by the Kawthar of bounty and mercy. Ever has mention been made of that friend and continues to be made. We beseech God to preserve you and assist you and ordain for you all good in the world to come and the present one. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Mention the friends with wondrous and exalted remembrances. I mention Mirza ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, with a wondrous mention. The spirit and glory be upon you and your family.

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BH02279: This is a remembrance from the Wronged One…

He is the Dawning Place from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the fragrances of remembrance and utterance may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught save the lights of the face of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have heard

mention of thee and have made mention of thee with that which the treasuries and riches of the world cannot equal.

Hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, raised up upon the white earth beyond the crimson sea of grandeur—verily there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

By God! The seal of the choice wine of utterance, which was sealed with the seal of protection, hath been broken, and the ocean of knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions. Yet most of the people do not understand. They have turned away from the Luminary of certitude, inclining unto the dawning-places of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning this Cause, whereof Muhammad the Apostle of God gave tidings, and the One Who conversed with God warned of, and the Spirit gave glad-tidings of. This is the Day wherein the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted, and the mountains have passed away, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

This is He Who hath stood before all faces and summoned all unto God, the Lord of existence. Neither the power of princes nor the opposition of divines held Him back. He spoke that which He was commanded by God, the Lord of the Promised Day.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you to assist His Cause and to reinforce you with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, whereby no earthly might shall weaken you nor the clamor of the nations who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed shall render you powerless, and to enable you to achieve that whereby the fragrance of eternity shall be diffused in this Most Great Announcement, by which the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have quaked. Even so hath the Tree brought forth Its fruits and the Sun Its radiance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every denier who hath denied this evident grace.

Say: O people! This is the Day of ears, for the Call hath been raised from the direction of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Day of eyes, for the horizon of the world hath been illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of Revelation on this blessed and praiseworthy Day. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's utterance be upon thee and upon those who have cast aside their cords and rods, holding fast unto the cord of God which hath been stretched forth.

Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother Book speaketh, would that ye might hear, and the Balance proclaimeth, would that ye might know, and this is the Day wherein men have arisen unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We adorned the heaven of proof with the stars of knowledge. Blessed are the people who understand.

And at the end of the Book, We beseech God to ordain for thee the best of the hereafter and of the former time. Verily He is the Protector of all men and the Lord of the mighty Throne. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02355: Lawh-i-Irmighan

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

O my Afnan, upon thee be My glory! My Afnan, upon him be My glory, hath desired to take from the Most Great Ocean a sea of pearls of wisdom and utterance as a gift and bestow them upon you. How excellent is the Giver and how excellent is the achiever!

O Mustafa Afnan, upon him and upon thee be My glory! He hath sought from the Sun of Truth a special effulgence for you, that perchance the horizons of the world may be adorned with the light of unity from the lights of the Sun of inner meanings, such that thou shalt see therein, that is on earth, neither crookedness nor inequality.

O Mihdi Afnan, upon him be the peace of the All-Merciful! He hath desired to bring a fruit from the Lote-Tree of utterance that thou mayest find intimate fellowship with the remembrance of God in joy and gladness and delight and bliss, and hold fast unto that which beseemeth the station of man.

O Muhammad-ʿAli, O Afnan! From the garden of knowledge he cometh with roses of remembrance and utterance. His remembrance is the dawning-place of remembrances and his utterance is the luminary of proof. Blessed art thou and blessed are they that attain!

O ʿAli, O Afnan! From the fresh palm tree of knowledge he hath desired fresh dates to place in the mouths of those who seek the Ka'bah of knowledge, and the herald of glory proclaimeth "Well done!"

O My loved ones (ʿIlliyin)! When the vengeance and might of autumn seized the world, Afnan cometh with the breezes of the divine springtime and the rains of vernal mercy. We hope that the earth of existence may become verdant and flourishing through the grace of these days.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Husayn! Say: O Pure One! O King! Every one possessed of knowledge hath testified to Thy oneness. Thou art that Almighty One whose bounty brought existence into being, and the errors of the servants held not back Thy favors. O Generous One! Illumine through the Dawning-Place of Thy light and grant true wealth from the Day-Spring of Thy riches. Thou art the Bestower and the Powerful.

O Husayn! Say: O Lord! Thou art that King whom the hosts of the world did not prevent from Thy Cause, and the might of the nations held not back from Thy power. Thou art that Generous One whom the disobedience of the people of possibility did not prevent from the kingdom of forgiveness. Thy mercy, like a copious rain, descendeth upon the righteous and the sinful. O Merciful One! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty and deprive them not. Thou art the Bestower and the Kind.

O Diya'! O Expansive One! Afnan, upon him be the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, hath desired to take from the heaven of grace a brilliant star and bring it as a gift. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

And we seal the book with mention of al-Javad, upon him be My glory, who hath turned towards you. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for them good in the hereafter and the former life, and We ask Him to strengthen them in that whereby their remembrances and their names and their stations and their conditions may endure. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer.

BH02308: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences and sent forth the Messengers to exalt His Word amongst His servants and guide His creation to His path, until the Message was sealed with the Seal and the Books with the Furqan, whereby God separated truth from falsehood and made manifest His binding Command and His firm decree. He it is Who foretold the Resurrection and the Hour, gave glad-tidings to the believers of the supreme Paradise, and warned the idolaters of what God, the Lord of all beings, had ordained for them. We testify that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and singleness and His grandeur and sovereignty, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Should anyone ask thee about the Wronged One, say: He is between the fangs of an oppressor who hath risen against Him with tyranny, whereat the people of the cities of justice and fairness have lamented. He hath driven Him from His house in winter and intended for Him what none knoweth save God, Creator of heaven and Lord of all names. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid His servants unto what He loveth and pleaseth.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned, for having sought to visit the House and circumambulate round about it and to act according to what thou wert commanded in the Book of God, Originator of all things and Creator of earth and heaven. When thou attainest and findest the fragrance of the Hijaz, stand before the House and say: The Wronged One remembereth thee and greeteth thee and recalleth thy days wherein the idolaters prevented God's servants from turning toward thee and circumambulating round about thee, and thou wert in utmost abasement until the fragrance of might was diffused and the believers prevailed, and through them God exalted thy station and revealed to all thy rank and commanded all to journey forth from their homelands to visit thee and exalt thy station. We beseech God to aid those who turn toward thee from all regions and to preserve them from the evil of every obstinate oppressor and every remote transgressor.

At the end we counsel thee and those who have recognized God and His signs to be trustworthy and religious and chaste and faithful and to observe what hath been sent down from the heaven of His grace in His perspicuous Book. And We remember My loved ones in the lands and counsel them to patience and forbearance in times of hardship and tribulation. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or the oppression of the wicked frighten you or the might of the transgressors weaken you. Soon shall extinction seize all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and there shall remain for the believers what God, Lord of all worlds, hath ordained for them.

May mercy and loving-kindness and peace be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, turning unto the lights of certitude. Praise be to God, Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH02353: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be my glory! The letter…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be my glory! The letter of his honor Andalib, upon him be my glory, which he sent to you was read before the Face. Praise be to God, they are gazing toward the supreme horizon and are speaking in praise and thanksgiving and are steadfast in service.

That which they wrote concerning the harmony and unity of the two stars, upon them both be my glory and my loving-kindness and my mercy—the horizon of grief hath been illumined and made radiant with the light of joy. We beseech God to make all their deeds and devotions as a single rose, and their condition in my service everlasting.

This blessed word is from the Sovereign of existence, that is, the Seal of the Prophets, which He taught to ʿAli. Praise be to God, they have spent themselves in the path of God. From the earliest days they have attained and have drunk the cup of recognition from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Religions. Happy are they and blessed are they!

And concerning what some have written that they speak according to their own vain imaginings and hold fast to that which God hath not intended—there are souls whose tree of hope hath been cut down by their deeds. We have previously revealed in the Hidden Words:

> "O moving form of dust! I desire commune with thee, but thou wouldst put no trust in Me. The sword of thy rebellion hath felled the tree of thy hope. At all times I am near unto thee, but thou art ever far from Me. Imperishable glory I have chosen for thee, yet boundless shame thou hast chosen for thyself. While there is yet time, return, and lose not thy chance."

O Ism-i-Jud! God is aware that they have committed deeds at which equity itself hath wept and the heart hath cried out in lamentation. Such souls have ever spoken according to their vain imaginings. In the time of the Seal of the Prophets, every day a few would speak according to their desires. Such souls have ever existed and continue to exist. We beseech God to guide all and deprive none from the ocean of knowledge.

Today everything findeth its seeker except the precious pearls that have appeared and shone forth from the treasury of the Supreme Pen—these remain without buyer. The seeker is missing, the purchaser non-existent. Yet a time shall come when people will eagerly purchase the pearls of the ocean of utterance with their very lives.

We convey Our greetings to all the friends in that land. O people of God! Steadfastness is beloved. All must be so firm and steadfast that neither the tempests of days nor the hurricanes of vain imaginings shall move them. Those souls who speak contrary to the will of God—their every word and deed testifieth to the loss of such souls.

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by anything nor by that which the ignorant utter. These move according to their desires. We beseech God to aid them to return. Verily He is the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02331: His remembrance from the Wronged One is unto all…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

His remembrance from the Wronged One is unto all who are in the world, that He may draw them nigh unto God when He came with manifest sovereignty and revealed that which was hidden in the Books of old and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. This is He through Whom the ocean of knowledge surged in creation and the light of unity shone forth from His luminous horizon. But for Him, the Books would not have been revealed nor would the pearls of wisdom have appeared from the sea of knowledge. To this testifieth every perceiving scholar.

O ʿAli-Naqi! Behold and then recall what the people of the Bayan uttered when the All-Merciful came with a manifest light. They broke God's covenant and His pledge, clinging to the promptings of Satan. Say: By God! The Bayan circleth round Me, and the Point lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of the aggressive ones who cast the Book of God behind their backs and spoke that which none of the ancients ever spoke. They have taken their calumnies as a shield unto themselves that they might lead people astray from the path of God. Nay, they perceive it not.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not your own selves. Follow Him Who hath come with the hosts of divine inspiration from the horizon of the heaven of your Lord's power, the Self-Subsisting. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Whoso saith why' or wherefore' hath indeed disbelieved in God and His signs. To this the Books of old do testify, but most of the people understand not.

O Pen! Leave their mention and make mention of Thy loved ones in Ra and Shin, and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of existence. O people of God! Ye have heard the Call when it was raised from the land of Zawra and from the Land of Mystery, and in this praiseworthy station. Blessed is the light whom veils have not deterred and the strong one whom hosts and armies have not weakened.

O ʿAli-Naqi! Hearken unto the divine Call in the Persian tongue, that all may attain to their goal and not be deprived of the fragrances of the Day of God. The loved ones of God have ever been beneath the glance of His loving-kindness. We beseech God to aid all to that which befitteth these days.

O people of God! Be not grieved. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you that which the eye of creation hath not seen the like thereof. In most Tablets We have commanded all to perform goodly deeds and manifest spiritual attributes. Blessed are they who have arisen to assist the Cause through the hosts of deeds and character. They are God's loved ones amidst His creatures. We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive you and ordain for you that which shall profit you in all His worlds. Verily He is potent over all things and worthy to answer. May He send down upon you His blessings and ordain for you attendance before His presence or the reward of meeting Him. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Goal of all worlds.

BH02359: O Muhammad! In these days the Supreme Pen has…

He is God, exalted is He in wisdom and utterance

O Muhammad! In these days the Supreme Pen has preferred and chosen silence over speech. Night and day its shrill voice is raised, yet ears capable of hearing are rarer than the red elixir. The revelation has encompassed all possibility and divine verses have descended like torrential rain, yet ignorant servants cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to calumnies.

Previously, one lying malicious woman caused disorder among the Shi'ih party and on the Day of Judgment sent them all to hell, such that from pulpits and shrines they cursed the Truth and issued fatwas for the shedding of His most pure blood. Now too the deniers of the Bayan cling to the same vain imaginings and are occupied with misleading people. The words of the past have resurfaced—sometimes they say the Bayan has been altered, uttering calumnies the like of which have never been heard in creation. It is not known what they have understood from the Day of God and by what proof and evidence they have chosen faith.

O Muhammad! By the life of God, they are seen to be more degraded and more rebellious than the previous party. Say: Woe unto you! Were it not for the Glory (Baha), who would call out before all humanity? And were it not for Him, who would manifest the Truth before the faces of the rulers? Fear God, O people, then be fair in His Cause, the firm, the mighty, the wondrous.

And among them is one who said that He stole the verses of the Point and revealed them in His own name. Say: Woe unto you, O heedless doubter! Say: Die in your rage! God has made His Bayan the point of circumambulation for the books of the world. Fear the All-Merciful, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Do you believe in the Point yet deny His Messenger, and do you read the verses yet reject their Revealer? Be fair and be not of the lost.

O Muhammad! Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, and be not of the silent ones. We have mentioned thee before and at this time, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause with a steadfastness that the doubts of the people cannot shake nor the gestures of any remote scholar prevent. We ask God to forgive thee and forgive those for whom thou didst previously seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to the friends. Say: O people of God! Hold fast to the truth alone. By the life of God, this Day is different from other days and this Cause is different from other causes. It has no likeness in what came before or after. Abandon what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Ordainer, the Ancient.

O people of God! Strive that perchance the croaking of the croakers and the clamor of the transgressors may not deprive the people from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who hear thy words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02316: My God, my God! The fire of Thy love…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

My God, my God! The fire of Thy love hath set me ablaze and Thy remoteness and separation have destroyed me. Is there a way for me, O my God, to the fortress which Thou hast made a prison for the Manifestation of Thyself? Have I any portion in the hearing of Thy call and beholding the lights of Thy countenance? Have I any share in the waves of the ocean of Thy revelation and in standing before the gate of Thy grandeur? I know not, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy Will that dominates all things. Alas, alas, should Thy irrevocable decree prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Goal of the nations!

Thou seest, O my God, my sighs in Thy days and my tears in my separation and remoteness from Thee. By Thy might, O Thou Who art the ardent desire of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee and the hope of the hearts of the sincere ones! Should Thou chastise me through Thy power and might throughout the duration of Thy kingdom and dominion, it would be better for me than to be deprived of standing before Thy throne and prevented from that which the Interlocutor heard on the Mount of Thy knowledge.

O Lord! The vibration of Thy Most Exalted Word and the breaths of the utterance of Thy Most Exalted Pen have so seized me that my hand is powerless to choose and my breast to endure. Have mercy, O Thou Who holdest the reins of existence and art the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, upon one who findeth for himself neither movement nor stillness, neither spirit nor will nor volition of his own.

O Lord! This is one dead who desireth the breaths of Thy revelation and what would give him life through the eternity of Thy might and sovereignty; and this is one non-existent who seeketh existence from the heaven of Thy bounty and the sea of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace; and this is one poor whom Thou seest clinging to the hem of Thy riches and holding fast to the cord of Thy bestowals; and a sinner who desireth the ocean of Thy forgiveness; and one deaf who desireth to hear Thy most sweet call which hath been raised from the direction of Thy prison.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of creation and Originator of invention, by the breezes that wafted at the dawn of Thy manifestation and the fragrances of Thy verses, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and acquaint me with Thy momentous Message and Thy straight Path.

By Thy might, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My deeds in Thy days and my remembrances at the time of Thy remembrance have grieved me. I am the one, O my God, whom Thou didst mention by Thy Most Exalted Pen when I was heedless of Thy remembrance, O Lord of Names, and Thou wert turning toward me when I was hesitant in Thy Cause, O King of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee to expiate my grievous transgressions and mighty sins, and purify me from that which is not befitting for Thy days, O Thou by the movement of Whose finger all created things were set in motion!

I beseech Thee in this my station, by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and by Thy grace which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, to confirm me in rending asunder the veils of glory and the veils of fancy which have prevented me from turning toward Thee, O Thou in Whose

grasp is the kingdom of names! There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02351: This is the Day wherein the Intended One calleth…

He is the Light shining from the horizon of the world!

This is the Day wherein the Intended One calleth aloud and beareth unto the people glad-tidings of His irrevocable Cause and His sealed Wine. Blessed are they who have turned with faces of light and illumined hearts, and have taken the cup of bounty from the hand of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and have drunk in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

The Fire hath appeared from the Divine Lote-Tree and He Who conversed upon Sinai speaketh from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation: O people of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth from His glorious station, summoning you unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. The All-Merciful hath dawned upon all that are in the contingent world, and the Most Great Countenance and Lord of Destiny hath appeared, saying: O concourse of men! Turn ye to the Most Glorious Horizon and hearken unto the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, it guideth you unto the path of God, Lord of what was and what shall be.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy remembrance and have remembered thee with that which no possession of nations nor of princes and kings can equal. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and for being mentioned by the Wronged One while seated upon the throne of His Name, the All-Loving.

We have revealed the verses and manifested the evidences and rent asunder the veils before all faces, such that the might of the world hath not hindered Us. To this testifieth he who possesseth a recorded Book. Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction and calamities from all regions, while the Pen of the Chosen One speaketh at eventide and at dawn, and at sunset and at daybreak:

> “There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.”

Blessed is he who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and spoken My praise and arose to serve My Cause and held fast to My extended cord.

When thou art attracted by the fragrances of My verses and seized by the Kawthar of Mine utterance, say: “My God, my God! Thou seest him who is remote seeking Thy nearness, and the poor one seeking the ocean of Thy riches, and the thirsty one seeking the Kawthar of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Day-Star of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy Book and by Thy Most Exalted Horizon and that which was treasured in the repositories of Thy Pen and the treasuries of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service.

> “O my Lord! Thou seest me confessing to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of Thine utterance. Strengthen, O my God, my heart and my limbs such that neither the power of the mighty nor the doubts of the learned may weaken them. Then make me ablaze with the fire of Thy Tree and illumined by the lights of Thy Throne. I beseech Thee,

O Revealer of verses, by Thy Command whereby Thou didst raise the standards of Thy Manifestation in the horizons and the banners of Thy victory in all lands, to ordain for me from the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall accompany me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful."

BH02493: O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness…

He is God, exalted be His glory—Wisdom and Utterance

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. On this day the Mount rejoiceth and glorieth, inasmuch as it hath attained unto the presence of its Interlocutor, and Sinai hath raised high its head, for it hath been reached by the breezes of revelation of the Lord of Names, and the world is illumined by the manifestations of the Name, the Self-Subsisting. Yet the peoples remain heedless and veiled, save those souls who, detached from all else, have attained unto the melody of the Most Exalted Pen and who turn with their hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon. These are the stars in the heaven of Sinai—upon them rest My glory and the glory of the Concourse on High and of the Most Exalted Paradise, and then of those who circle round the Throne at all times.

The letter thou didst send hath been received. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions to mention and praise Him [and to attend to the affairs of those who are related to the Truth]. In all circumstances look to wisdom and act with wisdom. Exert thy utmost endeavor to establish order in the affairs of that land. Be not saddened by the vicissitudes of the world. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee and protect thee. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Trust not in anyone; deem not every speaker to be truthful, and be not assured by every newcomer. Hold fast to the cord of justice and preserve the pearls of divine love from the treacherous and the thieves—that is, conceal them. The eyes of the treacherous were not and are not worthy to behold them. That which hath now been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of the worlds is a supreme mercy and a mighty bounty. Reflect upon it. He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the Teacher, and the All-Powerful.

His honor Sadiq, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath attained unto the visitation of God's True House and is occupied with remembrance. Thou must exert thy utmost endeavor in his affairs. We beseech God to assist him and to assist thee, and to confirm you both in that which ye have been commanded in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention of the Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, that is, the honored mother, upon her be the glory of God, and We send greetings. Likewise have the kinfolk been encompassed by the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, and embraced by His loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Convey to the steadfast souls and devoted handmaidens the greetings of the Wronged One, and counsel them to perform good deeds and display spiritual qualities and the fear of God, which is the

head of all deeds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Great. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02453: Praise that is sanctified above the mention and description…

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

Praise that is sanctified above the mention and description of the peoples of the world befitteth the Ancient King, Who hath illumined the horizon of the heaven of Islam with the Sun of Divine Unity and raised aloft the standard of "There is none other God but Him" in the cities of the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. He is the Sovereign Whom the sovereignties of earth did not prevent from His purpose. He sent forth His Messengers and bestowed His Books that all might find the path and hold fast unto Him, until the paths led to the Most Great Path and the Messengers to the Most Noble Messenger—upon him be the prayers of God and His loving-kindness, and the peace of God and His mercy—through whom the Fire spoke from the Tree and the food of knowledge and wisdom was sent down upon humanity, and upon his family and companions whom God made the treasuries of His knowledge and the mines of His names and the manifestations of His attributes.

Through them appeared the power of God and His sovereignty and the might of God and His grandeur. We beseech God by Him and by them to open, through the key of His Most Great Name, the doors of grace and bounty unto His servants. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose command the mysteries were revealed, the verses were sent down, and the clear proofs appeared! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the rain of Thy mercy was showered upon Thy servants and the Sun of might shone forth in Thy domains, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He Whom the manifestations of might and the revelations of power do not prevent. Every seeing one and every informed one testifieth that Thy power hath conquered the power of the world and Thy might hath seized the nations. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Lord of the hereafter and the former times, to assist us in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to enable us to achieve that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted, O Lord of the heaven and Lord of the Kingdom of Names.

O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest that whenever Thy servant heareth the cry of Thy lovers and sincere ones in their longing and yearning, his heart melteth, his limbs tremble, his skin quivereth, his heart yearneth and his eyes weep. I beseech Thee, O Ka'bih of the lovers and Fire of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee, not to render him who hath turned to Thee deprived of what is with Thee and prevented from what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy messengers.

O my Lord! Look not upon what our hands have wrought, but rather upon the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace. Then ordain for us that which shall be a light before our faces in the darkness of the earth. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous. And verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH02574: O Yahya, upon thee be My glory! Reflect upon…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

O Yahya, upon thee be My glory! Reflect upon the exaltation of the Most Great Word and the power of the Most Exalted Pen. Without helper or assistant He summoned the peoples of the world to the horizon of the Most Great Name. That call became a fire of hatred in the hearts of the idolaters, and the choice sealed wine in the hearts of those who are near and sincere. Blessed is the one whom the vain imaginings of the Shi'ih party did not prevent or deprive from the Dayspring of the light of oneness. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds Who guided thee and made thee aware.

From every direction mention hath been made of thy turning, thy acceptance and thy steadfastness, and these have been written and sent to the Most Holy Court. This bounty is most great and precious in the sight of God. Give thanks unto God thy Lord that He hath aided thee to take hold of His Book through a power from Him and a might from His presence. This utterance which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is better than the world and all that is therein. Blessed art thou, for thou hast drunk the choice sealed wine in the blessed name of the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest conquer the cities of hearts and minds. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: O heedless ones! This is the Day of knowledge and awareness, for the Speaker on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Manifestation, the Mother Book hath through His grace become manifest and visible, the ocean of knowledge is surging before His face, and the river of mercy is flowing from His Pen. Deprive not yourselves, and forbid not yourselves from the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. Ears and eyes were created for this Day. Rend asunder the preventing veils and concealing doubts, that ye may perchance attain to the lights of the Sun of Truth.

Say: Whatsoever is mentioned is for God's sake and hath been and will be. Whoso heareth, heareth for his own sake, and whoso turneth away, turneth away to his own loss. Verily He is independent of the acceptance and faith of all. The acceptance of those who are near profiteth Him not, even as the rejection of the idolaters harmeth Him not.

O Yahya! Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee that from which those who are near perceive the fragrance of His grace and bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We beseech God, exalted be He, to enable thee to preserve what He hath given thee and to draw thee near unto Him in all conditions. He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have not broken God's covenant and testament, who have arisen and declared: The Promise is fulfilled and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty.

BH02566: O ʿAli-Akbar! Praise be to God, thanksgiving and glorification…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Praise be to God, thanksgiving and glorification unto Him, for He hath guided thee and caused thee to attain the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. Whosoever in this Day hath attained unto

mention, praise and service to the Cause is numbered among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise, recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. His honor Asad, upon whom be My Glory, was present and mentioned before the Divine Countenance thy turning, devotion and steadfastness. And before him, Jinab-i-Amin, upon whom be My Glory, repeatedly made mention of thee.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon, caused me to hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and enabled me to turn unto Thee when the divines and theologians of the earth turned away, save whom Thy Will hath desired and Thy Purpose hath chosen. Were I to praise Thee throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, and glorify Thee through the sovereignty and perpetuity of the Names in the realm of might, it would be as nothing compared to the wonders of Thy bounty, gifts and favors. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in the hereafter and in this world, and in every world of Thy worlds, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below.

O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace, holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy, gazing toward the horizon of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Then assist me, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, to serve Thy Cause and whatsoever beseemeth my relationship to Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of creation and command. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy devotion, mention and service. This station is great. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which beseemeth the Day of God. Were all the peoples of the world to become aware, even to the extent of a needle's eye, of the station of those who have turned unto Him, remained steadfast, and acted according to His commandments, all would turn from what they possess unto what is with God. The pen and utterance are powerless to describe this station. To this beareth witness the Mother Book on this Day wherein mankind hath arisen unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those whom the affairs of men have not prevented from the Possessor of Destiny—these are indeed among the triumphant ones in My perspicuous Book.

BH02565: In My Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

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

O namesake of Maqsud! Hearken unto the Call of God, the Mighty, the Loving, from His glorious station. Verily, there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and that which was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him, those who have turned away, those who have hesitated, and those who have unjustly pronounced sentence of death upon Me, whereat the dwellers of the Kingdom have lamented.

We have desired to make mention of thy brother, who was named Hasan-ʿAli in the Book of God, Lord of the seen and unseen. We testify that he hearkened when the Call was raised, and turned towards it when the horizon of Revelation was illumined by Him Who conversed with the Burning Bush, and acknowledged that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken from this exalted Station. We testify that he endured in the path of God what he wished not to see and heard what he desired not to hear. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the preserved Book. There befell him and My loved ones that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and those who circle round the Throne to weep at morn and eve.

O Hasan-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and the glory of My Pen and the glory of My Tablet and the glory of all who are in earth and heaven and the glory of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven. Blessed art thou for having believed in God, thy Lord and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, on a Day whereon the divines and the jurisprudents and the princes turned away, save whom God willed, the Lord of all existence. Nothing among all things prevented thee, nor did the veils of them that disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed hinder thee. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee and gladness be unto thee for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen at the time of thy ascension and before it and after it. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

O namesake of the Desired One! We have made mention of thy brother in such wise as the world and all that is therein cannot equal, and We console thee and his family for that which hath come to pass through the decree ordained. We bid thee deal with kindness towards his family and with justice and equity in all matters. We have counseled thee and them that believe in Tablets numerous with that which shall cause the Cause of God to be exalted above all else and shall make manifest your station amongst the religions. Verily thy Lord is the True Counselor, as a grace from Him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

The Glory be upon thee and upon them that hold fast unto righteousness by command of God, the Lord of the Promised Day. And I send My greetings unto My loved ones there, as a grace from Me, and I am the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving.

BH02571: O Muhammad! The Single, the One remembers you…

He is the One speaking truth from His most exalted horizon

O Muhammad! The Single, the One remembers you from His most exalted seat and calls you to the Most Great Word and counsels you regarding what befits the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad ʿAli and remind him of the verses of God and give him glad tidings of what the Pen has ordained for those who have turned to the Countenance when every suspicious learned one and every remote ignorant one turned away from it.

O Ghulam-Rida! Hear the call of the Lord of Names. He remembers you from the prison-ward. The remembrances of the world and what is with the nations cannot compare with His remembrance. To this testifies the Most Great Name Who has come from the heaven of power with the banners of verses. Blessed is he who has witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless! O Muhammad-Rida! The Wronged One is under the claws of hatred, yet calls you to the most exalted horizon and the highest

summit, and counsels you with that which you were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Husayn! Hussein has appeared after the Promised Qa'im Who was promised among the people and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, Lord of the mighty throne. O Ancient Pen! Make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Ja'far and give him glad tidings of My turning toward him from the prison-ward when the learned ones of the earth and its princes and its divines turned away from Me, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of this mighty and wondrous Day. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn that he may turn wholly toward the lights of the Countenance and take the cup of recognition from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and give him glad tidings despite those who have disbelieved in God and His verses and His sovereignty which has encompassed those in the heavens and earths.

O ʿAbdu'llah! Hear the call of God, the Lord of lords in the final return. He remembers you as a bounty from His presence and mentions you with what was recorded in the hearts of God's ambassadors and trustees and inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Great. O Muhammad! The story of Muhammad the Messenger of God has returned, and the Fire of God burning in the Sinai Tree. Say: By God! The Interlocutor of the Mount has come and those in the graves have been seized with trembling joy. Blessed is he who has found and recognized and heard when the creaking of the Most Exalted Pen was raised and the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the furthermost boundary, by the command of God, the Goal of the mystics.

O Mihdi! The mentioned souls have each attained to the remembrance of the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may assist all to turn with complete steadfastness and drink of the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and become engaged in mention and praise. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and there shall endure for them what has been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH02527: At this moment the blessed Tree which hath been…

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all names!

At this moment the blessed Tree which hath been planted by the hand of divine favor in the supreme Paradise uttereth this word: O people of the earth! Cast away that which ye possess of fancy and imagination. This is the Day wherein the seal of the choice Wine hath been broken through the Name of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Draw nigh and drink thereof [in spite of every] heedless and veiled one. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to its call and attained unto the sweetness of its utterance.

By the lights of the Day-Star of inner meanings which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! Whosoever attaineth unto hearing it shall become so enkindled that neither the opposition of the world nor the contention of nations shall prevent or deprive him, and his traces shall become manifest and evident. From the first days until now, We have called out, without veil or covering, before the faces of rulers and divines [and] men of learning—a call for whose hearing ears were created from

nothingness. But outward ornaments and ephemeral colors have deprived and withheld the servants from everlasting and eternal blessings.

When thou hearest the melodies of the birds of inner meanings upon the branches of utterance, purify thy heart and breast with the water of turning to God and detachment [and] say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made manifest Thy path among Thy servants and for having called the people to the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and the Source of Thy commandments and laws. I testify that Thou hast revealed the Way and sent down the Guide, and hast commanded all to that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the lights of the sun of Thy grace, to aid me in all conditions to be speaking in Thy remembrance, enkindled with the fire of Thy love, mindful of Thy verses, soaring in Thy atmosphere, holding fast to the cord of Thy bestowal, and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, acknowledging Thy oneness and singleness, and confessing Thy greatness and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by Him Who hastened to the place of sacrifice in His longing to meet Thee, and advanced toward the arrows of tribulation in His love for Thy beauty, to grant me Thy favor which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Cause, and the table which Thou hast sent forth from the kingdom of Thine utterance. Verily Thou art He Whom the ranks and armies of the world cannot withhold. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the Most Great Name through which Thou hast illumined the world, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of names and Creator of heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH02641: A leaf from among the leaves attained the presence…

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

A leaf from among the leaves attained the presence of the Master of the Covenant and the Luminary of the horizons and was honored to be heard. O ʿAbdu’r-Ra’uf! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One. We heard thy verses and turned toward thee. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, that He hath aided thee to turn toward His horizon when every remote oppressor turned away. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of the world and Object of worship of the nations! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy knowledge, by the power of Thy Pen, and by the lights of Thy countenance, to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to enable me to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O ʿAbdu’r-Rahim! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of all contingent beings and God of all created things! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness, confessing Thy Manifestation, and assured of Thy signs and evidences. I beseech Thee by Thy

imprisonment which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne and wherein Thy call was raised amongst Thy creation, to make me firm, steadfast and unwavering in Thy love and in service to Thy Cause. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Thy name was present before the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee with this perspicuous utterance. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me know Thee and directed me unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration, and by Him but for Whom the manifestations of Thy might and sovereignty and grandeur and power would not have been revealed, to aid me to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest the supplicant standing before the door of Thy grace, and the hopeful one awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy proof and the sun of Thy utterance to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy generosity that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bestowal and the sea of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the Great.

O Abbas-Ali! We have seen thy turning unto Us, We have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and answered thee with this manifest Book. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and detached from all else save Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all contingent beings, and by the Cause through which the seas have surged and the mysteries have appeared, to make me as a fire in Thy love and vocal in Thy praise and active in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! Aid me in Thy service and in serving Thy loved ones, and ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Generous. Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

BH02656: O Mahmud! The All-Praised remembers thee from His glorious…

In His Name, through Whom the ocean of knowledge has surged in the world of being!

O Mahmud! The All-Praised remembers thee from His glorious station and His frequented House, that thy eyes may be consoled thereby, thy heart may rejoice, thy breast may be dilated, and the hands of hope may be raised to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answerer. Thy letter hath come before Us and been read before Our face. We answer thee with that which is the Water of Life for the people of the world of being and the Most Great Book for all religions. Give thanks unto thy Lord that He hath aided thee and honored thee with His verses in this wondrous Day.

Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison—verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Conquering, the All-Wise. We have found in thy letter the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have seen thy turning unto Him and heard thy mention of Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, as every discerning one doth testify.

At this moment the ocean of My Most Exalted Name, the Most Bountiful, hath surged forth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He hath forgiven thee through His grace and His mercy which hath preceded all things, and through His bounty which hath encompassed every small and great one. When the wine of utterance overtaketh thee and thou art illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of My loving-kindness, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance and for having sent down unto me in Thy Most Great Prison that which nothing in creation can equal. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and the signs of Thy Dominion and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the splendors of the lights of the Day-Star of Thy proof to make me in all conditions severed from all else save Thee, speaking Thy praise, firm in Thy Cause, and steadfast in Thy love. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

At this moment We make mention of thy brother who hath been named Yunis and give him the glad-tidings of My turning unto him, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. O Yunis! We bid thee utter that which Dhu'-Nun (Jonah) uttered when he was in the belly of the fish, as commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Say:

> "Glory be unto Thee! There is no God but Thee! Glory be unto Thee! I was indeed of those who were heedless. Thou didst guide me through Thy grace and didst awaken me through the breezes of the dawn of Thy manifestation and didst make me to know the source of Thy verses and the fountainhead of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy power to aid me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and to preserve me from the evil of Thine enemies. Thou art verily powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great."

Thus have We caused the verses to flow and sent them unto thee, O Mahmud, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Giver, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH02701: Kaf, Dil. We have desired to mention…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

Kaf, Dil. We have desired to mention that which the tongue of thy heart spoke in the most hidden mystery. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He hath turned to the Supreme Horizon, speaking that which the trees have spoken. He lamented in separation until the fruits lamented with him. Through his yearning all things yearned, and through his burning the fire of longing was kindled in all regions. The attraction of the Chosen One hath taken from his hand the reins of choice. We have heard from his words and his mention the sobbing of weeping in the days of God, the Lord of Lords.

Say: My God, my God! My liver hath melted in separation from Thee and my pillars have been shaken in Thy days. By Thy glory, the burning of separation from Thee and my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness have destroyed me. Alas, alas! I know not what hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen and what Thou hast ordained for Thy servant, O Lord of all being and King of the throne on high and of the

dust. Hast Thou ordained for me to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion and to be present before the gate of Thy grandeur and to circle round the tabernacles of Thy favor? Or have the decrees of Thy destiny and fate prevented me from this, or the manifestations of Thy wisdom and might?

By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of the world and Beloved of the nations, my limbs have trembled and my joints have quivered in my remoteness from Thy presence and my being tried by the fire of separation from Thee. Verily the distant one, O my God, hath desired Thy nearness, and the sick one the ocean of Thy healing. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to make me one of those who have hastened to the seat of Thy throne and have attained unto Thy Most Glorious Station and Thy Supreme Horizon, and who have stood before the pavilion of Thy majesty and have heard Thy call and the shrill voice of Thy Pen and have drunk the choice wine of reunion from the cup of Thy bounty and the chalice of meeting from the hand of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O thou who hast turned to the Horizon! We have mentioned thee with the tongue of thy heart. Thank thy Lord for this supreme gift and this mighty favor. Thy letters arrived and attained the honor of being heard. Every letter thereof was holding fast to the cord of favor and clinging to the hem of grace. We heard thy call from every word of thy words and granted the ear of favor, and We ask of God that He may aid thee. Verily He is powerful over all things. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02762: Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Sovereign…

In the name of the One God!

Praise befitteth the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who hath adorned thee with a name that is related to His own Self. Ponder that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen, and be thou of the thankful ones.

O thou who art present before the Face and standing at the Gate! Say: O peoples of the earth, ponder ye that which hath been manifested. Rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the name of the Lord of all names, that ye may perchance attain unto the lights of the Orb of certitude which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful.

From the beginning of this Cause, this Wronged One hath arisen, clearly and evidently, before the faces of all the peoples of the world, both rulers and subjects, and hath summoned all unto the ultimate goal and supreme horizon. That which later came to pass had been revealed aforetime from the Most Exalted Pen with perfect clarity. The verses have encompassed the world and the evidences have spread abroad. Nevertheless, the ignorant divines have prevented heedless souls from the fountain of divine mercy.

Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, for that thou hast turned, drawn nigh, attained, and won that which was inscribed in the Books of God and recorded in the hearts of His Prophets and chosen ones. We testify that thou hast attained and drunk the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. This exalted Word is a treasure preserved for thee with God. We

beseech Him to aid thee hereafter as He aided thee before, and to manifest through thee that which will not change throughout ages and centuries, and to render it immortal in His mighty Book.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God and set them ablaze with His remembrance, that perchance the warmth of divine love may unite them all. Unity and concord have ever been and shall remain the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God. We beseech God to enable them to recognize that for which they were created and to make them of those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, for the cawers have appeared and shall appear in every land—this being among the tidings which the Most Exalted Pen hath given to all in Zawra and the Land of Mystery and upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy and loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those whom neither the might of the world nor the clamor of the nations hath deterred from the Straight Path of God.

BH02791: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the Answerer!

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and desired to drink the choice wine of reunion from the cup of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, and to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and to attain unto the presence of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great, and to hear what the Son of Imran heard from the Tree:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise,"

and to behold what the Beloved beheld in the ascension of certitude when He ascended unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed art thou for thy turning and for what thou hast desired in this straight path. We beseech God to aid thee and to strengthen thee with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily, He is potent over all things.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the tears of Thy sincere servants and the sighs of Thy near ones, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote Tree of the furthermost boundary, to aid me to serve Thy Cause and to be steadfast in Thy love. I moreover beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power and the dawning-places of Thy Cause, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy servants who have attained unto the Kawthar of reunion and who have arisen before the gate which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven. O my Lord! Disappoint me not of what I have desired of the wonders of Thy grace and the evidences of Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue: God hath loved and continueth to love those who have turned to Him and are steadfast. His glance of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards His servants. He hath manifested Himself for reunion, that all may hear His call and behold His horizon. By the life of God! The

eyes and ears were created to behold and hearken in this Day, but the heedless and ignorant servants have become veiled. They have prevented the letter from the word, and the word from the Book. Especially in these days in the Most Great Prison the fire of hatred is ablaze, wherefore the Most Exalted Pen hath paused in its expression. Be thou content with His good-pleasure, speaking His praise and standing firm in the service of His mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament, who have arisen and stood firm and have said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne!"

BH02733: Praise be to God Who hath guided His servants…

In His Name, exalted be His glory—He is Wisdom and Utterance!

Praise be to God Who hath guided His servants unto His straight path and His mighty announcement, and hath sent down upon them from the heaven of His bounty the signs of His oneness, and hath made known unto them that which, through His generosity, shall exalt them, and hath taught them that which shall draw them nigh unto the court of His might and the precincts of His nearness. He is the Omnipotent, unto Whose power and sovereignty all created things have testified, and all contingent beings unto His grandeur and omnipotence. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved, whom He chose from among His creation for the exaltation of His Word and the manifestation of His Cause and the diffusion of His commandments and ordinances. Through Him God exalted the Word of Unity and the Sign of Detachment, through whom the ocean of knowledge surged and the fragrance of His loving-kindness was wafted amidst all religions. And upon His family and companions who arose to aid His Cause in His kingdom and to manifest the mysteries of His Book amongst His servants—blessings that shall never change nor cease. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of creation.

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. In these days the presence of Muhammad-ʿAli Effendi and Ibrahim Effendi, upon them be the peace of God, is contrary to wisdom. This Wronged One hath loved and still loveth to meet His friends, yet in view of consummate wisdom that which is mentioned is more fitting and beloved. At present it is advisable that they return to their abode in utmost joy and fragrance. We beseech God to aid and strengthen them to be patient and forbearing, and to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for such of His servants as are nigh unto Him and for such of His creation as are sincere. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty, and worthy to answer prayer.

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Master of nations! The Wronged One hath testified and doth testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and that Thou art the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the fragrances of revelation were wafted in Yathrib and Batha, and by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones, to aid Thy loved ones to hold fast unto Thy mighty cord and to cleave unto Thy luminous hem. Then write down for them the reward of those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of Thy bounty. Then assist them with Thy succor, and send down upon them a blessing and bounty from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Moreover, O Lord of the world, preserve those who have turned toward the lights of Thy countenance and have acknowledged the unity of Thy

Being and the sanctity of Thy Essence, and ordain for them every good thing Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

BH02910: This is the Day wherein the Call hath been…

In His Name, sanctified above all names!

This is the Day wherein the Call hath been raised from the prison of ʿAkka, and hath given the glad-tidings unto all peoples of the presence of God, the Lord of Lords. Through this Call the gate of heaven was opened and that which was hidden from all eyes was made manifest. This is the Day wherein the All-Bountiful came riding upon the clouds—to this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh before the faces of all peoples. The Kingdom, the Dominion, the Grandeur and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Turn with thy pure heart to the Most Sublime Vision, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny speaketh that whereby the hearts of the righteous are attracted. Say: By God! The Self-Subsisting hath arisen with the Cause, and the Promised One hath come with power and sovereignty. Thy letter came before the Face and attained the glance of thy Lord's favor—render thanks unto Him at eventide and at dawn. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to aid thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thy letter hath attained unto Our hearing and We have answered thee with a Tablet through which the horizons have been illumined, and through this resplendent Light from the Will of God, the Lord of creation.

O thou who hast turned! The Call of the Lord of all things hath reached thee—hearken unto it. At all times hath this Wronged One stood and spoken before all faces. When the light of God's Cause dawned from the horizons of the world, the buzzing of flies arose from behind the veil, and they wrought that which caused the Tablet to lament and the Book to cry out. Regarding thy desire to attain the presence and meeting, approach from the direction of the Great City is not permitted, but if approached from another direction there is and hath been no objection. God willing, thou shalt ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast unto wisdom.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink the choice wine of Thy utterance from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the nations have quivered, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the recompense of attaining Thy presence and standing before the gate of Thy grandeur. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon thy wife and those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02950: Lawh-i-Mihraban

In the Name of God, the All-Loving!

O Mihraban! One of the friends hath evoked thy remembrance; thus have We remembered thee.

In this glorious Day everything that can be seen is a witness, and calleth all men unto the one true God. Say! This is the Day in which the sun of spiritual discernment is shining forth in the heaven of true understanding. Blessed is he that hath perceived and recognized it. Whatsoever was foretold in former times hath now been fulfilled.

Say, O friends! Suffer not yourselves to be far removed from the ocean of heavenly grace. He is come astonishingly near unto you. He Who had been concealed from men's eyes is now come. How good is His coming! In one hand He is carrying the water of life and in the other the charter of true liberty. Cast ye away one thing and take hold of another. Cast away whatsoever pertaineth to the world and take firm hold of that which the hand of divine providence imparteth unto you. Lo, that which no eye hath ever beheld is now revealed. O friends! Hasten ye, hasten ye, hearken ye, hearken ye!

The deeds of the high priests have caused the people to be estranged from Almighty God. Instead of evincing self-denial they have given themselves up to inordinate desires and strayed far from the path of the Lord God. They have grievously erred, yet fondly imagine themselves to be treading the right Path. We have, however, warned the leaders of religion and taken them to witness, that they might in this day solemnly affirm His truth and guide His creatures unto the Spirit of Purity.

Say, O high priests! Shake off your slumber, rouse yourselves from unconsciousness, incline your inner ears to the melody of the All-Sufficing and conduct yourselves in a manner that beseemeth the Day of God Himself.

Great is the station of him who hath in this Day perceived and become aware of the truth, and wretched is he who hath failed to comprehend the utterances of the Lord of wisdom and to recognize the newly-arrived Friend in His new attire.

Behold, the Ocean of true knowledge hath appeared and the Day-Star of wisdom shineth resplendent. Incline your ears to the Voice of the Eternal Lord of Utterance and purge yourselves from whatsoever is deemed unseemly, that ye may become worthy to gain admittance into the court of your Creator. Say, in this Day the Almighty hath unloosed His tongue before the assemblage of men. It behoveth you to draw nigh unto Him and to grasp the truth of His weighty utterance. Indeed His utterance is a messenger that beareth the token of His presence. It delivereth you from darkness and guideth your steps unto the effulgent light of His glory.

Thy name was mentioned before Us and We have remembered thee in Our Tablet. This remembrance is like unto a sapling that We have planted with the hand of loving-kindness. Erelong will it grow verdant and flourishing, laden with abundant fruits. Thus hath the Lord God ordained, and thus hath He shown the way. He is the Mighty, the Seeing, the Lord of Utterance and Wisdom.

BH03048: In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

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O Ghulam! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets with such mention as cannot be equaled by the remembrances of the world nor by what the nations possess. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in the final return. We were with thee when thou didst depart from the Land of Ta, turning toward the Spot which was ordained for thee by God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We heard thy call and the call of those who were with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings. To this bear witness honored servants, then those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

Thy letter hath arrived and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath presented it. We have answered thee with this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of power. The sincere ones inhale from it the fragrance of God, the Lord of lords, and the believers hear from it the call of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto hearing My utterance and the eye that hath beheld the horizon of the Manifestation in the most exalted station.

O Ghulam! Remember the days when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst witness what no eyes have witnessed throughout ages and centuries, and didst hear what no ears have heard. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Mother Book. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful. And may He open before your faces the gates of grace and bounty, and draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions.

We make mention of thy mother and give her glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for her from the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having hearkened unto My binding command and turned toward the station which was ordained for thee by God, the Lord of all mankind. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Soon shall appear what hath been ordained for thee by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

We counsel you with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Return, may be exalted. The glory from Us be upon you and upon those whom the doubts of the world have not held back from the Lord of Eternity, who have turned with radiant faces and have said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O King of signs and Manifestation of clear tokens!”

BH03045: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My peace…

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

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My peace and the peace of God, the Lord of lords. We bear witness at the beginning of this Book to the oneness and singleness of God, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. His Will hath preceded all else, His knowledge encompasseth all things, His proof hath been perfected and His evidence completed, and His favor hath been bestowed in abundance. He is the One Whose bounty is not withheld by the rebellion of the world, nor is His grace impeded by the transgressions of nations. He giveth as He pleaseth and bestoweth as He willeth. He stretcheth forth and withholdeth, and He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

And blessings and peace be upon the noblest of His creation, who described himself by himself—were it not for him, the celestial spheres would not have been created. This grace from God, the Lord of the beginning and the return, sufficeth him. And upon his family and companions, through whom the sovereignty of God and His power, His grandeur and His will were made manifest, and through whom earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and the Cause of God appeared among the servants and His light in all lands. We beseech Him to ordain once again for the people of unity that which was taken from them. Verily He is the Powerful One, to Whose conquest and might all things have testified. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thereafter, the correspondence which thou didst send to this servant attained the honor of being perused. Thy desire to leave this land, despite thy assigned duties, for other lands for the sake of another service is like that Bedouin Arab who set out for Baghdad hoping to attain the presence of the Caliph. He took with him as a gift a waterskin filled with water he had collected from a pool, unaware that the Tigris was flowing and the Euphrates coursing.

In any case, the services to which thou art now occupied cannot be compared with those thou couldst render day and night—sometimes in remembrance and praise, other times in writing and service and other matters. This Wronged One beareth witness that that which thou art now blessed with is greater than that which thou didst intend. We beseech God, the Exalted, by His Prophets and His Messengers and His Books and His chosen ones, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to decree for thee in the highest Paradise an honored station. Verily He hath power over all things. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants.

BH03024: The letter of Mulla Muhammad-Baqir which he wrote…

…The letter of Mulla Muhammad-Baqir which he wrote to thee was noted. We make mention of him in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are endued with understanding.

O Muhammad-Baqir! We make mention of thee and of them that have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily mention is at times like unto an ocean wherein lie the pearls of wisdom and utterance, as bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds. At other times it appeareth as the sun shining from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. At times it is seen as the Dayspring of utterance in all creation, and at others as the Water of Life for all that are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies, turning unto the light of the countenance of thy Lord, the Hearing, the Answering. That which hath been revealed for thee—every letter thereof beareth witness that there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. Keep the friends of that land enkindled and mindful through the light of the divine Word and the fire of the celestial Tree. The proof hath been sent down, the evidence is manifest, the path is clear, the Truth is established and calleth aloud. Yet the servants are occupied with their own idle fancies, turning to that which perisheth and turning away from that which endureth.

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. Concerning what thou didst mention about saying to the idolaters and the worshippers of idle fancies “Come, let us converse,” yet these souls make excuses and flee—this matter is true beyond doubt. They cling to excuses and deprive themselves of the living waters of utterance for two reasons. First, the source of idle fancies hath prevented all from drawing nigh unto the people of truth, lest they hear that which would draw them nigh unto God and guide them to His straight path. The second reason is that the embodiments of fancy fear that their unseemly and reprehensible deeds might become known. This very matter is proof of the polytheism and heedlessness of these souls. By the life of God! This is a clear evidence and a manifest proof. These are they who place their fingers in their ears lest they hear the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. In the days of the manifestation of the divine Daysprings, those who denied and turned away would prevent people from drawing nigh unto the people of truth, as recorded in the books of old and of recent times. We beseech God not to deprive the eyes of the world from beholding, nor the ears of the nations from hearing.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Each of the friends of that land hath been honored with divine mention. Give them the glad-tidings of God’s grace and mercy. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous….

BH03162: O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of God…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance!

O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn! Hearken unto the call of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest Justice. He remembers thee from the prison precinct even as He remembered thee before. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Generous.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Oppose not Him Who hath come with the signs of the Bayan and the verses of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The heavens of religions have been cleft asunder by what the Judge hath brought forth on the Day of Reckoning through a command before which neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of nations can stand. To this testifieth He with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

Say: By God! The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree hath been raised up and the Fire proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Give thanks unto God for that My Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and revealed for thee that which was a light unto all creation, a sun in the heaven of knowledge, a surging ocean amidst religions, and a Book speaking forth through this Name whereby the feet of the transgressors have slipped. Before My face have appeared the names of those whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We have revealed for each one of them that whereby every receptive soul shall find the fragrance of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Give thanks unto God for that He hath sealed with thy mention this wondrous and glorious Book.

When thou hast attained unto it and found the fragrance of thy Lord’s bounty, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lands wherein Thy remembrance and Thy call were raised up, and by the seat whereon Thy throne was established, and by the fire of Thy Cause whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones

were set ablaze, and by the light of Thy countenance which shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, to aid all who are on earth to turn unto Thee and return to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to that which beseemeth Thy days and Thy Cause, which was announced by Him Who conversed with Thee, and was proclaimed by the Spirit, and was uttered by the Seal of Thy Prophets and the Prince of Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and established upon the throne of 'Do what Thou willest.' There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The splendor from the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned and upon every steadfast and firm one.

Praise be to God, the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Manifest, the Resplendent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH11625: Praise be sanctified beyond the grasp and comprehension…

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

Praise be sanctified beyond the grasp and comprehension of the Holy Court of the Worshipped One, Who deserveth all glory, for He hath illumined the horizon of Batha with the light of His manifestation, and through that light hath He bestowed perfect radiance upon the world of bodies, the world of spirits, the world of knowledge, the world of comprehension, the world of utterance, and the world of inner meanings. He is the All-Bountiful One Whom the misbelief and unbelief of the world cannot prevent from bestowing His gifts, nor withhold His favors.

And peace and blessings be upon the Point of Existence, the Ultimate Goal, and the Possessor of the Praiseworthy Station, through Whom God revealed His names and attributes, sent down His principles and ordinances, and exalted the station of His loved ones. He it is through Whom the hidden secret and the treasured matter were revealed, through Whom divine favors were completed, clear proofs were concluded, and the breezes of revelation and utterance were cut off. And upon His family and companions who arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as made the limbs of nations tremble. These are servants who strove in God with the striving that is due to Him, and spent what they possessed in His straight path and for the exaltation of His mighty Cause.

O Ali-Askar! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Wronged One. We beseech God that He may aid thee to be steadfast in this great steadfastness and assist thee in all conditions with the hosts of the seen and the unseen. He is the Powerful One Whom the conditions of the world cannot prevent, nor hold back from His will. Say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones, Thy Messengers, and Thy loved ones whom the doubts of the world and the signs of the nations did not prevent from turning unto Thee and holding fast unto Thy cord. O Lord! I have turned toward Thee, and I ask Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the rain of Thy mercy to aid me in that whereby my remembrance may endure amongst Thy servants and my name in Thy lands. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH03248: He beholdeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

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The victory hath come, and through it the standard of power hath been hoisted upon the highest ensigns, from God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily victory is that which hath spoken before the faces of the world and summoned all to the Mighty, the Bestower. Through it the pillars of misbelief were shaken and the Sun of Divine Unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Through it the Hidden Secret was revealed and all things proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End!"

O Nasru'llah! Thou art he who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when the Wronged One was imprisoned in Akka. Thou didst enter and behold, and didst hear the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven. Thou didst believe in Him Who was established upon the Throne of Evidence through wisdom and utterance. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath encompassed all horizons. Say: Your names have been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen as a favor from God, the Lord of Lords. We counsel you to preserve that which ye have been given from the presence of One Who is Compassionate, All-Bountiful. By My life! The mention of the world cannot be compared with My mention—to this doth testify He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest my condition and hearest my lamentation. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Realm of Might and Kingdom, and by that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me Thy Hidden Secret and Thy Treasured Symbol, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of reunion through the hands of grace and bounty, for having caused me to hear Thy Most Sweet Call and to behold the lights of Thy Countenance from Thy Most Exalted Horizon.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom of Immortality, by the sovereignty of the Names, to assist me to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants and to mention Thee and praise Thee throughout Thy lands. O Lord! The weary one hath turned toward the Kingdom of Thy utterance, the hopeful one toward the Realm of Thy bounty, and the distant one toward the court of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which he seeketh from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace. Then ordain for him the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Almighty to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03301: O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! This Wronged…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Pardoner, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! This Wronged One beareth witness to thy turning, thy devotion, thy humility and thy submissiveness before God, the Truth. Through the grace of the Goal of all the worlds, thou didst drink the choice sealed wine by His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and didst acknowledge

that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. This testimony is greater than what hath been and is witnessed.

We have made mention and continue to make mention of thy kindred, and We beseech God not to deprive them of the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Truth, and to grant them a full portion from the ocean of His utterance.

And We make mention of My handmaiden who hath ascended unto God. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Upon her be the glory of those who are on earth and in heaven, and the glory of them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, when the Wronged One was in a manifest prison. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty and My mercy be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath attained unto this mighty announcement. Praise be to God! Thou and the others have all attained unto the mark of the Most Exalted Pen.

Convey My greetings to thy kindred. Verily We make mention of them through My loving-kindness, and We remind them of My verses, and We give them glad-tidings of My bounty, and We command them to observe justice and benevolence and the fear of God, the Lord of the worlds. The multiple visitations performed on behalf of the friends of God were all acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One and adorned with the ornament of His remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One All-Bountiful, All-Generous.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to know Thee and guided me and caused me to hear. I beseech Thee by Thy Tablet and Thine ink, and by the love of Thy chosen ones, and by the enkindlement of the hearts of Thy sincere ones, and by the patience of the Dawning-Places of Thy dignity, to make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy service and circling round Thy will. Thou art He Whom the opposition of every oppressor deterreth not, nor the derision of any transgressor, nor the objections of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament and have disbelieved in Thy most great signs when sent down from the heaven of Thy will. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH03283: O Ahmad! Hearken unto the melodies of divine revelation…

He is God, exalted be He in wisdom and utterance

O Ahmad! Hearken unto the melodies of divine revelation in the Persian tongue, that He may bestow upon thee wings and grant thee strength, that thou mayest soar in the atmosphere of His love and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. Today this most exalted Word was heard from the Divine Lote-Tree: I am with him who loveth Me and followeth My commandments and casteth aside all else. Praise be to God, thou hast repeatedly attained unto that for which the world was brought into being. How many souls were observed to be deprived, while thou didst arrive and hear and see. Give thanks unto the Lord of all worlds that He hath aided thee and guided thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Merciful.

When thou meetest the friends in any land, convey to them the greetings and salutations of the Wronged One, and give them glad-tidings. Say: Today is the day of service through the hosts of deeds and goodly character. By the life of God! These hosts have been and are the mightiest hosts of the world.

In the divine Tablets We have ever commanded all to that which is praiseworthy and to that which exalteth the Cause, and We have mentioned the meaning of victory and of them that render aid, that all may act according to that which God hath willed and not according to their own desires. We beseech God to aid all to adorn themselves, through the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, with dignity and composure and patience and forbearance and righteousness and all that beseemeth man.

The purpose of this Wronged One hath ever been and will continue to be this: perchance the fire of hatred might be extinguished and the light of love might shine forth above the horizons of the world in the name of the Lord of the throne on high.

In this journey thou hast endured much hardship. Since it was for God and in the path of God, it is rest. We beseech God to grant thee His bounty as a reward, and if thou observest with the eye of truth, this very Tablet is thy reward, for from its horizon hath shone forth and become manifest the Day-Star of utterance of the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH03285: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory and loving-kindness. The letters thou didst send to the Most Holy Court have been favored with the glance of grace, including the letter of Mahmud—upon him be My glory—which he wrote to thee, as well as the petition sent to the Most Holy Court. Say: O Mahmud! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Loving, Who is established upon the throne in His praiseworthy station, and Who calleth thee saying: Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee, nor the gloating of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have read thy letter and found therein the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with verses that call out thy name throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Give thanks unto God for this mighty favor. I beseech Him to assist thee in preserving this most great station. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is. Soon shall the believers behold the lights of this Revelation, to this do honored servants bear witness.

O Mahmud! Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee. Today all must be set ablaze with the fire of divine love and arise to kindle others. Glory and grandeur, might and power, wealth and bounty have been and shall ever be the portion of that party, yet day by day do the requirements of means become manifest. Ye are among those souls who have attained to recognition on a day when the fire of rejection blazed forth from all directions and the smoke of tyranny was raised from every quarter. This is a mighty favor and a great bounty—know ye its value and be confident in God’s grace. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging fast unto Thee.

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne, and by the Name through which Thou didst make it the Sovereign of names and didst subdue the earth thereby, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the power of Thy Pen, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause and upright in Thy love. Then write down for me, O Lord of the Kingdom of immortality, from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world, and that which shall profit me in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

BH03284: O My Name! Upon thee be My glory!...

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O My Name! Upon thee be My glory! The letter of Hasan-Aqa which he wrote to thee, as well as his petition, have been presented before the Face. Verily We have heard his call and seen his letter and have answered him with verses from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate, is diffused.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, and in My days My verses were revealed for thee when thou wert among the heedless. This is a Day wherein all things have been stirred by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the Possessor of Names, while the people remain in evident veiling.

Verily We make mention of Husayn who hath ascended unto God, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to forgive him as a bounty from His presence—and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. O Husayn! Rejoice in that thy name hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen while the Wronged One was in this remote spot. We beseech God to send down upon thee at all times a sign of forgiveness. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. And We beseech Him to forgive those who have believed and draw them nigh unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Hasan! We love to make mention of that which thou hast mentioned, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Make mention of him who was named Hadi, that he may rejoice in My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God to assist him to be steadfast in this Momentous Announcement and to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee and for him the good of the world to come and of this world. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Knowing. And We make mention of those whom God hath related unto thee as a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

And may God forgive those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, that thou mayest thank Him, holding fast to seemly patience. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, and He loveth patience and hath enjoined it upon all when He was seated upon the throne of utterance. He is verily God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We beseech God to open before thy face the gate of prosperity and to ordain for thee that which will solace thine eyes. He is verily the Giver, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03298: O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory! Make mention…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory! Make mention of the friends in all regions on behalf of the Wronged One. His honor the Secretary, upon him be My glory, is remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid him in that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause.

O Muhammad! Hear once again the call from God, the Lord of all beings, from this spot which God hath made the circling-place of them that are nigh unto Him. Having drunk the Kawthar of My utterance from the chalice of My bounty, say:

My God, my God! Leave me not deprived of that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, nor withheld from that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the kingdom of Thy Purpose. O Lord! Aid me to exalt Thy Word and ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted.

O Ba! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. In previous words this word was sent down from the heaven of will: O Q! Justice remaineth behind Mount Qaf, and equity lieth concealed behind the clouds of tyranny. Vain imaginings have deprived the world from the Lord of Names. The deniers, by reason of what they possess, have turned away from what God possesseth. The kings are occupied with their dominions and treasures, the divines cling to the means of hypocrisy, and the people of the Bayan are engaged in calumnies. Leave them to their vain discourse.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me through Thy loving-kindness and illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy eternity from the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the Hour appeared with its signs, the earth was cleft asunder and its mountains were crushed, that Thou make me detached from all else save Thee, holding fast to Thy cord and acting according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O Ra! Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made me a believer in the Word that summoned to hearken and one who gazeth toward the Dayspring of verses. I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the limbs of all names trembled and earthquakes seized all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, to make me confirmed in that which will manifest the sanctification of Thy Essence and the detachment of Thy Being. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH03388: Ever do the traces of grace, mercy, compassion…

He is the Compassionate, the Generous!

Ever do the traces of grace, mercy, compassion and loving-kindness appear and manifest from the Treasury of the Supreme Pen. Every word of the exalted utterances that appears from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names is a clear Book, a wise Command, and a momentous Announcement.

Blessed are they who have attained to its recognition and received their portion from the ocean of its meanings.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! We have heard thy call and answer thee with this most mighty, most holy Tablet. The word of pardon and forgiveness hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning thee. Give thanks to the Goal of all worlds that thou hast attained to this greatest bounty and supreme mercy. The keys of the treasures of the world are in the grasp of His power—He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. That which causeth the fragrance of loving-kindness to be diffused hath been ordained for thee.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned unto Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the breezes of the morn of Thy Revelation and the places honored by Thy footsteps, which Thou hast made the seat of Thy throne, that Thou forgive me and make me of those who have been so captured by the choice wine of Thy revelation and inspiration that nothing whatsoever hath deterred them from drawing nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being!

My Lord! Thou seest this servant of Thine seeking pardon from the ocean of Thy mercy, blessings from the heaven of Thy bounty, and steadfastness from the Sun of Thy loving-kindness. Ordain for me, O my God, the good of this world and the next, and that which shall be a light unto me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art He at Whose gifts and favors all things have proclaimed their praise. Then I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH03524: Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging…

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

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee, turning to Thy horizon, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, holding fast to Thy Book, speaking Thy praise, and arising to serve Thy loved ones through whom Thou didst open the door of Thy mercy unto Thy creation and didst send down the rain of Thy bounty upon Thy lands. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose will the sun of generosity hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy will and the temple of destiny was established upon the throne of fulfillment by Thy command, to make me one of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Book. Moreover I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, by the Seal of the Prophets through whom the light of unity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace and the decree of detachment appeared amongst Thy servants, to aid me to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with.

Then make me one of those who know no fear nor are they grieved. O my Lord! Thou seest me soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, turning toward the lights of Thy countenance, and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy bounty and grace. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy giving and the exaltation of the heaven of Thy generosity to ordain for me what Thou desirest. This Thy servant desireth naught save

what Thou hast desired and willeth naught save what Thou hast ordained. I thank Thee in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

His honor Ahmad, upon him be my glory, hath arrived. Perfect bounty hath been and is his portion. God willing, may he be assisted that from beginning to end his movements and stillness, his standing and sitting, his sleep and wakefulness may all occur for the Cause of God and for His sake. Verily He is powerful over all things. We beseech Him to protect him and return him unto thee that he may see thee and thou mayest see him, and he may convey the greetings of the Wronged One unto thee. And We send Our greetings upon you both and upon him who hath newly arrived unto thee and upon God's righteous and sincere servants.

BH03574: O seeker! Hear the Call from the upraised Lote…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O seeker! Hear the Call from the upraised Lote Tree beyond the crimson sea upon the luminous spot, that there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath cast aside what the people desired and hath manifested what He desired as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Neither the doubts of the divines nor the authority of princes can hinder Him. He summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He desireth naught save to manifest that which draweth all nigh unto Him. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, then those who circle round the House at morn and eventide. This is not the day of questioning—when thou hearest the Call from Mine exalted horizon, arise and say:

> "Here am I, O Desire of the world! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of the heavens and earth!"

Thy letter hath arrived and been read by the servant in the presence of the Wronged One. We answer thee with this perspicuous Book, which God hath made a guide for His servants and a light for those who have lost their way, and a fire that proclaimeth:

> "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beautiful."

When thou findest the fragrance of My utterance and art seized by the rapture of My Call, say:

> "My God, my God! I testify to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Thy Grandeur have spoken, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below. And I testify to Thy oneness and singleness, and to that which Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones have brought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the idolaters trembled and the faces of the believers shone forth, to make me turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Orient of Thy inspiration. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the lights of Thy countenance and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to withhold me from the ocean of Thy utterance and the sun of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art He to

Whose generosity and bestowal and grace and gifts all things have testified. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Powerful."

BH03565: O Asad, upon thee be My glory! The letter…

He is God, exalted be His glory, Wisdom and Utterance

O Asad, upon thee be My glory! The letter of his honor Yusuf, upon whom be My loving-kindness, which he sent to thee was presented before the Presence. Praise be to God, they are enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and are turned toward the lights of the Countenance. They have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance that which draweth them nigh and attracteth and transporteth them. From the fragrances of their words, their love and steadfastness to God, glorified be His majesty, and their arising to serve the Cause of God, are clear and evident. They have attained to that for which all upon earth were brought from nothingness into being. Give him glad-tidings from Me, illumine him with the lights of My remembrance, and remind him of My verses. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned them in the Most Holy Court. His is the right to make mention of that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered at this moment:

O my God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having created me and provided for me and made me know Thee and taught me. Thou art the All-Bountiful, to Whose bounty all created things and all contingent beings have testified, and to Whose generosity the world hath borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign over those on earth and in heaven. Thy mercy hath preceded and Thy power hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen.

Thou art He Who, O my God, caused me to hear the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen when it moved between earth and heaven, and showed me Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy favors and gifts. I beseech Thee by the dominion of Thy Most Exalted Word and by the power and influence of Thy Will, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of the dust below, to assist me in Thy days to that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy loftiness and Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee once again, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy knowledge and Thy Book, to make me a standard of Thy Cause in Thy lands and an ensign amongst Thy servants. Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH03493: The remembrance of the one who hath loved Me…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Imprisoned One

The remembrance of the one who hath loved Me We remember with a remembrance through which the near ones inhale the fragrances of the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Husayn! Hear the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the luminous spot—verily there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. We created the servants to hearken unto My Call and to behold My horizon, but when I revealed My Self they denied and turned away, except those whom God saved through His sovereignty which dominateth every small and great thing.

Thou didst desire to attain My presence and to stand before the gate of My mercy and to behold My Most Exalted Horizon and to hearken unto the shrill voice of My Most Glorious Pen. Know thou with the eye of certitude that the Wronged One loveth the presence of His friends and loved ones, but the idolaters prevented and came between Me and My loved ones—thus did their souls entice them and they are today among the wrongdoers in My perspicuous Book. Be thou not grieved.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me recognize the Dayspring of Thy power and the Repository of Thy mysteries on a Day whereon most of Thy servants denied Thy proof and Thy testimony and that which was sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the sun of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy oneness. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of Thy servants and exalted above the recognition of Thy creation.

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of the Names trembled and the hearts of the learned and the mystics were perturbed, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance where neither kings nor subjects can prevent me. I testify, O my God, to Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and to Thy power and Thy might. Thou art He Who created all beings with a word from Thee.

I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen Ones whom Thou hast made the emblems of Thy guidance among Thy servants and the banners of Thy remembrance amidst Thy lands, that Thou mayest write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining Thy presence, O Lord of all beings and King of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Ultimate Goal of the mystics' quest.

BH03586: O Mihdi! The letter which thou didst send…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

O Mihdi! The letter which thou didst send in the name of one named Mihdi, upon him be My glory, attained the presence, and whatsoever was inscribed therein was heard. From it wafted the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to assist thee, to strengthen thee, and to enable thee to serve His Cause, the firm, the impregnable, the mighty.

Children are meant to perpetuate one's name and remembrance in the world—and this only if they be adorned with praiseworthy deeds and pleasing character. However, that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for thee today is superior and greater than a hundred thousand righteous children. Should the effects of the Most Exalted Pen be limited to but a single word, that word would endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Every person of insight hath testified to this, and every person of understanding hath borne witness. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to such favor on a day when the people of the earth were seen to be heedless and turned away.

Say: My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that what hath flowed from Thy Pen is better for me than whatsoever wealth and children Thou hast bestowed upon me. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, to assist me unto that which shall be a light unto me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I

testify that I know not what profiteth me. Thou art more knowing than I. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones who turned with radiant faces toward Thy most exalted horizon while the people were in manifest rejection. Then I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and resolute in Thy religion. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, the Glorious, the All-Wise. Furthermore I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to ordain for me to attain Thy presence and to stand before Thy door, or to inscribe for me from the Pen of Thy grace the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Merciful, the Almighty, and worthy of answering prayer.

BH03650: This is a mention from Us to him whose…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

This is a mention from Us to him whose letter was present before the Countenance, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the revelation of God and His signs. Thus did the Pen speak when the Wronged One was walking in His Most Great Prison. This is a day wherein the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary hath spoken in the highest Paradise—the Tree which was planted by the hand of might and bounty—proclaiming:

> "The King hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!"

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call, and blessed the one with vision who hath beheld the Most Exalted Horizon. But woe unto every heedless doubter.

Thy letter was present and the Greater Branch presented it before My Most Luminous Presence. We answer thee with this clear remembrance. Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered, and to confess that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the seal of the Choice Wine was broken, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones who violated not Thy Covenant and Testament, who concealed not Thy Cause, and who spoke with wisdom among Thy servants—the wisdom which Thou didst send down in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word, whereby Thou didst open the gates of hope unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me. Thou knowest what I have and what is in my heart, while I know not what is with Thee. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken and taught thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon thy sister who hath turned towards Us—verily We have mentioned her and given her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness—and upon thy wife, whose name was present before the Wronged One and who hath attained unto My remembrance in this Most Great Prison.

BH03673: It is submitted that from the land they have…

He is God, exalted be His station

It is submitted that from the land they have written that Jinab-i-Aqa Sulayman, a merchant from Qarabagh who resides in Kazimayn, has through one of the friends of those lands become illumined with the light of recognition and divine unity, and has requested that mention be made of him before His presence. After these words were submitted, from the Dawning-Place of knowledge appeared:

> "O Sulayman! We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee to turn toward Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me know Thee and taught me and illumined me with the light of Thy unity. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who strove in Thy path with true striving and sacrificed their spirits and whatsoever they possessed in Thy love and Thy Cause, that Thou make me to be among those whom nothing whatsoever prevented from Thy remembrance, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I beseech Thee, O my God and my Lord and my Goal and the Goal of the world, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, then write down for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation, there is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

As commanded, if the aforementioned soul, upon him be God's favor, is present in Kazimayn and is adorned with the ornament of love, deliver to him whatever has been written. This servant also conveys greetings to him and beseeches from God, exalted be His glory, that which will assist him in His remembrance and praise and knowledge. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Giver, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, and praise be to Him for He is the Lord of all the worlds.

BH03769: O my leaf! This Wronged One at this moment…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O my leaf! This Wronged One at this moment hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Thou hast ever been and art remembered, and that which is enduring and lasting hath been specially revealed for thee from the tongue of grandeur. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve that which He hath bestowed.

The world is a transient abode; at every moment its changes are manifest and its evanescence evident. All are created from dust and unto dust shall return. Let not that leaf be sorrowful, for verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling and He biddeth thee to beautiful patience. Whatsoever appeareth and cometh forth from the invisible realm into the realm of being hath been and is according to the requirements of divine wisdom.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and made known to me Thy momentous announcement. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were thrown into commotion, to assist me in all conditions to remember and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. O my Lord! Thou beholdest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace and clinging to

the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy grace and the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy generosity to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the last and the first and that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of thy sister and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and remind her of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the grace of her Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God, they have turned and attained unto the revelations of the Most Exalted Pen.

All that is witnessed today shall return to nothingness, and these verses are recorded and inscribed in the Mother Book. Extinction shall not overtake it, nor shall centuries and ages alter it. All this is from the grace of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forebears. The Glory be upon you both from God, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH03709: The cities of justice are illumined by the splendorous…

In the Name of the one true God!

The cities of justice are illumined by the splendorous lights of the Sun of grace, and infinite worlds are adorned through the outpourings of the true Bestower. Yet the cities of the world and most of their inhabitants remain deprived and forbidden from the fragrances of the days of God and the rain of His mercy. The cause and reason has been idle fancies and vain imaginings, each becoming a thick veil and mighty barrier, concealing hearts and eyes from witnessing and comprehending the lights of the Sun of Truth. And the sources of these idle fancies and vain imaginings were the divines of the age. Blessed is the soul that has rent asunder the veils through the Name of the Lord of all names and attributes, and has attained to that for which existence itself came into being.

This Wronged One has ever remembered the servants while in the Most Great Prison and counseled them to fear God. It is hoped that the Word of God will encompass all and attract the hearts of the servants.

In these days the widow of the late and elevated Mulla Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent a letter mentioning that your honor intends to pay the debt of Karbila'i [Hasan]. Blessed are you and joy be unto you, for this deed is considered praiseworthy in all the divine Books, both past and future. Whoever achieves this attains unto all good, and this is a deed whose reward is recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. We beseech God to assist you in this good deed that has ever been acceptable in His sight.

On behalf of the Wronged One, convey greetings to the handmaiden of God, the widow of the departed one, and give her the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of all peoples! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of all humanity and the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below.

BH03780: Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved One…

In the Name of God, Exalted be His Glory! Grandeur and Power are His!

Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved One with the banners of verses and made Him from His presence a Herald to bring glad tidings to all of His grace and mercy which have preceded earth and heaven. He it is through Whose appearance the earth was adorned and through Whose ascension the celestial spheres were honored. Through Him the rivers of inner meanings and utterance flowed in the contingent world and the mysteries of the All-Merciful were revealed among religions. Through Him the valley of Mecca overflowed and the mouth of the Hijaz smiled, and through Him was raised the standard of Truth and lowered the banner of metaphor. Exalted is He Who strengthened Him and established His station in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who recognized and drew nigh, and woe unto them that are far removed.

Praise be to God that you have attained and been sustained by the bounty of recognition. We beseech God to protect the people of unity from the oppression of the ungodly. The world of unity has been surrounded by the hosts of misbelief. All must supplicate and implore the Self-Sufficient Lord with humility to seek protection and victory. They must hold fast to goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, that perchance His mercy may take them by the hand and His grace may grant them deliverance. Otherwise what remains will also pass away in time. The people of unity have not reflected on what has been the cause of this oppression and the reason for this weakness that has befallen them.

In any case, we beseech God to grant awareness and bestow knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan mentioned you, therefore we make mention of you and beseech God to grant you success and confirmation. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid the people of unity to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to assist them to turn unto Him. Verily He is the Oft-Returning, the Merciful.

BH03905: You have always been and continue to be mentioned…

He is God, exalted be His majesty, greatness and power!

You have always been and continue to be mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. From the earliest days until now you have been speaking in remembrance, gazing toward the horizon, turning to His countenance, and arising in service. The treasures of the earth cannot equal this testimony, nor can the words of men deny it.

Be not grieved by what has befallen you. For the sake of God they have said that which cannot be uttered by the tongue. One of God's names is the All-Patient, and He has commanded His loved ones to beautiful patience.

The Greater Branch was present before the Wronged One and presented your letter in its entirety. We heard it and have graciously responded with this Most Holy Tablet. Continue attending to affairs with the utmost joy, delight and greatest gladness. We beseech God to assist you in completing your tasks. You have truly undergone hardship, but arise to set matters right with perfect steadfastness. Until now, no

one's words regarding your affairs have been heard with acceptance. Convey greetings to the friends, especially to the two sons.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me, made me know Thee, and taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Him through whose advent the heights of knowledge and wisdom were adorned, through whom the fragrances of Thy revelation, the manifestations of Thy verses, the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, and the lights of the luminary of Thy bounty were cut off—to assist me in setting right my affairs and the affairs of Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning to Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by the Word of Unity, by Thy pervading Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03947: O Husayn! The Wronged One turns to thee…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Husayn! The Wronged One turns to thee from the Most Great Prison and says: The Supreme Pen makes mention, throughout the nights and days, of the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty—that is, those souls who have taken and become possessed of the sealed wine through the name of the Self-Subsisting. O Husayn! The world was created for attainment to the presence and hearing and beholding of the Most Exalted Horizon and the sweetest Call, and God hath indeed loved His loved ones. But the enemies have become a barrier, preventing the letters from the Word, and the Word from the Book, and the fruit from the Tree, and continue to do so. They are weak, unworthy of beholding, and deprived, unfit for attainment to the presence, for they have prevented all from the Most Great Ocean as a recompense for their deeds. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to Thy path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy commandments and ordinances. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made the cause of existence in the kingdom of creation, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all things, to ordain for me to stand before Thy face and hear Thy call, and to write down for me from Thy Supreme Pen the reward of attainment to Thy presence, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! Thou art He to Whose greatness all created things have testified, and to Whose power all possible things have borne witness.

I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee nor to withhold from me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Self-Choosing. Send down, O my God, Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones whom nothing among all things could frighten in Thy path, O Lord of Names, and who turned to Thee with radiant faces when the horizon of Thy manifestation shone forth in the place of return.

BH03838: A remembrance from the Remembered One to him who…

He is the One Who rules over all names

A remembrance from the Remembered One to him who hath believed in God when the servants turned away from Him, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. He Who was hidden within the pavilions of grandeur and power and in the treasure of thy Lord's protection, the Most High, the Great, hath come, and from the highest horizon hath appeared the Luminary of proof by the command of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who mentioneth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This is the Day that was promised to every soul in My perspicuous Book which We sent down unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and before Him unto the Spirit, and before Him unto Him Who conversed with God. Say: By God! The horizon of proof hath shone forth and the Sovereign of utterance hath come with verses which none deny except those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Open your eyes, for the Chosen One hath come in His great glory. Nothing whatsoever can prevent Him. He speaketh before all faces and declareth that which He hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto the Kawthar of Mine utterance, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions! The dogs have surrounded Thee from every side. I know not what will descend upon Thee from the hosts of the oppressors. Among them are those who have denied Me, those who have pronounced sentence against Me, those who have decreed My banishment, and those who have expelled Me from the land of Ta which God had made the dawning-place of His revelation, the dayspring of His signs, and the source of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Thus hath the Tongue spoken by the command of God in this noble station. Whoso heareth, it is for his own soul; whoso turneth toward it, it is for his spirit; and whoso turneth away, it shall be upon him. Thus hath the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne, decreed.

BH03891: To be typed

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BH03954: O ʿAli! My glory be upon you. We testify…

He is God, exalted be His glory!

O ʿAli! My glory be upon you. We testify that We have mentioned you before with verses from which shone forth from the horizon of each letter the sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. By God's life! In every word of your Lord's words surged the ocean of realities and meanings, yet the people remain in evident remoteness.

We have desired at this time to adorn your head once again with the crown of your Lord's loving-kindness, and your temple with the ornament of the Most Great Steadfastness in this Mighty Announcement. Nabil, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, mentioned you before the Throne and presented it to My Branch Diya. We have turned toward you and sent down for you from the Mother Book this mighty and wondrous Book.

It has grieved Me what befell you in your departure from the Land of Ta and your arrival in the land which God has made the Dawning-place of His verses that hold sway over all who are in the heavens and the

earth. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your face the door of His bounty and generosity. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

At this time We make mention of him who hath yearned for My remembrance, and give him glad-tidings of this wise and sacred mention. We make mention also of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. We entreat God to send down upon him mercy from His presence and grace from His own realm; verily, He is the Most Compassionate of the compassionate. And We beseech Him to cause, at every moment, the rains of His bounty to descend upon him from the heaven of His hiddenness. Verily, He is powerful to do what He willeth, through a Will that hath surpassed all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

This is the Day whereon the Temple of Manifestation hath mounted the throne of the Mount, and all things have cried aloud: "The kingdom is God's, the Lord of all worlds!"

Thy name and the name of thy brother have been presented before His Face; We have made mention of them both in verses from which the sweet savours of the loving care of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised, are diffused. The glory from Our presence rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in the Peerless, the All-Informed.

BH04101: O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My…

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

O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. The divine bounties vouchsafed unto thee are beyond reckoning. We make mention of but a drop from that ocean, that thou mayest know and discover it. In the early days of the Cause, the well-known Mu'tamidu'd-Dawlih desired to render service and assistance, but was not successful. And some time ago, the Mushiru'l-Ard of Shin likewise desired to render assistance and service, but this was not acceptable in the presence of the Wronged One, as he had been involved in the martyrdom of certain loved ones. Nevertheless, God forgave him through His grace and mercy. But thou, praise be to God, not only didst succeed in rendering service and assistance, but also wert among those who loved Me, attained My presence, quaffed the choice wine of reunion with Me, and were adorned with the word of My good-pleasure. Moreover, the Blessed Tree did openly and manifestly claim kinship with thee before the faces of the world and bestowed upon thee that which hath had and shall have no likeness or equal. Soon shall be revealed in the days to come that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me know Thee. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having honored me, brought me into Thy presence, caused me to hear and to see. Glory be to Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having favored me, enabled me to serve Thee, and caused me to speak forth Thy praise and glorification. O my Lord! Ordain for me every good thing that lieth hidden and treasured, concealed from the eyes of Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH04011: Praise be unto the One Who is worthy…

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

Praise be unto the One Who is worthy and deserving, Whose waves of the ocean of knowledge have encompassed the world and Whose hand of bounty has bestowed the chalice of life. His is the praise and the glory, His is the gratitude and the giving. There is no God but He, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. And blessings and peace be upon the Unlettered Prophet, the Divine Mystery and the Eternal Light, and upon His family and companions through whom God's Cause was exalted among the servants and His commandments among the lands.

And now, the spiritual beloved Mr. Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], came some time ago and attained the presence. Since he is engaged in commerce in the great city, he has requested that someone be specifically assigned for writing and accounting with him. Therefore, this servant mentions, as commanded, that if your honor is inclined, this matter is very suitable. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make this matter a cause and means for the manifestation and emergence of human dignity and station. And after submitting this before the face of the Lord, He said:

> "We beseech God to assist His servant Isma'il in what He loves and is pleased with, and to send down upon him from the clouds of His grace a blessing from His presence and from the heaven of His bounty a mercy from His side. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to answer."

End.

I convey greetings to the friends in that land and beseech for each one that which is befitting. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

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BH04118: O Kazim! The entire world hath been brought into…

In the Name of the One God

O Kazim! The entire world hath been brought into existence from nothingness for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Yet in every age and century when the Sun of Truth hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine Will, all turned away save a few. Reflect upon the Messenger of God, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—after His appearance all turned away and the desire to shed His blood became manifest from the souls of the idolaters. Then the verse of emigration was revealed and He departed from Batha to Yathrib. And likewise reflect upon the Spirit (Christ)—the divines of idols and of the Torah rose up in such opposition that the hands of power bore Him to the fourth heaven, and this is a saying to which all the divines testify and proclaim. And similarly with the Prophets who came before—

should one reflect, he would find himself bewildered at what befell those Dawning-places of divine revelation, such that the Most Exalted Pen lamenteth.

The divines of the age have been and continue to be the cause of the prevention of the servants and the source of oppression. Through their opposition all turn away from the Truth. We beseech God to confirm thee in such wise that the veils of the world and the clouds of the peoples prevent thee not from the King of Eternity, and that in the days of His manifestation thou remain not deprived of the outpourings of the heaven of mercy of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bestowals and by the Dawning-places of Thy revelation and inspiration, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH04028: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired, that He might draw all men nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Most Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath commanded all to observe justice and fairness, and to practice that which is prescribed in His perspicuous Book. He hath commanded all to draw near unto the Divine Lote-Tree, and hath forbidden souls from following their desires. He, verily, is the Lord of all beings. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which is commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and hath been honored with the hearing of thy Lord, the Hearer, the Answerer. We have answered thee with that which causeth the eyes of them that are nigh to be solaced. What thou didst mention in thy letter hath grieved Me. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to accomplish that which will exalt His Cause, the All-Compelling, the All-Wise.

Say: O my God, my God! I testify that Thou hast caused the verses to be revealed and hast manifested the clear proofs, and hast stood before the faces of the world and called all unto the Dayspring of Thy Most Great Name. I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by the manifestations of Thy grandeur in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world, and in Thy worlds, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. O Lord! I am the supplicant and Thou art the One Who answereth; Thou art the Self-Sufficient and I am the poor one; Thou art the Mighty and I am the lowly one.

I beseech Thee by Thy power before which the power of the world hath bowed down, and by Thy might which hath encompassed the nations, to make me in all conditions looking toward Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, and standing ready to serve Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou, verily, hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will gladden me and bring joy to my heart. Thou, verily, art the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04201: Praise be unto the Intended One Who, through…

In the Name of the one incomparable God!

Praise be unto the Intended One Who, through the Sun of Hijaz, illumined the world and, through the fragrance of the garment of Batha, perfumed all who dwell upon the earth. Through a single word He created the world and guided it, and appointed the best of creation as Guide, adorning Him with the robe of "Blessed be God, the best of creators" and crowning Him with "Verily He is the Seal of the Prophets." He is the all-embracing Word and He is the Guide of all. He illumined the world with the light of unity and commanded the peoples to manifest spiritual deeds and heavenly attributes.

Blessed is the soul that hath clung unto Him and become aware and assured of that which was promised in the Book. The Trusted One (Amin) made mention of you, therefore doth this Wronged One occupy Himself with your remembrance in this Tablet. We beseech God to illumine thee with the light of true unity and to set thee ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, and to enable thee to perform deeds whose fragrance shall endure and persist.

The world hath no constancy—all that is witnessed shall soon perish. In this transient abode one must acquire an everlasting station.

Say: O my God, my God! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto Thy cord. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and Thy most excellent names and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty in the kingdom of creation to ordain for me that which shall assist me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

BH04287: Your letter, photograph and poem were all presented before…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

Your letter, photograph and poem were all presented before the Most Holy Court and attained the honor of being seen and heard. God willing, you will be confirmed to take from that which is not seen and that which does not exist, and that which is not seen and that which does not exist, and to capture the Fleeing One through the name of the Chosen One, and to extract the pillars from a single thing. Then nothing will remain except purification and promotion. A Persian treatise was revealed—verily it is an ocean wherein are concealed the pearls of knowledge and wisdom from God, the Lord of the worlds and Sovereign of nations. Blessed is he who brings forth its pearls from the ocean and its jewels from the treasury. Praise be to God that you have attained unto pearls of divine knowledge for which there hath been and is no likeness or equal. Whosoever possesseth these jewels hath possessed and doth possess all good things. The oceans of the elixir circle round it and the treasuries of knowledge bow down at its manifestation.

Your letter testified to your acceptance and love. Blessed art thou and blessed the mother who nursed thee. The portrait of the Imam was presented through a servant and attained the most exalted station and supreme heights. We beseech God to confirm you in preserving that which He hath bestowed. Verily He hath power over all things. This is the station of steadfastness and is the greatest of all stations. Glory

be upon you and upon those whom the hosts of the world could not prevent from the Ancient Lord—they arose and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne." Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH04180: This Wronged One summons you for the sake…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance.

This Wronged One summons you for the sake of God. Great indeed is this Day. Well is it with the one whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from the Lord of Names.

Night and day the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen is raised up, with the intention of causing the servants to attain the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree. Ere long all that is visible shall perish. Your Lord, the Possessor of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, bears witness to this. Arise for God's sake and occupy yourselves with service to His Cause, that perchance you may attain to that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining forth from the horizon of the world.

Say: O God, my Worshipped One, my Gracious One, my Merciful One! You are that Sovereign before Whose Name the sovereigns of the world bow down in humility and submission. O Generous One! Your generosity has encompassed the world and Your mercy has preceded all else. I beseech You by Your Most Exalted Word and the power of Your Most High Pen to aid this servant to that which befits Your Days. A stranger has intended the most exalted homeland and a seeker has purposed the utmost goal—assist him to arise in service to You and to occupy himself with the spread of Your commandments and laws. O Generous One! Deprive not this poor one from the ocean of Your riches and grant this lowly one a dwelling beneath the shadow of Your mercy, that he may be quickened by the breezes of revelation and attain unto everlasting life.

Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

BH04243: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He taketh and He giveth, and He is the Taker, the Bestower, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O people of the contingent world! Hearken unto the call of your Lord which hath been raised from this glorious station. We have brought forth from the treasuries of Our Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes of them that behold, and have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which shall rejoice the hearts of them that are near.

While We were seated upon the throne, the servant came with a letter bearing thy name. We have revealed for thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the happenings of the world prevent thee. Take hold of My Book with My strength, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-

Wise. We desire naught on earth save the betterment of the world and the edification of its peoples. To this testifieth the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people are those who turned away, those who denied, and those who cast it behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies of the ungodly—they who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, denied His proof and His evidence, and uttered that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and the people of this luminous station to lament.

Say: Be fair, O people of the earth! By what proof did ye believe, and for what reason did ye turn away from this momentous announcement? Fear God, O people, and follow not him who forbade the servants from drawing nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge shown thee its waves and the heaven of utterance its stars, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon those who hesitated not when they heard the call, but drew near with illumined hearts and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

BH04306: O son of Abu-Turab! Say: My God, my God!…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O son of Abu-Turab! Say: My God, my God! I perceive the fragrance of Thy Manifestation, yet know not which spot hath been honored by Thy footsteps, which place hath been blessed by the lights of Thy countenance, which city hath been raised up by Thy call and wherein the throne of Thy majesty hath been established. I know not, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Master, what Thou hast ordained for this servant of Thine—whether the hands of Thy loving-kindness shall draw him nigh unto Thee or the manifestations of Thy decree shall hold him back. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! for my separation in Thy days and my remoteness after having become assured that Thou didst create me and Thy servants for Thy knowledge and Thy meeting.

O Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy garment and the breezes of Thy utterance to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who attained Thy presence, who stood before Thy gate, who heard Thy sweetest call, and who beheld Thy Most Glorious Horizon. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by those who were martyred in Thy path and who advanced to the place of sacrifice in Thy love, O Lord of all beings, and by the light of Thy Manifestation whereby Paradise trembled with longing for Thy presence, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with.

Then grant me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Exalted Seat. O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who broke not Thy Covenant, who took the cup of steadfastness in Thy Name and drank therefrom in spite of Thine enemies and the divines of Thy earth who disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs and disputed Thy proof. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

BH04265: This is a Book which the All-Wise hath sent…

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a Book which the All-Wise hath sent down for whoso desireth to drink from the Kawthar of life eternal from the chalice of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful, that the fragrances of revelation may draw him near and the verses of the Book may bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. We have manifested the Kingdom and sent down from the heaven of might that which hath guided men to the Most Exalted Horizon, as a command from God, the Lord of all men. Verily the Pen crieth out amidst the world and the Tablet speaketh forth: He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities hath appeared. Fear ye God, O concourse of earth! Cast aside names and take what ye are bidden by God, the Cleaver of the daybreak.

This is a Day wherein the assemblage of the divines hath been scattered and the hearts of the theologians have been troubled, and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Creator of all existence. Beware lest the doubts of the world hold thee back. Cast vain imaginings beneath thy feet, clinging to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the Revealer of verses. The carpet of vain imaginings hath been rolled up, for God hath come riding upon the clouds. Can anyone deny what hath appeared in truth, and can anyone object to the Mother Book? Say: O people of the Bayan! Look ye, then remember when the Desired One came on the Day of Resurrection. The divines of Persia turned away from Him and opposed Him until they slew Him with tyranny whereat the heavens wept. They followed their own desires and denied Him in Whom they had believed throughout ages and centuries. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Lord of all names was walking in the most exalted station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have not broken My Covenant and Testament and who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of earth and heaven.

BH04325: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have mentioned thee time and again, and have sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrances of utterance throughout all contingent being. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness to this, and He, verily, hath power over all things. We console thee in what hath befallen thee and beseech God to pour forth upon thee patience from His presence—and He is the All-Patient. He hath commanded all to show forth beautiful patience. The world and whatsoever existeth therein is evanescent, as beareth witness to this He Who is the Possessor of existence from His praiseworthy station. All in the world have witnessed and continue to witness change and variation, yet despite this they remain heedless and veiled. Beseech ye God that He may make His servants aware and grant them a portion from the ocean of knowledge. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

In these days Aqa Siyyid Mahmud—upon him be the Glory of God—hath made mention of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and one special Tablet of Visitation hath been revealed and sent down for the deceased. That honoured one should peruse it and send it to the aforementioned Siyyid.

We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him to remember Him and serve His Cause, and to ordain for him every good thing which He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Possessor of great favor. We make mention of the loved ones and counsel all to observe wisdom. Wisdom is the cause of the exaltation of the Word and the preservation of being. All must recognize its worth and station and hold fast unto it. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04508: In My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom…

In My Name that speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords, that the Call may draw him to the Supreme Horizon and bring him nigh unto a station wherein all atoms bear witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur witnessed before the creation of earth and heaven.

We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the Mount of Knowledge, and given thee glad tidings of that which was recorded in the Books and Tablets. This is a Day unto which God's Books of old have testified. Blessed is he who hath attained unto its light and believed in God, the Lord of all beings.

Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause and in voicing the praise of God, the Lord of all creation. He, verily, aideth those who have turned unto Him and assisteth them through the hosts of the unseen. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty that encompasseth all names. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

We counsel thee with that which will exalt God's Cause throughout all regions and manifest the station of man amidst all peoples.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the sun of Thy bounty and grace, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward the horizon of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not frightened by the hosts of the world nor weakened by the clamor of the nations—they arose and proclaimed:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of the Mighty Throne! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!"

BH04422: By the testimony of all divine Books, this Day…

In the name of the Mighty, the All-Powerful!

By the testimony of all divine Books, this Day is the Day of God and this Cause is His Cause. Through the Most Great Word He adorned all things from nothingness with the ornament of being, and through another Word which in this moment floweth from the Supreme Pen He counseleth all, and this blessed

Word which is the cause of the salvation of the world and the unity of nations is this: O friends of God! There are many emigrants who, after arrival and observation and hearing, return to their countries. Some speak of the truth, that is, of what they have heard from the tongue of the Wronged One, while others are occupied with vain imaginings. Should any word of discord appear from any soul, that word was not and is not from the Truth. The Dispensations have culminated in this Most Great Manifestation. Beseech ye God that He may adorn souls with the ornament of fairness, lest they again become the cause of discord and the shedding of blood. This is what the Wronged One hath ordained and counseled unto the friends of God and His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless. When thou hast received My Writings and My Tablet, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and shown me Thy path, and made me hear Thy verses. I beseech Thee by them who hastened unto the place of sacrifice and offered up their souls and all they possessed in Thy path, O Lord of all being, to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH04504: The Book of God speaketh with truth amongst creation…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

The Book of God speaketh with truth amongst creation and guideth all to His straight path. The Most Great Announcement hath come, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged before the faces of all religions, and the hidden and treasured Mystery hath been revealed, through which the Herald proclaimed:

> “He hath come, He at Whose mention Paradise and the Most Exalted Garden were attracted.”

Blessed are they that have attained!

If thou desirest to make mention of God, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, arise, then raise up the hands of thy inner and outer being with such steadfastness that the hands of all contingent things will be lifted thereby toward the heaven of the grace of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed is the hand that hath taken hold of His Book, and the eye that hath beheld His signs, and the heart that hath turned to His horizon, and the ear that hath heard His most sweet call when it was raised in the world of creation. And woe unto every remote oppressor!

Say: O peoples of the earth! The All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds, while from His right the Herald of Glory proclaimeth:

> “O people! This is He Who was promised to you in the Books of old, and this is He at Whose appearance the Books of the peoples bowed down in submission.”

To this beareth witness the Most Great Book of God in this exalted station.

The Glory shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who witnessed and declared:

> “This is He through Whom the countenance of Faith smiled in all creation, and the Hour appeared with its signs, and the Resurrection with its mysteries.”

Joy be to every attainer and felicity to every beholder who hath responded!

BH04574: O people of Saysan! The Pen of the Most…

In the Name of the One God!

O people of Saysan! The Pen of the Most Merciful mentions you on this blessed night. His honor Amin, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, arrived and made mention of you. Repeatedly before the Wronged One he spoke of your acceptance and your turning towards God. You are they who have attained to acceptance when the people of the cities and lands turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed.

We beseech God to assist you in mentioning Him, in praising Him, in unity and harmony, and to enable you to do that which will cause His signs to be spread abroad. We counsel all to perform pure and holy deeds and to fear God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. One pure deed amongst the deeds of former centuries is as the sun amongst the stars. Beseech God to assist you to accomplish that which is recorded and inscribed in the Book.

You must occupy yourselves with His mention and praise at all times, and let your highest endeavor be the reformation of the world and the education of nations. This is not difficult for God to accomplish. How many shepherds in the days of the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Daysprings of Inspiration attained to the knowledge and recognition of God, exalted be His glory, while how many divines and doctors remained deprived. The bounty is in His hand and within His mighty grasp—He gives and withholds, and He is the Omnipotent Commander.

BH04377: Today a spiritual messenger brought from the garden…

In the name of the one God

Today a spiritual messenger brought from the garden of inner meanings these words:

> “Whosoever is victorious through patience and forbearance in times of hardship and adversity, he is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Hear, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the heedless!”

If in truth the ears of the world were to attain unto hearing these words as they deserve to be heard, they would, at all times, utter “Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds, and Thine is the glory, O Lord of all names,” and in the path of the one Beloved they would, whatever may befall, hold fast to the cord of patience and cling to the hem of forbearance.

Today Muhammad, upon him be My glory, was present before the Face. We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet and counsel thee with that which befitteth the loved ones of God, exalted be His glory, and likewise concerning the son of him who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Were

the book of the world to be observed with the eye of truth, naught would be seen save the words "Departure! Departure! Extinction! Extinction!" The eye seeth "Departure! Departure!" and the ear heareth "Departure! Departure!" and all the limbs bear witness to extinction. Know ye the value of these days, for today man is able to attain unto a station or essence which extinction shall not overtake and which ages and centuries shall not alter. Blessed is the soul that hath attained and hath not been deprived. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones in that land and counsel them to manifest the most great steadfastness. The Command is God's, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04410: O friends of the one true God! Today…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O friends of the one true God! Today the ocean appears with another wave and the sun shines with a greater light. From all atoms is heard "The Lord of Names and Attributes has come!" It seems the world has been adorned with a new ornament. Blessed is the one whom the conditions of the divines and theologians have not deprived of the fragrances of verses. When thou hast attained unto My tablet and found the fragrance of the utterance of the Wronged One, say:

My God, my God! […] by what Thou didst testify before the creation of earth and heaven, and by what the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur, speaking that which guided all to Thy path. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, by the power before which the might of the world and the strength of nations grew weak, to ordain for me what will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, then decree for me what befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning to Thee and turning away from all else. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Throne and Thy seating upon it, by the hidden and treasured mysteries in the treasuries of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy days, uttering Thy remembrance and praise, and hearing what hath appeared and will appear from the kingdom of Thine utterance. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom the defenses of the world and the hosts of nations cannot prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

BH04437: Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Self-Subsisting Lord…

He is God—exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through His Most Exalted Word, bestowed existence upon the world of creation and brought it forth from nothingness into being. He is the Sovereign of the Kingdom, Who doeth whatsoever He pleaseth and whatsoever He willeth, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And blessings and peace be upon His Prophets and His chosen ones, and upon their Lord and their Sovereign, through Whom existence smiled and the rustling of the Tree was raised upon the Mount, through Whom the banner of divine unity was hoisted upon the highest standards, and upon His family and His companions who aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls in both beginning and end.

We beseech, by them and by those who arose and declared “God is our Lord”, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, that He may assist the people of unity in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world. And we beseech Him to aid them with the means of the heavens and the earth, and to ordain for them from the Pen of Destiny that which befitteth the ocean of His bounty and the heaven of His grace and the sun of His bestowals. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer. We counsel you, O people of unity, to be trustworthy and religious and chaste, and to that whereby your stations may be exalted among the idolaters who have denied God and His signs and have surrounded the believers with such tyranny as hath caused the people of the cities of justice and equity to lament. Mercy and peace be upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04553: This is the Day whereon the Speaker on Sinai…

He is He Who speaketh the truth before the faces of all creation.

This is the Day whereon the Speaker on Sinai hath taken His seat upon the throne of manifestation, and calleth, with the loudest call:

> “O concourse of being! The Lord of Names hath come with signs before which all signs have been made to bow. We have, in very truth, made the Cause to appear, and have sent down that which was veiled from the eyes of men and treasured in the treasury of the sanctity of God, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.”

Say: O people! Fear God. This is He at Whose appearance all things have cried out: “The kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all worlds!”

Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what is in the hands of the people, hath taken the chalice of immortality in the Name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and drunk therefrom in despite of every heedless and suspicious soul. We have verily illumined the world with the light of this Manifestation, and have unveiled the mystery of that which appeared upon the Mount; yet the people are sunk in manifest ignorance.

We have drawn nigh unto them as a favour from Our presence, but they have turned away in sore displeasure, for that they have followed every far-removed idolater.

And when the attraction of My utterance seizeth thee, turn with thy heart toward the horizon of My prison and say:

“O my God, my God! I bear witness that Thou hast made Thy Cause to shine forth before the faces of all creation, and hast summoned them unto Thy straight Path and Thy great Announcement; yet they have turned away from Thee, for that they have followed such as denied Thy proof, turned their backs upon Thy testimony, contended with Thy verses, and gainsaid Thy Manifestation, Thy rising, Thy bounty and Thy gifts.

> “O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy signs, by the sun of Thy mercy, and by the heaven of Thy grace, to inscribe for me, with the Pen of Thy favour, that which shall draw me nigh

unto Thee and shall strengthen me to arise in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Most Bountiful."

BH04883: He speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance

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O My leaves and handmaidens! My loving gaze has ever been fixed upon you. Today the Luminary of Divine Grace has risen from the horizon of the heaven of merciful bounty. This is a time for joy, not sorrow. We beseech God to assist all and bestow upon each their portion from the Tablet of generosity. He has ascended to the Supreme Companion who soared in the atmosphere of My love and spoke My praise amongst My servants. We bear witness that he drank of My sealed wine from the hand of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and attained that which none before him attained, save whom God willed. With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Verily He loves whoever loves Him and remembers whoever remembers Him. We implore God, exalted be His glory, to set ablaze all the people of that city with the fire of His loved ones and illumine them with the light of recognition.

In most of the Tablets We have made mention of the greatness of the Cause and the greatness of this Day. We beseech God to cause all to attain that which is the cause of eternal life. Verily He has power over all things. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon My servants and handmaidens who were not frightened by the severity of the wicked nor weakened by the power of the immoral ones—they turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and witnessed that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the last and the first.

BH04785: In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger!

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger!

I was walking in [the prison], contemplating the verses of God and His sovereignty and His evidences and His grandeur and His power, when the servant in attendance entered with thy letter and read it before the face of the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book which speaketh before all faces that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We observed thy devotion and turned unto thee, and heard thy call and revealed for thee that which cannot be equaled by what is in the world nor by the remembrances of the nations. He in Whose possession is a mighty Book beareth witness to this.

We beseech God to forgive thee and thy father and thine uncle as a grace from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the days of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance and hearest My call, turn thy face toward the House and say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me when I was heedless, and remembered me when I was silent, and awakened me [when I was] sleeping, and taught me when I was ignorant. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which Thou didst manifest that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and treasured in the repositories of Thy wisdom, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that the cawing of the cawers and the clamor of the transgressors shall not deter me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

BH04839: We testify that there is none other God but…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath manifested Him Who was promised in all His Books and hath adorned the world with this Revelation which was mentioned by Him Who conversed with God on Sinai, and by the Hidden and Treasured Name, and by the Concealed Mystery in the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers.

O thou who art present before the Countenance, who standeth at the Gate and gazeth toward the Horizon! The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst emigrate in His path until thou didst attain to the presence before the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of the worlds, and didst drink the choice wine of revelation from the hand of His bounty, and didst attain to that which most of creation died in their yearning for. Thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, beareth witness to this.

We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station in the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy. Say: O people of God! Be ye in this Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall shut you out. This behooveth one who hath turned unto this Mighty Ocean. Take hold of the Tablet of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him.

Verily We have mentioned thee and those who have believed with a mention that shall not pass away, through the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. The glory that shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom the might of the oppressors hath not held back from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH04718: A remembrance from Us unto him who has turned…

He is the One dawning from His most exalted horizon.

A remembrance from Us unto him who has turned to the lights of the Countenance when the Desired One came with manifest sovereignty, that he may know that for which being was created to know Him, and hear that for which ears were created to hearken unto Him, and bear witness to that which God did testify 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.

O Abu-Muhammad-Qabli-ʻAli, hear the call of the Wronged One Who hath stood before all faces with power whereby the feet of princes and divines have slipped, and with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy son made mention of thee; We make mention of thee in this mighty, wondrous Book. We have aided thee and caused thee to know and have cast upon thee a favor from Us, and We have forgiven thee as a mercy from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: My God, my God! Unto Thee be praise and glory, and unto Thee be thanks and splendor, for having guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the pearls of the sea of Thy knowledge, that Thou write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for Thy chosen servants. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I acknowledge my grievous sins and great transgressions before the Dayspring of Thy generosity and the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty and the Manifestation of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to make me sanctified from all that Thou lovest not and approvest not. Verily Thou art the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and in Thy grasp is the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Generous.

BH04874: O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness…

In the Name of the One True God

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy. Excessive work hath become a source of trouble for thee and caused thee sorrow. Countless difficulties have diminished thy joy. O Afnan! My Name hath made mention of thee and We have remembered thee. We bear witness that thou wert enkindled with the fire of My love, soaring in My atmosphere, turning toward My horizon, holding fast to My Book, clinging to the hem of My loving-kindness, detached from all else save Me, spending what thou hadst in My path, attracted by My verses, stirred by the breezes of the dawn of My Revelation, immersed in the ocean of My mercy, standing firm in service to My Cause, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, confessing My oneness and My singleness, and setting thy face toward My path and My horizon.

By the life of God! All the treasures of creation cannot equal this testimony, as doth bear witness to this He Who possesseth the Light of Oneness in this exalted and glorious station. For some time no outward mention of thee hath reached Us. Verily, thou hast treasures with thy Lord. Rejoice in this most exalted Word and be thou of the thankful ones. Give thou the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One to the Afnans of the Sacred Tree who dwell in that land, and gladden them with the effulgences of the verses of the All-Merciful. Verily, He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon you and upon those who love you and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, turning unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04868: O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory! The mention…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

O Ism-i-Jud! Upon thee be My glory! The mention of Andalib, upon him be My glory, was observed. His praise is enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, his mention testifies to his steadfastness, devotion and service to the Cause of God. The fragrances of the favors of the Wronged One have ever been diffusing. Convey My greetings and glory. And as for his desire to turn towards this direction in these days, the requirements of consummate wisdom are that he should arise to serve and teach, and like the morning breeze in the divine springtime, should pass over the lands. A number are dwelling and present in this land—although they are blessed with the honor of attainment unto His presence, yet today is the day of service, mention and utterance. Blessed is he who turns toward the regions, purely for the sake of his Lord. We beseech God to assist His servants thereby and to aid them through His utterance. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Let them engage in teaching. We shall apportion the visitations among the souls dwelling in this land and shall ordain for them an exalted station. In every letter, mention was made of Samandar, upon him and those with him be My glory, and each time they were blessed with the fruits of the Tree of Utterance. Happy are they. Glory be upon him and upon My loved ones there who have spoken in My remembrance and praise, who have been attracted by My verses and who have held fast to the cord of My Covenant and Testament. We testify that they are among the triumphant in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08537: The dominion of praise and thanksgiving, and the realm…

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

The dominion of praise and thanksgiving, and the realm of remembrance and glorification, befit the loved ones of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven, who, like immovable mountains, surging oceans, and brilliant suns…

O Haji! Reflect upon the House of God which is today the point of circumambulation for the world. In the early days, when the laws of the Goal of all the worlds were revealed in the Qur'an, the idolaters strove with utmost diligence to prevent it and made extraordinary efforts to extinguish its light. But when weakness was transformed into power and impotence into might, the call to prayer was raised, by command, from the roof of the Ka'bih, the Dawning-place of divine ordinances and the Day-spring of His laws. Some of the idolaters exclaimed: "How fortunate were our fathers who died and heard not this objectionable sound!" Others declared: "Would that we had been deprived of hearing and had not heard this voice!" And still others stopped their ears with the fingers of ignorance and waywardness. At first such things appeared, but now they hasten from every direction and every quarter to circumambulate it. Reflect now upon the matters of the past and upon this most great Cause and momentous Announcement, that thou mayest know and be numbered among them that comprehend….

BH04810: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the One speaking with truth!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who believed in God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting—he who departed from his homeland, advancing toward the Most Exalted Homeland, the Station wherein was raised the Call from the Ultimate Tree. The sovereignty belongs to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Zayn, hearken unto what is mentioned to thee by the Lord of Creation, Who came from the heaven of proof with a manifest evidence. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst turn toward the Dawning Place of Revelation, and His irrevocable decree took hold of thee on the path, and thy death was ordained as a command from God, the Lord of existence. Verily He doeth what He willeth and shall not be asked of what He hath willed, while all shall be asked of all things.

We beseech God to ordain for him the reward of those who attained the presence of the Countenance and were blessed to hearken to the call of their Lord, the All-Protecting over what was and what shall be, and the reward of those who circumambulated the Throne and drank the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of bounty and stood before the Gate that was opened unto all who are on earth and in heaven. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen in its praiseworthy station.

O Abu'l-Qasim and O Ibrahim! We have made mention of your father in such wise that his remembrance shall never end, throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My remembrance—verily he is of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise in the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance and the light radiating from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful be upon him and upon you both and upon those who heard the Call and responded to their Lord, the Speaker, the Rememberer in the Frequented Fane.

BH04877: O my handmaidens and leaves, upon you be My…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful

O my handmaidens and leaves, upon you be My glory and loving-kindness. The outward ascension of one of the friends has become the cause of the inward ascension of an assembly of souls. One physical death has become the cause of spiritual life for a company of people, for each has attained to the remembrance of God and been illumined by the effulgences of the light of the Manifestation of the Purpose of all worlds. The Word of God—its station is above the world. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it and been adorned with the word of contentment from the Lord of divine decree and destiny. That word is in truth like the sun—it rises before its face and accompanies it in all divine worlds. But O my leaves! Turn with your hearts to the Most Exalted Horizon and remember your Lord through what has been sent down in this time from the heaven of the will of your All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaidens awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy leaves clinging to the Tree of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Mystery of existence, by Thy Name, the Mighty, the Loving, to assist us to be steadfast in Thy love and to ordain for us what befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

And at this time, after mention of the leaves, the Luminary of the horizons makes mention and says: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the hands of Thy Cause and the salamander of the fire of Thy love to ordain for those who have turned to Thee, both men and women, from the ocean of Thy bounty the pearls of Thy wisdom and knowledge, and from the heaven of Thy generosity the stars of Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH04750: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand lie the realities of all existing things! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance, the manifestations of Thy power, the expressions of Thy might, and by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the power of Thy fingers, O Lord of all humanity and Lord of the throne on high and of the dust, to aid him who hath turned toward Thee and faced the lights of Thy countenance and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of Thy bounty and the Kawthar of reunion from the chalice of Thy grace, that he may celebrate Thy praise and glorification and serve Thy Cause.

O Lord! Thou seest him clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity and holding fast to Thy sure handle and the cord of Thy Cause, O Lord of all names! Ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then send down upon him that which shall be a light unto him in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! The letter of the servant Abdul-Husayn hath come before Our presence and the servant in attendance hath laid it before Us. We have answered him with a clear mention. We have witnessed his turning to Us and heard his praise. Thus hath the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged and the fragrance of His mercy been wafted. We have sent down for him that which shall solace his eyes and the eyes of those who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, detached from all names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom the oppression of the transgressors deterred not, nor did the might of the heedless prevent them from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04797: The Most Exalted Pen calleth unto God and summoneth…

In the name of the knowing God!

The Most Exalted Pen calleth unto God and summoneth all unto Him. Its shrill voice hath never ceased to be raised, and from it the living waters have unceasingly flowed. O people of God! Take ye in the name of the Friend and drink thereof. By the life of God! Whosoever attaineth unto it hath been freed from the troubles and hardships of the world and hath been united with the mercy of the Lord.

Today the traces of the Pen are bright and manifest as the sun, and the fruits of the Tree are visible and evident, and yet the doubts of the followers of passion and desire have withheld the servants from the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he whom the clamor of the heedless ones and the hints of the deniers and the might of the aggressors have not kept back from the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-places of inspiration.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for thee. Every possessor of a sense of smell can detect from it the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance and is numbered with them that are firm. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor which shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking forth Thy praise and remembrance, and arising to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am weak and Thou art the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful. I am poor and Thou art the Wealthy, the Powerful, the Great.

BH04880: O My handmaiden, O Sitarih! Rejoice that the Ancient…

He is the Forgiver, the Kind, the Compassionate

O My handmaiden, O Sitarih! Rejoice that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and hath remembered thee in such wise as shall endure throughout the world. My Leaf and My handmaiden hath mentioned thee, wherefore We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet and reveal unto thee that which attesteth to My grace and My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: O my Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the City wherein was raised Thy sweetest call and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and by the earth which was honored by Thy footsteps, O Thou Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times, to purify me and Thy other handmaiden, through the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the Salsabil of Thy bounty, from every sin and error which Thou hast inscribed by Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Thou seest and knowest what is in my heart of the pearls of Thy love and the jewels of Thy affection. Do Thou forgive me and my daughter, through Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Then know, O My handmaiden, that My Name Jamal mentioned thee before, and We revealed for thee that which [the treasures…] the Most Great Bounty cannot equal. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Glory [and praise] be upon thee and upon My other handmaiden and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Possessor of what was and what shall be.

BH04915: O upholder of the Faith! The Faith has been…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Informed

O upholder of the Faith! The Faith has been upheld and the Uprising has appeared, yet the people are in wondrous intoxication. Earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth save whom God, the Lord of all men, has willed. Your name has attained the presence of the Wronged One and has been blessed with hearing. We answer you with this Tablet from whose horizon has shone the luminary of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is the face that has turned, the heart that has advanced, the eye that has seen, and the ear that has heard when the Most High Pen's shrill voice was raised from the most exalted station. Thank God for having aided you to turn toward Him and guided you to the straight path. Hold fast to the cord of His grace. He has come from the horizon of power with might and sovereignty. Nothing escapes His knowledge—He witnesses and sees, and He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

In the Persian tongue, hearken to the call of the Wronged One, that He may perchance aid you to serve the Cause and perform deeds whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Today the divine Lote-Tree in the most exalted Paradise speaks these words: "O people! Cast aside vain imaginings and idle fancies. The Sun of Certitude has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of proof. Blessed is he who has witnessed and seen and found the divine fragrances, who has turned and said: 'Praise be to Thee, O Desire of the worlds!"' We beseech God to aid thee and grant thee success and ordain for thee that which is the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. Verily He is powerful over all things and ready to answer.

BH04945: Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved…

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

Praise be to God Who sent the Beloved with the banners of verses and made him a herald from His presence to bring glad tidings to all of His grace and mercy which have preceded earth and heaven. He is the Mystery through Whose manifestation the earth was adorned and through Whose ascension and rising the celestial spheres were honored. Through Him the rivers of inner meanings and utterance flowed in the contingent world and the mysteries of the All-Merciful appeared among religions. Exalted is He Who aided Him and established His station in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who recognized and drew near, and woe unto those who are far removed.

And then, O Jasim! The Wronged One sends greetings to you and counsels you to spiritual virtues and goodly deeds. Through virtuous character the station of man becomes manifest. Hear and be of those who act. Remember God's favor to you, then give thanks to Him and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having created me and manifested me and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and the Seal of Thy Messengers to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Then make me humble and submissive to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. Send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty

and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a helper, a supporter and a servant to Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH04955: In this day the preamble of the Book…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance!

In this day the preamble of the Book of Existence hath been adorned with this blessed and most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! The Day of God is come. Strive ye that perchance ye may partake of the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree through the traces of the Supreme Pen and gain your portion thereof.

O Ali, upon thee be My glory! Were the ears of the people of the world to hearken unto a single word of the words dawning from the horizon of the Divine Kingdom, all would turn from what they possess unto that which is with God. However, veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings have deprived their ears from hearing the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Glory be unto God! Until now the Shi'ih sect hath not become aware. By the life of God, they are observed to be the most lost among all the peoples of the world. Now again the followers of the Bayan, that is, the barking ones, have been and are attempting to establish a sect like unto the former one.

We beseech God that He may assist thee in that which will cause its fragrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land. We beseech God that He may cause them all to be set ablaze with the fire of the Blessed Tree, that they may, with unity, illumine the horizons with the light of God's Cause. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones.

The glory shining forth from the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto the Greater Steadfastness, such that neither armies nor ranks prevented him from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05130: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

He is the Witness from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names while He was in the hands of enemies who broke God's covenant and testament, denied His proof and evidence, and disbelieved when He came with manifest sovereignty. We summoned all, without veil or barrier, unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We stood before all faces, speaking that which would draw them nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which surgeth by My Name, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth. When thou art carried away by the breezes of revelation, say:

My God, my God! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me, nor what Thy Most Exalted Pen hath set in motion. Hast Thou ordained for me to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, to stand before Thy gate, to hearken unto Thy sweetest call, and to gaze toward Thy most exalted horizon? Or hath Thy binding decree and the requirements of Thy knowledge and wisdom prevented me from this? I beseech

Thee, O Ocean of Light, by the lights of Thy countenance, the manifestations of Thy grandeur and might, and the revelations of Thy power and sovereignty, to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then make me a champion of Thy Cause and steadfast in Thy service. Thou art He Whom the might of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the power of nations weaken. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH05047: I am established upon the Throne of Utterance

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A remembrance from Our presence to him who hath heard and responded, that the fragrances of remembrance may attract him to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall prevent him from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and that he may arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as the might of those who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall not deter.

A letter containing mention of thee was presented before the Wronged One. We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance. Blessed is he who hath inhaled and discovered the fragrance of his Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and blessed is he whose ear hath attained to the hearing of His most sweet call. He is indeed the most exalted among creation before the Truth, as doth testify this faithful Speaker.

Glorify thy Lord with praise at eventide and at dawn, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Meeting, for having strengthened me and shown me Thy path and guided me to Thy most exalted horizon and made known to me Thy Most Great Cause and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Moreover I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy grace to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no cause can hinder. Thou doest and commandest as Thou pleasest. Verily Thou are the Ever-Commanding, the Ancient of Days.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hastened unto My straight path.

BH05180: O son of My Most Truthful Name! Hearken unto…

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

O son of My Most Truthful Name! Hearken unto the Call from My sacred Kingdom—verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. The eyes of all the Manifestations have been gladdened by My Revelation, and the lights by My radiance, and the Books by My Book which speaketh betwixt earth and heaven that there is no God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

Go forth with My Book to My lands and give glad-tidings to My loved ones of My bounty which hath preceded the earth and the heavens. Thou didst migrate by My leave and return by My command.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained My presence, which God hath adorned with mention of it in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Say: O My loved ones! Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be prevented by the hosts of the wicked ones who have cast the signs of God behind their backs and followed every impious deceiver. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which beseemeth My days and thy presence before My face and thy turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. And We counsel all with courtesy and virtuous character, and with trustworthiness and kindliness and godliness and unity.

Shatter, by the hands of My power, the idols of hatred and animosity. We beseech God to purify hearts from these two and to adorn them with the ornament of love and fellowship. Thus doth the tongue of Revelation sing when the Throne was established in the mountains. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon everyone who hath arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither hosts nor intimations caused him to slip.

BH05129: This is a Book sent down by Him Who…

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names!

This is a Book sent down by Him Who is the Creator of the heavens unto him who hath turned towards Him. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of Akka, from the Divine Lote-Tree on the shore of the Most Great Sea of Grandeur: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books as a token of Our grace, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thy letter which thou didst send to Asad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath been received and hath attained unto Our hearing. We answer thee through this luminous Tablet. When thou hast received it and found the fragrance of Our loving-kindness, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty upon the Most Great Throne, and by Thy manifestation before the faces of all nations, and by Thy signs which have encompassed all created things, and by Thy clear tokens which have preceded all contingent beings, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and holding fast unto Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me and preserve me. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme Ruler, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of thy father and thine uncle, and We beseech God, exalted be He, to forgive them and thee, and to ordain for you that which He hath ordained for His loved ones who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon and have heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

BH05141: Praise be to God, thou hast attained and turned…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Praise be to God, thou hast attained and turned thy face to the most exalted horizon. Today the world is illumined by the lights of the dawning of His manifestation and the divine call is raised from the Tree of Revelation. Blessed are they whom the ranks of doubts and idle fancies did not prevent from the Lord of all names—they sought the Most Great Ocean and drank therefrom. Today the rains of mercy are pouring down from the clouds of the heaven of bounty. Well is it with them that have attained, and woe unto the heedless!

We beseech God that He may assist thee to recognize one blessed and supreme Word, for if thou attainest unto it, thou shalt attain unto all good and remain steadfast in the Cause of God, in such wise that the calumnies and doubts of the people of the Bayan and the Furqan shall not prevent or deprive thee from the dawning-place of verses and the source of clear proofs. And that Word is "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." Though the meaning of this blessed Word is outwardly clear and evident, yet concealed within it are mighty hosts of meanings, and these hosts will protect man from the promptings of Satan and the whisperings of the ungodly. Much reflection is needed that thou mayest attain to thy goal and drink from the Kawthar that lies hidden in this blessed Word. The splendor of God be upon the people of Baha from God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds to come and of the first.

BH05161: This is a Book from My presence to him…

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, and the Most Great Book

This is a Book from My presence to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We made mention of thee before, when thou didst turn to the Most Sublime Horizon, and We revealed unto thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be the Glory of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath appeared [and We have remembered thee with a Tablet, one letter of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Thus hath the Command been sent down from the presence of Him Who is the Lord of the ages, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation with manifest sovereignty] before My horizon with mention, and My tongue and My pen at that time bear witness to this, as doth the Book of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance from the cup of My bounty and hast attained unto My verses, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Self, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the Books and Scriptures were differentiated, to make me detached from all else save Thee and to hold fast unto Thy cord. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and I desire from the heaven of Thy generosity and the sea of Thy grace that Thou assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou beholdest the poor one standing before the gate of Thy bounty; I beseech Thee by Thy grace and generosity not to disappoint him. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving.

BH05456: Your letter has come before the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

Your letter has come before the Wronged One and We have answered you with this clear Book. We have found from your words the fragrance of your love for your Lord and your steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, he who has attained today is of the Crimson Ark, to this testifies every insightful knower. We beseech God to assist you in that which will draw you nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and to provide you with heavenly sustenance. He is truly the Compassionate, the Generous. When you discover the fragrance of the utterance of the Wronged One, say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of creation. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Upon thee be the peace of God and His loving-kindness. A petition which came from the City of Ha arrived before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance read it. We have answered it with a Tablet that testifies to the oneness of God and His singleness, and to His power, might and sovereignty. We asked Him to make thee successful and to assist thee and to ordain for thee that which befitteth the heaven of His bounty and the sea of the sun of His bestowal and the sun of His grace. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05353: His Honour Amin—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance.

His Honour Amin—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah, the Lord of all worlds—hath been admitted into the presence of the Divine Countenance, and hath attained unto the bounties of the Dayspring of His Revelation. He made mention of thee; wherefore hath this Most Holy, this Most Exalted Tablet been sent down from the heaven of the bestowals of the Sovereign of Names. This is that favour which, in the heavenly Books, hath been recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he that hath attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to Thy straight path and made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Great Name. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause and the fire of Thy love, and by the Name through which Thou didst shine forth upon the world, and by Thy power which hath encompassed the nations, to make me speak forth Thy praise and mention, to arise to serve Thy Cause, and to remain steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken, that Thou ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who were not hindered by the doubts of Thy creatures and the signs of those in Thy lands, and who cast away the world, detached unto Thy most exalted horizon. Then write down for me, O God of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of

the realms of might, the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Prevailing, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05379: In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance…

In My Name, through which the ocean of utterance surged in the realm of creation.

A remembrance from the One Who is remembered, through Whom the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, were spread abroad. The story of the Mount and its Interlocutor has returned—He Who speaks before the faces of the all and calls all to the Lord of Eternity. Blessed is he who has heard and attained, and woe unto him who has turned away from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Sadiq! Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which the treasures and riches of the world cannot equal. When thou receivest My Tablet and findest the fragrance of My utterance, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this manifest bounty. He hath turned unto thee and sent down from the heaven of grace that whose fragrance shall not cease for as long as the kingdom and the realm of names endure. Say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and revealed that which was hidden in knowledge and stored in the treasuries of the protection of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. I beseech Thee by Thy days and their breezes, and by the manifestations of Thy power and their modes, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and speaking in Thy praise. Then write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH05583: O thou who hast turned towards the Dawning-Place…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O thou who hast turned towards the Dawning-Place of the Cause! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the prison. There is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He hath appeared and made manifest what He desired. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He who soared in My atmosphere hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee that the remembrance may attract thee to the horizon from which shineth forth the Sun of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Generous. Beware lest the tyranny of the divines prevent thee from My straight path. When thou drinkest the Kawthar of utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful, render thanks unto God, the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of Thy bounty and for having guided me to Thy most exalted horizon when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away from it. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst unite the hearts and illuminate them with the lights of Thy knowledge and adorn them with the ornament of certitude through Thy power and sovereignty, to make me and those who have believed steadfast in holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of Thy grace. O Lord! Ordain for us that which befitteth

Thy greatness and Thy giving and Thy bounty and Thy grace. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05494: A Book sent down by the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

A Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who has turned to the Self-Subsisting on a Day when the Herald proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" O Ali! We heard thy call aforetime and thy letter hath now come before Us. We have revealed for thee that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, shall endure.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days, inhaled the fragrance of My utterance, turned toward My horizon and spoken in My beautiful praise. Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me through Thy verses to Thy path and by the light of Thy countenance to the Dayspring of Thy Cause. Thou art He Who called me when I was silent and awakened me when I was sleeping. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by the Name whereby the hearts of those who have turned to Thee among Thy servants and those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures have been attracted, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love.

Then write down for me, O my God, that which will draw me near unto Thee and benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. I moreover beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the murmuring of Thy Most Exalted Pen, to forgive me and my parents, through Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things and Thy grace which hath encompassed all existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful.

BH05527: We have seen and heard the letter of Nabil…

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

We have seen and heard the letter of Nabil, son of Nabil, upon him be the peace of God. Praise be to God, he is adorned with the ornament of love and crowned with the diadem of steadfastness. We bear witness to his recognition, love and precedence. God willing, may he be assisted and confirmed in all matters. The honored Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim has repeatedly mentioned him in the presence of this servant, and he has been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He has not been and will not be forgotten from sight.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones, Thy pure ones, and by Muhammad Thy Messenger, and by His family and companions who aided Thy religion and sacrificed their wealth, their souls and their blood in Thy path, to ordain for him that which will profit him in all the worlds of Thy worlds and cause his mention to endure among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O my Lord! Thou seest him gazing toward the horizon of Thy gifts and favors, awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy and the manifestations of the dawning lights of the Sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Straight Path and by Thy Most Great Announcement to assist him to mention and praise Thee among the manifestations of the names in the kingdom of creation. Then ordain for him and those with him that which will bring joy to their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05604: O Faraj! Relief hath come, while the people remain…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Faraj! Relief hath come, while the people remain in evident doubt. He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come, and that which was recorded in the hearts of the Messengers hath been made manifest. Among the people are those who have hearkened to the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen and turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away and disputed the signs and proof of God—these are accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and be numbered among those endowed with certitude. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy straight path and informed me of Thy momentous announcement. I beseech Thee by the Daysprings of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Places of Thine inspiration, the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the Repositories of Thy knowledge, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy, O Lord of all being. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who have hearkened to Thy call, spoken Thy praise, and arisen to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of nations cannot withhold nor the might of the world enfeeble. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the Omnipotent.

BH05636: If anyone should ask about the Wronged One, say…

In His Name, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth:

If anyone should ask about the Wronged One, say: He was subjected to the lashes of tyranny such that every person of insight wept and every informed one lamented. Yet the Wronged One accepted and continues to accept with the utmost joy and gladness whatsoever befalleth Him in the path of God. Every aware soul beareth witness that this Wronged One hath summoned the people to the most exalted horizon and commanded them to that which profiteth them. The purpose is that all hearts might be illumined with the lights of true divine unity and that the saplings of the knowledge of God—exalted be His glory—might be planted by the hands of will in pure and goodly soil. He hath desired nothing for Himself; whatsoever He hath spoken hath been for the sake of God. We beseech Him to guide such souls

as have drunk the wine of pride and are heedless of that which profiteth them. He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of the friends in that land and beseech Him to enable each one to attain unto that which He hath promised in His Book, and to protect them all from the evil of those who reject and who spread corruption. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayer.

BH05726: Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan, upon whom be the Glory of God, arrived…

In the name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Jinab-i-Abu'l-Hasan, upon whom be the Glory of God, arrived and made mention of you. Therefore, this Wronged One in this manifest prison became occupied with your remembrance. We have made mention and continue to make mention of everyone who is illumined by the lights of unity and who has attained to the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful.

O Muhammad-Rida! By the lights of the Sun of the horizon of proof, We have, for the sake of God, summoned the servants to God, exalted be His glory, and counseled them to perform goodly deeds and manifest praiseworthy conduct, that perchance the abasement of the people of unity might be changed to glory and the lowered standards might be raised aloft. However, no one accepted the counsels of this Wronged One. At last He found His place in prison. In all conditions We give thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, and We have been and are content with whatsoever hath befallen Us.

And We counsel thee to that which is the cause and source of everlasting remembrance. Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have entrusted my affairs unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones. Then cause me, O my God, to be confirmed in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy loved ones. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05634: The name of faithfulness has been and ever shall…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord.

The name of faithfulness has been and ever shall be loved by God, exalted be His glory. He has ever gazed and continues to gaze upon the luminary of this name which has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of grace. Therefore, thou hast been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid thee to be steadfast in His Cause.

Although in these days the heedless servants have, like clouds and veils, concealed the light of the Cause, ere long the finger of divine will shall rend asunder the veil and the light shall encompass the world. The Son of Mary sought refuge in wilderness and desert to preserve His life, while now the kings of the world hold fast to His name and cling to the hem of His grace. Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of these days.

Whoso belongs to God, God belongs to him. This is that word wherewith the preamble of the book of trust hath been adorned. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that understand!

The glory of God be upon those who have remained faithful to His Covenant and His Testament and who have acted according to that which was enjoined upon them in His perspicuous Book. Authority and command, bounty and grace belong unto the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

BH05950: O My handmaiden and My leaf! Today the lights…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing.

O My handmaiden and My leaf! Today the lights of the Sun of Divine bounty have encompassed the world and the fragrances of generosity have pervaded all existence. Blessed is the soul whom neither the manifestations of the world nor the doubts of the peoples prevented or deprived from the Lord of Eternity. Give praise to the Goal of all worlds, Who guided thee and gave thee to drink of the sealed wine. He Who loved Me hath mentioned thee; We make mention of thee in this Clear Tablet. Say:

My God, my God! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have recognized Thy oneness and Thy singleness and that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by the Throne whereon Thou art established, and by the lands which were honored by Thy footsteps, and by the Book which none hath understood save Thee, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving those who love Thee and desire Thee. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy clear proofs and the sun of Thy favors to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of the first life, and that which Thou hast ordained for those who circle round Thy Mighty Throne and Thy Lofty Seat. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05973: O Rida! The Supreme Pen proclaims: The eyes…

He is God, exalted be His station, Wisdom and Utterance

O Rida! The Supreme Pen proclaims: The eyes of the world have been afflicted with the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, depriving them from beholding the lights of the Sun of Truth. From the beginning of this Cause until now, this Wronged One has, without any veil or concealment, summoned all to the Lord of Lords. However, the recompense of their deeds has prevented the people of the earth from turning to the Self-Subsisting. The near ones and the sincere are bewildered, for it is observed that most of the people of earth have remained far from the Luminary of certitude due to idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech ye the True One that He may make all aware and guide them.

He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee before and will mention thee hereafter. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil of the people of the Bayan who have turned away from the Truth and followed him who knew Him not. And We ask Him to ordain for you from His Supreme Pen that which will profit you in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the Omnipotent, the Powerful, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of immortality from the hands of the bounty of their Most Glorious Lord and have said:

“Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have known Thee!”

BH05935: O Ism-i-Jud, upon thee be My glory! The letters…

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

O Ism-i-Jud, upon thee be My glory! The letters of the honored Afnan Aqa Siyyid M.Y. and the other Afnan, the honored M.H., upon both of whom be My glory and My mercy, which they had sent to thee, were seen. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that of which most of the peoples of the world remain heedless and veiled. Their mention hath ever been in the Most Holy Court. They have attained unto that whose traces are immortalized in the Book of God. In the days when the Greater Afnan and the honored Afnan who attained in Baghdad and in the Most Great Prison were present before the Countenance, mention of the other Afnans repeatedly streamed from the Most Exalted Pen. Such gatherings were convened as the eye of creation had never seen the like. The Pen saith: Would that all had been present and had received a complete portion of the lights of attainment in those days! O Mirza and O Muhammad! Rejoice ye in My remembrance and My loving-kindness and the turning of My face toward you from the direction of the Prison. Verily your Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Bountiful.

If wisdom permiteth, convey My greetings to the people of God and illumine them with the splendors of the lights of the Sun of the horizon of My loving-kindness. The glory shining forth from the heaven of My providence and My mercy be upon you both and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05860: The Book of God hath been sent down…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Book of God hath been sent down from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful’s loving-kindness. Every possessor of hearing hath been enabled to hearken unto its call, and every possessor of hands hath been assisted to take hold of the Book, and every possessor of sight hath testified to the appearance of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Dayspring of celestial verses.

Yet wolves from all directions have launched their attack, emerging from the thickets of self and passion. This Wronged One hath at all times proclaimed before the faces of all the world that “The Truth is come,” and when the fragrances of revelation were diffused and the lights of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of lands, those who were concealed behind the veil attacked the Wronged One with the swords of hatred. Such is the state of the heedless and the deluded. We beseech God to protect thee and ordain for thee, from the Supreme Pen, the reward of attaining His presence. This Wronged One hath made mention, and continueth to make mention, of God’s loved ones, and hath sought the presence [of God] for all. Yet the oppressors have intervened, and this land is seen each day in a different state and appeareth in a different color. Praise be to God that thou art remembered in the prison and hast attained unto the verses of the Supreme Pen. Well is it with thee and with them that know.

BH05972: O Rahim! The Wronged One calls and makes mention…

He is God, exalted be His glory in wisdom and utterance

O Rahim! The Wronged One calls and makes mention of thee from the prison, that His mention may attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt hear that which testifieth to the oneness of God and His singleness, and that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Rahim! God hath ever loved and continueth to love His servants, and this Wronged One hath desired and continueth to desire to meet His loved ones, but the heedless have interposed themselves as a barrier, especially in these days when Abu-Jahl hath appeared and is aflame with the fire of tyranny, and hath committed that which caused the very eye of justice and fairness to weep.

I beseech God that He may aid thee to make mention of Him, to praise Him, to serve His Cause, and grant thee success that there may appear from thee that which shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to Lalehzar and Rubin and Khudabakhsh. Praise be to God, they have attained and continue to attain. Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence. Verily He is the Doer of what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH05643: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is the Hearing, the Answering

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been established upon the throne of grandeur and will forever remain as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. When thou hearest My call and art seized by the rapture of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward the Most Great House of God and say:

O Thou Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to spread Thy Cause among Thy servants and to arise to serve Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and turning to the horizon of Thy manifestation. I adjure Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear proofs and the Source of Thy Command and the Manifestation of Thy Self, Who speaketh before the faces of the world through Thy power and Thy might and Thy sovereignty, to enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy lands. Then write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the power of the world hath not hindered. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05708: For what purpose was the sun created? That it…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

For what purpose was the sun created? That it might be a reflection of the lights of His countenance. For what purpose did the heaven come into being? That it might be a sign of His loftiness. Why was the sea made manifest? That it might be an evidence of His generosity. And this is mentioned according to the capacity of the people of the earth, otherwise the Sun of Truth is sanctified above what hath been mentioned and what will be mentioned.

O friends! The true spring hath appeared, the Hidden Treasure hath been made manifest. Deprive not yourselves. Say: O people of the world, hasten ye and count this time as precious. By the life of God! One point revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in these days containeth within it countless books, and the Ocean of Knowledge is concealed therein. Today is the day of bounty and the day of grace and generosity. Say: Purify your hearts from the doubts and allusions of the people of the world, that ye may attain unto that which hath been mentioned and drink from the ocean of meanings that lieth hidden within the words of the King of Reality. I swear by the sun of the heaven of proof—whosoever attaineth unto it and drinketh thereof, the Tongue of Grandeur shall utter the blessed words "Well is it with those who drink!" and "Happy are they who drink!"

BH05747: This is a mention from Us unto all who…

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the horizon of utterance

This is a mention from Us unto all who are on earth, that the remembrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, may attract them. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. He hath come with an authority before which armies cannot stand. He hath appeared and made manifest, and hath willed through His command that pervadeth all that is seen and unseen.

O thou who hast drawn nigh! He who loved Me and soared in Mine atmosphere and circled round Me—he who was named Mushkin in My preserved and mighty Tablet—made mention of thee, and We make mention of thee through grace that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Let not the happenings of the world grieve thee, nor let the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, frighten thee. When the attraction of the call from the direction of Akka seizeth thee, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all men, for having remembered me and sent down for me that which draweth me nigh unto Thee. Thou art verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of earth and heaven. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the exaltation of Thy Word and Thy standing before the faces of Thine enemies, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and the Supreme Ruler over all things. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy word 'Be' and it is."

BH06023: Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has perfumed…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has perfumed the world with the fragrance that wafted by His command from the direction of Hijaz. And blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the banner of Truth was raised and the standard of metaphor was lowered, and upon His family and companions—the manifestations of divine might and the dawning-places of power amidst creation—through whom the door of divine knowledge was opened to all in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has been and ever shall be the Protector over what was and what will be. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Nuru'd-Din, upon thee be the peace and loving-kindness of God! Thy letter came before the Wronged One, and what thou didst write was noted. From it wafted the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and assist thee to serve Him, to transcribe His verses, to make mention of Him and praise Him, to stand firm in His mighty Cause. And We make mention of those who are with thee and assist thee in learning and transcription, and of God's sincere servants who act according to what they have been commanded in His decisive, mighty and ancient Book. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06028: He looketh on from the most exalted horizon

He looketh on from the most exalted horizon

O my God, my God! This is a leaf among Thy leaves whom the wine of Thy bounty hath so inebriated that she hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs and hath turned toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Ordain for her that which will confirm her in steadfastness in Thy Cause and in Thy love. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration and the Manifestations of Thy Self and the Treasuries of Thy wisdom, to ordain for Thy loved ones and Thy leaves the reward of attaining Thy presence and standing before Thy face and appearing at the gate of Thy grandeur.

Thou art He to Whose power and might and strength and greatness and sovereignty and authority all created things have testified. Write Thou for them that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones—they who, O my God, have acknowledged Thy unity and Thy oneness and have confessed that which Thou didst send down to them from the heaven of Thy will. Send down, then, upon them from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy grace that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy gifts and Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH06336: Is the all-seeing speaker

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O Asad! Hearken to the Call from the direction of Akka—verily there is no God but Me, the All-Hearing, the Answering One. We have desired to make mention of thee at this time with a mention that will draw thee to God, the Lord of all worlds. We heard thy call before and answered thee out of the grace of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is another time when the Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee

while it is in the hands of the heedless ones. Grieve not over anything, but trust in all matters in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby this wondrous Cause shall be exalted—the Cause by which the faces of the divines were darkened and the faces of those who have turned to this luminous horizon were illumined. Verily He loves whoever loves Him and is with him—He hears and sees, and He is the Protector of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded all else. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken in its exalted station. The glory that proceeds from Us be upon thee and upon those whom nothing whatsoever has prevented from God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH06105: This Wronged One makes mention of the friends…

In the name of the one true God!

This Wronged One makes mention of the friends of God in all conditions and commands them to perform goodly deeds, manifest praiseworthy conduct, and fear God. His purpose has been and continues to be the exaltation of the Word of Unity. O Muhammad-Baqir, upon thee be my peace! the ungodly have surrounded the believers in the Divine Unity from all directions, and the clouds of tyranny have prevented the Sun of Justice from shedding its radiant beams. All must beseech God that the original power and lost ascendancy may be made manifest and evident. The cities and lands of the people of Divine Unity lie in ruins through the tyranny of the ungodly. Say:

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom Thou didst aid Thy Cause and manifest Thy Will and raise high the banners of Thy Unity and the standards of detachment, and by His family and companions, to make this servant of Thine one who acts according to Thy command, who speaks Thy praise, and who hopes for Thy grace from the horizon of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will not cease to spread its fragrance throughout the eternity of Thy names. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

If thou enounterest one of the friends, convey to him the greetings of the Wronged One. Peace be upon thee and upon the righteous servants of God.

BH06230: Your letter has come before the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of your turning and devotion to God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the heart that has turned, and the face that has been directed, and the soul that has heard and responded—these are among the triumphant ones in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad, hear My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, He makes mention of you in a manner befitting My days and reminds you of the verses of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When you receive My letter, arise and say:

> “My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for causing me to hear Thy call and for making known to me that which most of Thy creatures have turned away from. I beseech Thee by the breezes of Thy Revelation and the manifestations of Thy power and the evidences of Thy sovereignty to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee and detached from Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the contingencies of the world cannot frustrate. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Dominant, the Almighty.”

The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those whom neither the tyranny of any tyrant nor the assaults of any evildoer have kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds and the Goal of all peoples, Who has come from the horizon of power with the standards of wisdom and utterance.

BH06373: O Ghaffar! I testify to that which the Chosen…

He is the All-Knowing Helper!

O Ghaffar! I testify to that which the Chosen One hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath no partner in dominion. All created things have borne witness to His singleness, and all beings to His oneness. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness. Thou didst send forth the Messengers and reveal the Books as a token of Thy grace unto Thy servants and Thy creation. O Lord! Thou beholdest me turning away from all else save Thee and advancing toward Thy most exalted horizon, the Station wherein was raised the rustling of the Sadratu’l-Muntaha.

I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, and by the fragrances of Thy days, and by the daysprings of Thy power and might, to forgive my grievous sins and my great transgressions. Then ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy decree, that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Purify me from the doubts of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and from the allusions of them that have turned away from Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

BH06379: In My Name that overshadoweth all names

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O Mihdi! At this hour the lamp that is lit before the Face speaks this word: The Day of God is manifest and the Luminary of His Cause is shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Supreme Pen, yet the people remain debarred and veiled. Blessed is the soul that has attained to the hearing of this call and has arisen to accomplish what it had failed to achieve in the days of God. The people of the world, despite their

anticipation and expectation, failed to recognize the Truth and committed that which caused the eyes of the Concourse on High to weep and the dwellers of Paradise to lament.

Say: O friends! Know ye the value of these days and hold fast unto that which is befitting. Not every age has this station, nor every day this grace. We beseech God to aid all and not to deprive them of the effulgences of the light of the Day-Star of utterance which shineth forth and is manifest from the horizon of the Tablet of God. He is the Powerful. The Glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon My friends in that land who were not prevented by the doubts of the servants from the outpourings of the Day of Mutual Invocation.

BH06150: A remembrance from Us to him who has turned…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Remembered One, when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, that the remembrance and utterance might draw him to a station wherein he sees naught save the lights of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Yahya! Hear the Call from the direction of Akka: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. The Book has come from the Kingdom of utterance—take hold of it with strength from God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold thee back, or the might of princes frighten thee. Cast aside vain imaginings beneath thy feet, turning to the horizon from which has shone forth the Day-Star of certitude, as a command from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thus hath the ocean manifested its waves and the light its radiance. When thou hast seen and attained, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having sent down unto me the proof and shown me the way. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy utterance and the mysteries of Thy dominion to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and firm in the service of Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy grace and awaiting the wonders of Thy favor. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06194: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one…

In the name of God, the Healing, the Forgiving, the Merciful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one of Thy maidservants who desireth from this Thy servant that which Thou wouldst make a healing for her through Thy grace, and health from Thy presence, and well-being from Thy side. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have not followed my will, but rather Thy will, nor my desire, but rather Thy desire, and I love naught except what Thou lovest.

If Thou willest, O my God, ordain for her that which will preserve her from every ailment and sickness and calamity. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Beloved One, through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to send down upon her from the heaven of Thy healing that which will gladden the hearts of Thy servants and Thy handmaidens. Thine is the command and the bestowal in all conditions, and for Thy servant is submission and contentment. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. How can I ask Thee, O my God, concerning anything, after [my confession and certitude that Thou art]

praised in Thy deed and obeyed in Thy command? All that appeareth from Thee [is my desire and] [my aim and my hope and my wish and my purpose and my aspiration. Verily] Thou knowest what is in my heart, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06285: You have ever been remembered in the presence…

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

You have ever been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and continue to be so. From the beginning of the Cause until now, without any veil or concealment, We have summoned the servants to that which draweth them nigh unto God. We arose for God's sake and showed the way for His sake. Some accepted and others turned away. Our purpose was that the cities of unity might be preserved from the fire of the oppression of the idolaters. Yet the heedless ones of the world cling to their desires and remain oblivious of the Truth. Beseech ye God that He may make His servants aware and awaken them from the slumber of negligence. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Darvish, upon him be My Glory, arrived and mentioned your intention to turn towards the Wronged One. He himself has determined to return for God's sake, for the exaltation of the Word and the glorification of the Cause. You too, God willing, after arriving and attaining His presence and meeting Him, shall become occupied with that which will lead to the reformation of the world and the refinement of the nations. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you and assist you and His loved ones to remember Him, praise Him, serve His Cause and act according to that which He hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

BH06806: O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! We…

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

O My handmaiden, upon thee be My glory! We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets, both before and after, as a bounty from Us, and at this manifest hour. Every handmaiden who hath believed in God on the Day of Judgment hath indeed attained, and every learned one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, hath truly lost. We make mention of every servant who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. O My leaf! When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard My call, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having strengthened me and made me recognize Thee and guided me and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath subdued all contingent beings, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast made all created things to be subservient, to make me in all nights and days speak forth Thy praise and stand firm in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest a leaf from among Thy leaves clinging to the Tree of Thy grace—ordain for her that whereby her eyes may be solaced. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06855: O Andalib! Upon you be My glory and My…

He is God, exalted be His station in wisdom and utterance

O Andalib! Upon you be My glory and My loving-kindness. The servant in attendance has chanted your poetry and prose in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are you for having attained to His mention and praise in the earliest days when the servants denied Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the mighty throne, willed. We have heard what the tongue of your heart uttered and have seen what came before the face of the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid you and assist you to help His Cause and exalt His Word. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have mentioned you before with verses whose fragrance wafts through the gardens of My books, the realms of My utterance, and the kingdom of My remembrance, the mighty, the wondrous. Give thanks to God for this most great favor and say:

> "Yours is the praise, O Lord of Names, and Yours is the glory, O Creator of heaven, for having caused me to know You and taught me and mentioned me and given me glad tidings and given me to drink of Your sealed wine. The grace is Yours, O Lord of the world, and the bounty is Yours, O Master of the seen and unseen. Glory be upon You and upon whoever heeds Your word in this firm Cause."

BH06756: O Fadl! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

…"O Fadl! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His grace!" The Greater Branch arrived at this moment and made mention of you, whereupon these words were sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of the All-Merciful: "Mention of thee hath been and shall ever be made in the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to aid thee in that which will cause its fragrance to endure throughout all worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things."…

BH06804: O my handmaiden! Today each of the handmaidens…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O my handmaiden! Today each of the handmaidens of the earth has attained the most great honor and supreme bounty, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. She is mentioned before God as being among the people of the most exalted Paradise and is recorded in the Book as one of the sincere ones and those brought nigh. Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds that He has assisted thee and thou art accounted before God among the men of the most sublime Paradise. Amin arrived and described in detail before the Face of the Wronged One thy hospitality and thy feast, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of divine Will that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of My luminous robe and engage with utmost joy and gladness in the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds.

We hereby end the Book [and make mention of] him who was named Muhammad-Quli and remind him of My verses and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, who have arisen and said: "God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne!"

BH06826: O Hasan! Ghusn-i-Akbar is present and uttering thy praise…

O Hasan! Ghusn-i-Akbar is present and uttering thy praise. We beseech God that He may aid thee in that which is the cause and source of the perpetuation of existence. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Living Waters which have flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful and hast hearkened unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. This mention and this bounty shall endure through the perpetuity of God's Kingdom. Soon shall appear that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. We beseech God to assist thee in preserving this most exalted station. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. At all times thy mention hath been and continues to be remembered. This is from the favor of thy Lord unto thee. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones of God, namely those souls who are illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and We beseech for each one that which hath been and ever shall be peerless. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Cause and this Mighty Announcement. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06827: O Haji Baba, upon thee be the Glory…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Haji Baba, upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names! The Most Great Branch was present before the Face at this time and made mention of thee. Therefore have We made mention of thee in these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings, that the fragrance of remembrance might endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom of God and His Dominion. Likewise did Jinab-i-Samandar make mention of thee, and thou hast been honored with a new remembrance. When thou hast attained unto My verses and hearkened unto the warbling of the birds of My Throne, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and for having caused me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, and for having enabled me to acknowledge that which Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Thy grandeur have spoken. O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Finger whereby Thou didst rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and the shrouds of vain imaginings, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy wisdom, to ordain for me that which shall be as a lamp unto me in every world of Thy worlds. Moreover, decree for me and for Thy loved ones, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which shall profit them. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06888: O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O My leaf and My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory! Today the world is illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation, and all atoms proclaim "The Truth is come!" Yet most of mankind remain heedless and veiled. Wealth and the vanities of the world, though all acknowledge their transience, have

become a barrier between creation and the Ancient King. The life of this world in the estimation of the people of truth—that is, the people of Baha—is reckoned as but a moment. Glory be to God! The manifestation of evanescence hath deprived souls of the kingdom of immortality. Give thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, that through the love of one of His friends He guided thee and led thee to His straight path. Thank thy Lord for this great bounty and say:

> "My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having strengthened me and enabled me while mankind was in manifest rejection. I beseech Thee by Thy handmaidens who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur, and by the hearts that have melted in their separation and remoteness from Thee, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine what beseemeth Thy loftiness and sublimity, Thy mercy and forgiveness. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful."

BH07070: In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful!

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful!

A mention from Our presence unto him who attained unto the choice sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting appeared from the horizon of the heaven of utterance with manifest sovereignty, that this mention may draw him unto the Most Exalted Horizon and cause him to arise in service to the Cause of his Lord, the Wronged, the Stranger, Who was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison because He summoned the peoples unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Amin hath mentioned thee before and after. We have sent down for thee that from which those near unto God inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

When thou hast received the Tablet and its effect, say:

> "My God, my God! I render Thee thanks for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which was the hope of them that are near unto Thee among Thy servants and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being, and by the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation and the leaves of the Tree of Thy bounty, to make me a servant of Thy Cause, beholding Thy horizon, and steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH07098: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the Name of Him Who hath caused the Tablet and the Pen to appear!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hath hearkened unto the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen, and hath witnessed that which hath appeared from One mighty and powerful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and speaking in praise, and arise to serve it and to serve His loved ones who have traversed the lands to exalt His Word that hath dominated all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest the

might of the world prevent thee, or the oppression of those who have adorned their heads with turbans frighten thee—they who have done that which hath caused the Supreme Paradise and the people of this noble station to lament. We beseech God to assist His servants to return to His Most Exalted Horizon and to enable them to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Glory be from Us upon the people of Baha who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

BH07325: To be typed

To be typed.

BH07838: The Tongue of Grandeur has at all times summoned…

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

The Tongue of Grandeur has at all times summoned the peoples of the contingent world to the Most Exalted Horizon. The atoms of all created things bear witness that this Wronged One has desired naught but the reformation of the world and the edification of its peoples. At times, while bound in chains and fetters, He would beseech the Lord of Creation for comfort and mercy on behalf of His servants, and at other times, while imprisoned by His enemies, He would give all the glad-tidings of the ocean of bounty and the heaven of generosity. He bore that which none in all the world has borne. Every fair-minded one testifies and every knower is aware.

Now, in this last prison, He again makes mention of all and commands them to that which God has revealed in the Book. Blessed is the servant who has attained, and the handmaid who has attained. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the Commander, the Just, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Glory from Us be upon My handmaids who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07457: The Glory and salutations be upon you…

He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The Glory and salutations be upon you from the presence of God, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Jinab Isfandiyar hath despatched a letter unto the Most Sacred Court; an answer hath been revealed and sent. That honoured person and Hadrat ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar will peruse it; after receiving it, let them convey Our greetings unto its author.

God is all-knowing, and the world beareth witness that the signs and clear evidences of this Most Great Manifestation have encompassed the whole earth without a moment's intermission. In this Day, My Book hath been sent down and goeth forth unto the regions. Implore of God that He may so confirm the peoples of the world that, with the finger of certitude, they may rend asunder the veils that bar their way and turn their faces unto the horizon of the Manifestation. The Cause is in His hand; He doeth whatsoever He willeth and decreeth whatsoever He desireth.

Glory, remembrance, and praise rest upon your honoured persons, and upon those who love you and hearken to your word in the Cause of God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old.

BH07778: Say: My God, my God! This servant testifieth…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: My God, my God! This servant testifieth, as he hath testified in all conditions, to Thy unity and Thy oneness, to Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty, to Thy power and Thy might, and that Thou art God and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been seated upon the throne of Thy grandeur and Thou wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me in that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and will exalt my mention amongst Thy servants. Then ordain for me through the Pen of Destiny the good of both this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

His honor Mirza Abu'l-Hasan Ardikani, upon him be my glory, hath expressed satisfaction with you and likewise with your enkindlement with the fire of love. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which will draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

BH07839: By the life of God! The books…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger!

By the life of God! The books of the world have lamented, and the Lord of nations has cried out, by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of every remote oppressor. By means of brackish water have they barred access to the Most Great Sea, and through bitter fluid have they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. They have occupied themselves with vain imaginings, turning away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We command thee and those who have believed in that which hath been sent down in My perspicuous Book. Say: Cast aside what the people possess and take what ye have been given from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: All the treasures of the earth shall not suffice you this Day, nor shall what the people possess profit you. Fear God, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Purify your ears that ye may hear that which all things proclaim, and sanctify your eyes to behold this resplendent, manifest Light. Say: By the life of God! Neither the might of the world nor the ranks of kings and rulers shall protect you. Turn with your hearts to the Beloved and follow not every ignorant doubter. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH08506: O My handmaiden! The Most Exalted Maiden who dwelleth…

He is the Witnesser from the most exalted horizon!

O My handmaiden! The Most Exalted Maiden who dwelleth in a palace of rubies in the Most Exalted Paradise speaketh these words: O handmaidens of the earth! Know ye the value of these days. The eye of the world hath never seen their like. Today the Most Exalted Horizon is radiant and the call of the One Beloved is raised. Deprive not yourselves of seeing and hearing. Today the All-Bountiful Lord is present and the heavenly feast is descending. Partake of it in His name and remember Him as ye eat. Praise be unto Him! Ye have attained to that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Give thanks to the Desired One of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain and guided thee to the Most Exalted Horizon. His is the grace and praise, His is the bounty and bestowal. There is no God but Him, the Giving, the Generous.

BH08567: O Haydar-Ali, upon thee be My glory! The honored…

O Haydar-Ali, upon thee be My glory! The honored Amin, upon him be My glory, arrived and made mention of you and the friends of that land….

The sealed wine is the divine utterances which none had attained unto until this Revelation, but the Finger of Power in this Most Great Revelation hath unsealed it that all may drink thereof and attain unto it….

BH08185: The mention of God—exalted be His glory…

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

The mention of God—exalted be His glory—and His verses and clear proofs are manifest and evident before the faces of the peoples of the world. However, the doubts of the skeptics and the might of the oppressors have prevented the people from turning to God’s perspicuous Book.

This Wronged One, at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him, is engaged in mentioning and speaking of the loved ones of God. We beseech God to assist all to hold fast unto that which is conducive to unity and concord, and to turn away from that which causeth difference. We convey Our greetings to the loved ones and counsel them with that which God hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the Call and turned toward God, the Lord of all creation, at a time when every heedless and sinful transgressor turned away from Him.

BH08402: This is a Book sent down by the Mother…

He is the Hearer from His Most Exalted Horizon

This is a Book sent down by the Mother Book in this praiseworthy station, wherein is mentioned he who hath turned unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the servant who is attracted by the verses of God, the Mighty, the Loving. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty and hast attained unto My traces, say:

My God, my God! Thy separation hath brought me to nothingness and my deeds have kept me far from Thee in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted throughout creation, and by Thy loving-kindness whereby the ocean of forgiveness surged before the faces of all peoples, that Thou forgive me and those who have believed in Thee and in Thy verses. O my Lord! Thou seest me detached from all else but Thee, turning unto the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me through Thy grace and favors. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08144: You must, with wisdom and utterance, give the glad-tidings…

…You must, with wisdom and utterance, give the glad-tidings of the appearance of Him Who conversed with God to the people of the world according to their capacity, that they might drink from the river of the Ancient Lord's mercy, which floweth from the right hand of the Most Great Throne, become alive, and attain unto everlasting life.

We convey Our greetings to the people of God and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and mercy. Say: O party of God! Aid the Cause of God through the swords of righteousness, goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Perchance through the rain of divine mercy and the heavenly fountain of godly counsels, the fire of rancor and hatred burning in the breasts of the followers of religions may be extinguished. O party of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Perchance the scratching of the Most Exalted Pen may enable you to achieve your purpose and lead you to the most sublime summit….

BH08079: We have adorned the heaven of knowledge…

He is the One Who speaketh from the most exalted Station, the All-Knowing

We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of meaning and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs by following every remote ignorant one. Say: The Promised One hath come with the truth. Fear God, O people, and be not of the wrongdoers. Should your desires prevent you, cast them aside by a command from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: By God! That which ye possess shall profit you not this day. He Who hath spoken before all faces beareth witness to this, that there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Give thanks unto God for My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me and guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08295: Blessed are they who in the Day of His…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

Blessed are they who in the Day of His Manifestation have attained unto the Word of God. All that is treasured in the coffers of kings and rulers cannot be compared with a single word from the divine utterances, for worldly ornaments, adornments and riches are transient and will return to nothingness, while that which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen endureth throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Know thou the station of the Divine Tablet and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. Say:

Praise be unto Thee for having guided me unto Thy path and caused me to hear Thy call. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy religion, and immovable in Thy love. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08562: O ʿAbdu'l-Khaliq! The people of the world have been…

In the Name of God, the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding!

O ʿAbdu'l-Khaliq! The people of the world have been brought from nothingness into being for the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. However, their rejected deeds and actions have become a barrier and deprived them of drawing nigh unto the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed is the one whose tongue is occupied with teaching and whose limbs are firmly holding fast to submission and contentment.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants and to arise to serve Thee. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by the lights of Thy throne, O Lord of all beings, to make me speak Thy praise and to illumine me with the lights of Thy countenance and to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former times, and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath.

BH09098: O Amin! The Mother Book makes mention of thee…

He is the One manifest from His most exalted horizon.

O Amin! The Mother Book makes mention of thee from before God, the Lord of the worlds, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Thou hast inhaled the fragrances of these days and attained unto that which none among the peoples hath attained, save whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath willed.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to preserve this station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and utterance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee and to face the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, and by Him through Whom Thou hast adorned the celestial spheres and through Whom the breezes of revelation were cut off, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thy cord and cling to the hem of Thy robe, and to stand firm in the service of Thy Cause and be steadfast in Thy love. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

BH08634: The effulgences of the Light of the Manifestation…

In the name of the One Bountiful God!

The effulgences of the Light of the Manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai are manifest and resplendent from all the horizons of the world, and the verses of grandeur are descending from the heaven of favor like a copious rain. However, the recompense of men's deeds has prevented them from turning to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is the soul who has taken the chalice of utterance in the name of the Goal of all the worlds and has drunk from the sealed wine. Such a one is among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Verily He guideth the servants unto His straight path. We beseech God to assist thee in that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, to make mention of thee through His verses, and to illumine thy heart with the light of faith in His days. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH09096: O handmaid of God! Your mention has been made…

In the name of the one true God!

O handmaid of God! Your mention has been made and has attained the honor of being heard. Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has not deprived you of the fragrances of His days, Who has guided you and directed you. Know thou the value of this most exalted and high station and preserve it in the name of Truth. The world's ornaments and vanity have prevented it from recognizing the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation and have deprived it of the outpourings of the true Bestower. We counsel all handmaids to engage in remembrance, praise and steadfastness in the Cause of God. Blessed is the handmaid who acts according to that which she has been commanded, and woe unto those who are heedless, both men and women. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My will be upon My handmaids who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH08662: Today the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful…

In the Name of the one true God!

Today the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful is wafting, and the breeze of God is passing by. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts and intimations of the peoples of the world have not withheld from the Ancient King. On this day the Hand of Divine Bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord bestoweth the sealed wine—take it in His Name and drink thereof. Today the horizon of the world is illumined by the Most Great Name, and the ocean of grace is surging. Blessed are they who have turned unto Him—those souls whom the veils of the divines and the obscurities of the jurisprudents have not prevented from the Lord of Names nor deprived thereof. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn towards Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause under all conditions. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end.

BH09363: The light of the new lamp has in this…

…The light of the new lamp has in this moment shone forth with new oil. Although mention of it existed in the world of remembrance, at this moment its mention arose from the thoughts like a banner saying "Here am I! Where is my portion? What is my share?" After all, my Messenger and Presenter and Kindler is aflame with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. In truth, right is with him, therefore I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that his mention and his light may forever shine forth through the oil of wisdom and the utterance of God—exalted be His station—and remain manifest and evident in the niche of the world with a clear light. Verily our Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

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BH09415: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and the description of all beings. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Through them He sent down the proof and made manifest the way, and guided all to His straight path. Praise be to God that thou hast turned toward Him and attained the circumambulation of His House. Blessed is the soul that hath turned for the sake of God and attained the fragrance of Yathrib and Batha. The divine fragrances waft from those lands and the light of His Cause shineth forth from its horizon. Well is it with him who hath drunk the choice wine of recognition from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and acted according to that which he hath been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

BH09729: I beseech Thee, O my God and the God…

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

I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of all things, my Creator and the Creator of heaven, by the steadfastness of Thy chosen ones in serving Thy Cause and the firmness of Thy faithful ones in Thy days, and by the light of Thy Cause whereby the horizons of Thy dominion were illumined, to make Thy loved ones in all conditions detached from aught else but Thee and turned toward the lights of Thy countenance. Then send down upon them, O my God, in every moment, the rain of Thy mercy and the tokens of Thy generosity. O Lord! Assist Thy male and female servants, and ordain for them that which befitteth Thy glory and Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10286: Glorified art Thou, O God of the unseen…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of the unseen and the visible, and the Sovereign over all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Loving, to assist the servants to attain unto unity, and enable them to remember and praise Thee, and to arise to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! I implore Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book, and the lights of Thy countenance, and the manifestations of Thy power, to ordain for Thy sincere ones the reward of attaining Thy presence. Then write down for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, and grant them the good of this world and of the world to come, and that whereby their hearts may be gladdened, O Thou Lord of all beings! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10449: O Haydar, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto…

He is the One Who has dominion over earth and heaven!

O Haydar, upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call, for verily it draweth thee unto a horizon wherein all atoms cry out with praise and glory, wisdom and splendor unto God, Creator of heaven and Lord of all things. Blessed is the man who hath arisen to serve My Cause, and the eye that hath been illumined by beholding My traces, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the ear that hath been honored by hearkening unto My wondrous call. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee to attain recognition, and for having sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness and favors throughout all regions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10723: O Muhammad-Sadiq! The True One, exalted be His glory…

In the Name of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The True One, exalted be His glory, hath created the servants for His recognition and brought them forth from nothingness into being. Yet when the Day appeared and the Standard of Divine Unity was raised up, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Religion is a manifest light. We beseech God to aid all to hold fast unto it and to cling to its hem. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise, the Mighty, the Great.

BH10752: Praise be to God Who hath broken the seal…

He is the All-Knowing Expounder

Praise be to God Who hath broken the seal of the choice Wine with the finger of power and hath caused to descend from the heaven of utterance that whereby all things have proclaimed:

> “The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath appeared with the truth with such conclusive proof as hath caused all necks to bow down.”

O Ghulam-Husayn! Rejoice thou in that which the Wronged One hath spoken whilst in the hands of the wicked. Say: Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thee.

BH10840: My God, my Adored One! Deprive not Thy servants…

My God, my Adored One! Deprive not Thy servants of the fruits of their existence, and grant them their portion from the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art the One Whose power the might of the world hath not weakened, and Whose Purpose the pomp of earthly sovereigns hath not prevented. I beseech of Thee Thy ancient grace and Thy fresh favors. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bestower, the Almighty.

BH11177: O Ghulam-Rida! We counsel thee to preserve what My…

He is the Hearing, the Responding One!

O Ghulam-Rida! We counsel thee to preserve what My Herald uttered when He lamented for My tribulations in My days. Verily, it shall protect thee from the doubts of the croakers and the intimations of the suspicious ones. He said—and His word is the truth:

> "I have written a gem in His remembrance, and it is this: He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan."

BH08235: The missive of Mulla Abdu'r-Razzaq and his sister, upon…

He is the Helper.

The missive of Mulla Abdu'r-Razzaq and his sister, upon them be the Glory of God, and Haji Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, and the handmaiden of God and the handmaiden of God Rubabih, and the wife of the late Aqa Husayn-Quli, upon him and upon them be the Glory of God, was received by this servant through the beloved of hearts, His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the year 1304.

Great God! In this glorious Dispensation the treasures laid up by kings and queens are not worthy of mention, nor will they be acceptable in the Presence of God. However, a grain of mustard offered by His loved ones will be extolled in the exalted court of His holiness and invested with the ornament of His acceptance. Immeasurably exalted is His bounty, immeasurably glorified is His majesty. And yet, when an offering was adorned with the glory of His acceptance and reported by Jinab-i-Amin, twice that amount was ordered to be paid out to the poor and the needy. Unto this beareth witness every fair-minded man of insight, and those that are truthful and trustworthy.

BH09206: My God, my God! Thou seest me standing…

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

My God, my God! Thou seest me standing in service to Thy Cause, and seated before Thy face, setting down Thy verses, with my hand of hope upraised to the heaven of Thy bounty and my face turned toward the horizon of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by the Word through which Thou didst quicken Thy servants and guide them to Thy path, to strengthen whosoever hath turned unto Thee and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty.

Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is the Sustainer

The letter from Mulla Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God—two pieces of fabric through Aqa Muhammad Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, reached the servant in the year 1304.

BH10291: Praise be unto Thee, O My God and My…

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

Praise be unto Thee, O My God and My Master, My Sustainer and My Beloved, My Heart's Desire! Thou seest Thy servant who is called by the name of Ali-Askar, as he draweth nigh unto the Kaaba of Thy wisdom and attaineth unto that which Thou didst reveal in Thy Book. He verily is of those who hath beheld and beareth witness to Thy most mighty Signs, and hath attained Thy favour, and hastened along the pathway of Thy good pleasure.

I beg of Thee by Thy most excellent Names and Thy most exalted Attributes to write down for him with the pen of Thy power that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Powerful, Who art wont to answer the prayers of all men.

BH10506: O God, my God! Thou seest how Thy servant…

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

O God, my God! Thou seest how Thy servant hath set his face towards Thee and desired to be honoured by performing that whereunto he hath been bidden in Thy Book. Do Thou ordain for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall draw him nigh unto the Most Sublime Summit. Thou, verily, art the Educator of the world and the Lord of the nations, and Thou, verily, art the Potent, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

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BH02578: Praise be to God Who established the decree…

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

Praise be to God Who established the decree of Divine Unity through the words "There is no god but God"—words uttered by the Dawning Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His commands, through whom the ocean of knowledge surged in the world and the fragrance of the Revelation wafted among the peoples. And upon His family and companions, through whom appeared the Straight Path and God's firm and impregnable Command, and through whom were manifested God's power and sovereignty and God's might and dominion.

And then, O beloved of my heart, the servant has been blessed with your letter, each letter of which gave me glad tidings of the remembrance and praise of God and of your steadfastness in the word of Divine Unity that caused the limbs of the ungodly to tremble. The servant beseeches his Lord by His most beautiful names and supreme attributes to protect the believers from the evil of every remote oppressor and every sinful transgressor. When I read and understood it, I approached the Presence and presented it before His countenance. He—may our spirits be sacrificed for Him—said:

> "Praise be to God Who guided you and caused you to recognize. We have heard your mention and your call and have answered you. We beseech God, exalted be He, to make you so steadfast in His Cause that you accept no mention, name or command but His, and to raise you to such a station that you hear the remembrance from your very hairs and limbs. He is the Powerful, the Mighty."

Praise be to God, you have been and continue to be blessed with the Master's loving-kindness and with mercy, grace, goodness and blessing from Him. We praise Him for this and thank Him for His bounty and generosity, for He is the All-Bountiful in the beginning and the end.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding the Physician and the imprisoned brother—upon them be God's peace—and those below them, this servant, as commanded, wrote to the Physician about that. However, a letter arrived from him complaining about the inheritors and others. Today, as commanded, I wrote to him what would support him in what was ordained in the Book.

The servant remembers God's loved ones there and sends greetings to them, beseeching God, blessed and exalted be He, to grant them success and confirmation and bestow upon them the good of this world and the next, and to send down upon them the table of grace and loving-kindness. Verily, He has power over all things.

Peace, praise and glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and upon God's righteous servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 10th of Muharram al-Haram 1305

BH00827: Lawh-i-Haft Pursish (Tablet of the Seven Questions)

In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-Wise

All praise be to the sanctified Lord Who hath illumined the world through the splendours of the Daystar of His grace. From the letter "B" He hath made the Most Great Ocean to appear, and from the letter "H" He hath caused His inmost Essence to be made manifest. He is that Almighty One Whose purpose the might of men can never hope to frustrate and the flow of Whose utterance the hosts of kings are powerless to halt.

Thy letter was received, and We perused it and heard thy call. Within it were enshrined the precious pearls of love and the hidden mysteries of affection. We beseech the peerless Lord to enable thee to assist His Cause and to lead those who are sore athirst in the wilderness of ignorance to the water of life.

His might, in truth, is equal to all things. That which thou didst ask of the Ocean of Knowledge and the Orb of Insight hath met with His acceptance.

The first question:

> "In what tongue and towards what direction doth it behove us to worship the one true God?"

The beginning of all utterance is the worship of God, and this followeth upon His recognition. Sanctified must be the eye if it is to truly recognize Him, and sanctified must be the tongue if it is to befittingly utter His praise. In this day the faces of the people of insight and understanding are turned in His direction; nay every direction inclineth itself towards Him. O lion-hearted one! We beseech God that thou mayest become a champion in this arena, arise with heavenly power and say:

> "O high priests! Ears have been given you that they may hearken unto the mystery of Him Who is the Self-Dependent, and eyes that they may behold Him. Wherefore flee ye? The Incomparable Friend is manifest. He speaketh that wherein lieth salvation. Were ye, O high priests, to discover the perfume of the rose garden of understanding, ye would seek none other but Him, and would recognize, in His new vesture, the All-Wise and Peerless One, and would turn your eyes from the world and all who seek it, and would arise to help Him."

The second question concerneth faith and religion. The Faith of God hath in this day been made manifest. He Who is the Lord of the world is come and hath shown the way. His faith is the faith of benevolence and His religion is the religion of forbearance. This faith bestoweth eternal life and this religion enableth mankind to dispense with all else. It verily embraceth all faiths and all religions. Take hold thereof and guard it well.

The third question:

> "In what manner shall we deal with the people of this age, who have each chosen to follow a different religion and who each regard their own faith and religion as excelling and surpassing all the others, that we may be shielded from the onslaught of their words and deeds?"

O lion-hearted one amongst men! Regard the afflictions endured in the path of God as comfort itself. Every affliction suffered for His sake is a potent remedy, every bitterness is naught but sweetness and every abasement an exaltation. Were men to apprehend and acknowledge this truth, they would readily lay down their lives for such affliction. For it is the key to inestimable treasures, and no matter how outwardly abhorrent, it hath ever been and will continue to be inwardly prized. We accept and affirm what thou hast said, for the people of the world are indeed bereft of the light of the Orb of justice and regard it as their enemy.

If thou desirest to be freed from affliction, recite thou this prayer which hath been revealed by the Pen of the All-Merciful:

> "O God, my God! I testify to Thy unity and to Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O Thou Possessor of names and Fashioner of the heavens, by the pervasive influence of Thine exalted Word and the potency of Thy supreme Pen, to aid me with the ensigns of Thy power and might, and to

> protect me from the mischief of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful."

This invocation is an impregnable stronghold and an indomitable army. It conferreth protection and ensureth deliverance.

The fourth question:

> "Our Books have announced that Shah Bahram will come, invested with manifold signs, to guide the people aright…"

O friend! Whatsoever hath been announced in the Books hath been revealed and made clear. From every direction the signs have been manifested. The Omnipotent One is calling, in this day, and announcing the appearance of the Supreme Heaven. The world hath been illumined with the splendours of His revelation, yet how few are the eyes that can behold it! Beseech the peerless and incomparable Lord to bestow a penetrating insight upon His servants, for insight leadeth to true knowledge and is conducive to salvation. Indeed, the attainments of man's understanding are dependent upon his keenness of sight. Were the children of men to gaze with the eye of understanding, they would see the world illumined with a new light in this day. Say: The Daystar of knowledge is manifest and the Luminary of insight hath appeared. Fortunate indeed is the one who hath attained, who hath witnessed, and who hath recognized.

The fifth question concerneth the Bridge of Sirat, Paradise, and Hell. The Prophets of God have come in truth and have spoken the truth. Whatsoever the Messenger of God hath announced hath been and will be made manifest. The world is established upon the foundations of reward and punishment. Knowledge and understanding have ever affirmed and will continue to affirm the reality of Paradise and Hell, for reward and punishment require their existence. Paradise signifieth first and foremost the good-pleasure of God. Whosoever attaineth His good-pleasure is reckoned and recorded among the inhabitants of the most exalted paradise and will attain, after the ascension of his soul, that which pen and ink are powerless to describe. For them that are endued with insight and have fixed their gaze upon the Most Sublime Vision, the Bridge, the Balance, Paradise, Hellfire, and all that hath been mentioned and recorded in the Sacred Scriptures are clear and manifest.

At the time of the appearance and manifestation of the rays of the Daystar of Truth, all occupy the same station. God then proclaimeth that which He willeth, and whoso heareth His call and acknowledgeth His truth is accounted among the inhabitants of Paradise. Such a soul hath traversed the Bridge, the Balance, and all that hath been recorded regarding the Day of Resurrection, and hath reached his destination. The Day of God's Revelation is the Day of the most great Resurrection. We cherish the hope that, quaffing from the choice wine of divine inspiration and the pure waters of heavenly grace, thou mayest attain the station of discovery and witnessing, and behold, both outwardly and inwardly, all that which thou hast mentioned.

The sixth question:

> "After relinquishing the body, that is to say, after the soul hath been separated from the body, it hasteneth to the abode hereafter…"

In reference to this theme there appeared some time past from the Pen of divine knowledge that which sufficeth the men of insight and imparteth the greatest joy to the people of understanding. Verily, We say: The soul is gladdened by goodly deeds and profiteth from the contributions made in the path of God.

The seventh question regardeth the name, lineage, and ancestry of the Holy One. Abul-Fadl-i-Gulpaygani, upon him be My glory, hath written in this regard, based on the Sacred Scriptures, that which bestoweth knowledge and increaseth understanding.

The Faith of God is endowed with penetrating might and power. Erelong that which hath flowed from Our tongue will outwardly come to pass. We beseech God to bestow upon thee the strength to assist Him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. Wert thou to obtain and peruse the Suriy-i-Rais and the Suriy-i-Muluk, thou wouldst find thyself able to dispense with thy questions and wouldst arise to serve the Cause of God in such wise that the oppression of the world and the onslaught of its peoples would fail to deter thee from aiding Him Who is the ancient and sovereign Lord of all.

We implore God to confirm thee in that which will exalt and immortalize thy name. Make thou an effort, that haply thou mayest obtain the aforementioned Tablets and acquire therefrom a share of the pearls of wisdom and utterance that have issued from the treasury of the Pen of the All-Merciful. The glory of God rest upon thee, upon every steadfast and unwavering heart and upon every constant and faithful soul.

BH00835: Praise be sanctified above the comprehension of minds, befitting…

In His Name, the Manifest One, Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

Praise be sanctified above the comprehension of minds, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of the Beloved One, Who, through a single exalted Word, shining forth from the dayspring of the heaven of the Mother Book, caused the ocean of utterance to appear and its waves to surge forth, raised high the heaven of knowledge and adorned it with suns and moons.

Through it was the earth cleft asunder, the heaven of idle fancies rent apart, the pillars of idolatry shaken, the forces of tyranny brought to lamentation, and all the tribes of the earth seized with trembling—save those rescued by the hand of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to hearing it and hath clung fast thereunto. Such a one is recorded by God among the gems of existence and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.

O Ahmad! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy numerous letters were received, and the servant in attendance before the Face presented them, attaining the honor of their being heard. From every word was diffused the fragrance of steadfastness, devotion, arising to serve, orientation toward God, and detachment.

We praise God for His grace, His loving-kindness, and His favors in having aided you, drawn you nigh, and sent down for you that which calleth out in the realms of knowledge and wisdom, and for your humility and submissiveness to the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Ahmad! Hear once again the call from the Most Exalted Horizon: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not the

desires of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Whoso objecteth to this Cause hath indeed objected to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: Cast aside what the people possess and hasten to the good-pleasure of God. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of the Countenance and naught is heard save the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thou didst hear the Call when it was raised from the Prison of ʿAkka, and thou didst behold the Most Exalted Horizon while the people were in manifest delusion. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen while the Wronged One was in this mighty stronghold.

Say: O peoples of the earth! The Lord of Heaven hath come from the Most Exalted Horizon with the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Fear ye God and follow not every deluded remote one—those who are moved by the tempests of idle fancies as they please. Verily, they are among the oppressors in the Book of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

We have mentioned thee before with a mention by which the hearts of the sincere were attracted, and We have revealed for thee that which consoled the eyes of them that are nigh, and We have manifested for thee from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance.

Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics.

We have lit for thee the lamp of divine knowledge in the niche of utterance and have preserved it with the glass of wisdom. Verily, thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth.

Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Behold ye, then call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in this momentous announcement. Be fair in the name of God and follow not your ignorant divines who have violated God’s covenant and His testament when there came unto them the Kingdom of divine utterance from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto that which My Herald hath spoken, and oppose not Him Who hath come unto you from the Dayspring of the Cause with a wondrous command.

O people of the Gospel! Read that which God hath revealed unto the Spirit, and be not of the wrongdoers. I am verily the Station unto which the Spirit ascended, were ye of them that comprehend. I am the Book from which all the Books of God have been expounded, were ye of the fair-minded.

That which was never manifest before hath now been made manifest—to this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from this exalted Station. Purify your hearts from the dust of idle fancies, then aid Him through deeds from which every possessor of perception will inhale the fragrance of sanctity and the sweet savour of sincerity unto God, the Peerless, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Remind My loved ones there and gladden them with My tender mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: O people of Baha! Beware lest ye be hindered by the cawing of every remote croaker. Soon will there come unto you one who speaketh according to his desires—he is assuredly of the calumniators in the Book of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Believe not in one who cometh unto you with that which causeth affairs to differ.

Say: Fear God, O people, and be not of the ignorant ones. Take ye the chalice of steadfastness in My Name, then drink from it in remembrance of Me, the All-Wise.

Say: Turn with illumined hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon, detached from those who speak that which God hath not permitted them. Thus doth the Divine Lote-Tree instruct you, and the Tongue of God counselleth you in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of loving-kindness and grace from One compassionate and generous.

When the wine of thy Lord's utterance hath intoxicated thee and the Kawthar of divine knowledge hath attracted thee, say:

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, the Gracious, by Thy Command that dominateth all things possible, and by the splendours of the lights of the Sun of Thy manifestation, and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy unity, to make me speak in remembrance of Thee and hold fast to Thy cord in such wise that neither the Pharaohs of the lands nor the oppressors among the servants shall hinder me.

Then cause to appear from this servant of Thine, O my God, that which shall endure as long as Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might endureth.

O Lord! I am he who hath cast away idle fancies, hastening unto the lights of Thy countenance, and hath abandoned vain imaginings, running unto the court of Thy glory.

I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and by that which was hidden in Thy knowledge to aid me in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Hear in the Persian tongue:

Praise be to God, thou hast been favored with His special grace and art mentioned and remembered before the Wronged One.

Convey to all thy kindred the greetings of the Wronged One and give them the glad tidings of the waves of God's ocean of grace and bounty. Likewise to the friends in that land, that all may drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds and be illumined with the light of steadfastness.

Unceasingly hath this word flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Tablets: Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and this Day mighty, mighty. The eyes of the loved ones must be fixed upon the Supreme Horizon, and their ears attuned to the call of the Lord of Names.

Countless deluded souls are to be seen. In brief, should anyone speak that which God hath not willed, he is verily a lying impostor. To this beareth witness the Lord of Destiny from this Most Great Scene. Some have loved and do love discord.

Now it is binding, nay incumbent, upon all to shun any word that causeth discord, even should it proceed from those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Today all must engage with illumined hearts in the service of the Cause and in exalting the Word of God. This is God's irrevocable decree which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet.

The loved ones in every city and region must appoint teachers from among their own people to give unto the servants the glad tidings of what hath appeared and shone forth. His honor ʿAli-Qabli-Haydar is also very good and acceptable for those parts.

After reading this Tablet and hearing what is contained therein, send a copy thereof to the spiritual youth that he may be informed of what hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of ancient days on this luminous night.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them whom the cawing of the crows and the doubts of the suspicious have not kept back from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00918: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath witnessed and beheld the greatest signs of his Lord, and hath attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath known that for which he was created, and happy is he who hath clung to the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We have seen it and heard what was therein. We have answered thee with a Tablet through which the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O Afnan! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Thy call hath reached Mine ears and thy letter hath come before Mine eyes. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Remember thou the days when thou didst stand before the face of thy Lord and wert seated before His mighty throne. Thou art he who heard the Call and turned unto the Supreme Horizon, and drank the choice wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Gracious. There hath been ordained for thee from the Pen of the Most High that which the world cannot equal. Thus hath the Wronged One given thee glad-tidings in His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. When thou hast received My Tablet and drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of My words, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having drawn me nigh unto Thee, and brought me into Thy presence, and honored me with meeting Thee, and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy utterance, and made known to me Thy momentous Message and Thy straight Path. I am he who, O my God, was heedless—the revelations of Thy loving-kindness taught me; who was asleep—the hand of Thy bounty

awakened me; who was far removed—the manifestations of Thy grace drew me nigh. How can I recount, O my God, the wondrous tokens of Thy loving-kindness and what Thou hast sent down to me from the heaven of Thy Will and the kingdom of Thy Purpose? The evidences of Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy mercy that hath preceded all things have encompassed me, such that Thou hast made me one of the Afnans of Thy Tree and associated me with Thine own Self. By Thy glory! Were I to possess a thousand souls at every moment and sacrifice them all in Thy path, they would not equal a drop from the ocean of Thy bounty nor a spark from the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause.

O Lord! Aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy chosen ones. By Thy glory, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I desire that Thou make me, in all conditions, attracted by Thy verses, illumined by Thy light, clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace, and gazing toward Thy horizon, and to be in such wise that nothing in the world, neither strength nor power nor dominion, shall hold me back. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. I beseech Thee, O Manifestation of clear signs and Revealer of verses, by Thy Most Holy Book and what it containeth of Thy mysteries and knowledge, and by the suns of love and fellowship that have shone forth from the horizons of the hearts of them that are sincere among Thy servants, to ordain for me that which shall protect me from those who have violated Thy Covenant, and disbelieved in Thy proof, and disputed Thy verses, and denied Thy right.

O Lord! Thou seest me humble before Thy face and submissive to Thy command. Ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all men and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat.

O Afnan! The upheaval in this land has caused the delay in reply. From the earliest days until now, the Wronged One has been in the hands of enemies. Although the might, majesty and power of the peoples of the world have not and will never prevent the penetration of the Most Exalted Word and the power of the Most High Pen, yet since being wronged has been and is acceptable in the sight of God, therefore He has been made the target of the transgressions of the oppressors and aggressors. In the transformation of the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise there are signs for the discerning and evidences for those of insight.

That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablets hath been and continueth to be made manifest. We beseech God to aid thee to do that which is pleasing unto the Friend. Some of the Afnan, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful, circle round and abide in peace and tranquility beneath the canopy of grandeur. The Command is in His hand; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the afflictions of the people and their lack of awareness, what hath befallen and continueth to befall the people of the earth is the recompense of their deeds. Man and all things are bewildered. A group throughout ages and centuries cried out “O Qa’im!” and finally martyred Him. O Afnan! One day as We were walking in the land of Ta, the seat of Persian sovereignty, suddenly lamentations arose from all directions. Upon investigation, the wailing of pulpits throughout the cities and regions of that land was heard, uttering these words: “O my God, my God! The Seal of the

Prophets and the Lord of all Messengers, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, ordained us for Thy mention and praise.

The purpose was that through us Thy mention, Thy praise and the praise of Thy loved ones might be raised. Yet now the ignorant ones are engaged in cursing and reviling the Intended One. O my God, my God! Deliver us and protect us from the idolatrous souls." In response to these exalted words, there was revealed from the tongue of the Lord of Names: "Verily We have accepted tribulations for the manifestation of the Cause and We are patient therein. He verily is the Concealer. He biddeth you to observe sublime concealment. He is the All-Patient. He counseleth you to show forth beauteous patience."

O Afnan! Not a single pulpit remained in Iran except that upon it God, exalted be His glory, was reviled, and that was uttered which is forbidden to mention. Had not God's mercy preceded, all would have perished. Two things have caused preservation: one, divine forgiveness, and the other, the deeds of certain souls who claimed to be related to the Truth. We beseech God to awaken those who slumber and illumine those who are heedless with the light of wisdom. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. We supplicate the Goal of all the worlds to aid thee and thy kindred to achieve that whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Mention of the honored Afnan who was named Muhammad-i-Qablih-Baqir hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. He hath attained unto My remembrance, which hath been inscribed in God's Book by the Ancient Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The honored Amin hath ever made mention of thee and the Afnan. Each of the letters that he hath sent to this Servant hath been adorned with mention of the Afnan. Now We have turned Our attention in that direction, and therefore We make mention of him with a wondrous mention, that it may draw him and My Afnans unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Today the fragrance of the Revelation hath encompassed the world, yet most are deprived. We beseech God that He may assist His loved ones to achieve that which beseemeth the Day of God. In any case, convey the mention of the Wronged One to Amin wherever he may be, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful ones.

BH00998: Praise sanctified above the comprehension of all the first…

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

Praise sanctified above the comprehension of all the first and the last befitteth the Lord of the Day of Judgment, Who hath spoken forth the Most Exalted Word, and through that Word raised high the banner of knowledge in the world of existence and unfurled the standard of being, and through that Word made manifest the ocean of divine knowledge and caused the waves of utterance to surge, upon which dependeth the existence of the world. None hath ever attained to the true understanding of that Word as it truly is. From but a single point thereof hath appeared the knowledge of all the first and the last. He is the Dawning-Place of the divine Books, the Day-spring of the revelation of the Lord of Oneness, and the

Source of divine laws and ordinances. His are the four pillars, in each pillar lie hidden mysteries and treasured bounties. And when that Point bowed down before the effulgences of the lights of the Most Great Name, the Hand of His grace adorned it with the ornament of nearness and reunion, and from it appeared “B” which was joined unto “H”, and through this Point all things proclaimed “The Truth is come!”

Glorified art Thou, O Creator of the Point, its Ordainer, its Adorner, its Protector and its Helper! I bear witness unto that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified when Thou wert seated upon the throne of divine expression in the midst of all possibilities, and I acknowledge that which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen amidst all created things. I beseech Thee by the mysteries hidden in Thy knowledge and the verses treasured in Thy tablets, and by Thy Command through which the limbs of all names trembled while the hearts of the people of Baha were assured, to send down upon him who hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto Thee, from the heaven of Thy mercy, the rain of Thy bounty.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and King of eternity, by the fragrant breezes of Thy verses and the lights of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, and by Thy breezes through which the dwellers of the graves arose, and by Thy signs through which was revealed the decree of resurrection and the trump was blown, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, firm in Thy love, seeking refuge in Thy presence, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Thou art He Whom neither the happenings of the world nor the doubts of nations have hindered. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to assist the people of Baha to remain steadfast in Thy love, such that neither the oppression of the tyrants nor the rejection of the transgressors who have ascended the pulpits in Thy name and uttered concerning Thee that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy majesty and the tabernacle of Thy glory to lament—after Thou hadst created them for Thy remembrance and praise—may frighten them. Thou art He Who hath seen and heard what they have spoken thereon in Thy days, and Thou didst forbear despite Thy power and conceal despite Thy might. O Lord! Aid Thy heedless servants to behold that which hath appeared from Thee and to turn unto Thy horizon. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all and Whose grace hath encompassed all, and Who hath named Thyself the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones the good of the hereafter and of this world. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust below. Then forgive them through Thy bounty which hath preceded existence itself. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Lord! Thou seest Thy male and female servants turning unto Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Forgiving, to forgive them through Thy bounty and generosity, and by Thy name, the Most Generous, to ordain for them that which will draw them nigh unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O Jalal! We have heard the call of My loved ones, both men and women. Convey My greetings to them and remind them of My verses, and give them the glad tidings of My mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. O Jalal! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Your letters, both past and present, have been received. Every word thereof testified to your acceptance, devotion and steadfastness. O Jalal! This Day is unlike other days and its utterance unlike other utterances. Whosoever attains unto the fragrances of the Most Exalted Word which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the prison of Akka, and recognizes it, will become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and will cleave with heart and soul unto the Truth. Blessed are they whom the veils of the world have not hindered and whom the doubts of the nations have not prevented from turning towards and accepting the Truth.

Praise be to God that thou hast sought the Most Great Ocean and hast attained unto that which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Books of the nations. Thou didst arrive, thou didst see, thou didst hear the Call, thou didst behold the horizon, and thou didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Blessed art thou and blessed are My friends in Nun and Ya who have not broken My covenant and My testament, who have drawn nigh and have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of My bounty. We have remembered them before and remember them now that this remembrance may attract them to the Greater Steadfastness, lest their feet slip from the Path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to all and give them the glad tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Today the call of the servants hath been heard, and the answer is at all times being revealed from the horizon of the Kingdom of utterance.

The honored Ismu'llah, upon him be My glory, hath repeatedly mentioned both thee and Mulla Shafi', and in each instance he hath been blessed with the revelation of the Supreme Pen. This Wronged One hath ever remembered and will continue to remember His loved ones. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation that every name that is mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One is blessed with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The world hath not been, nor is it now, capable of manifesting the stations of His loved ones. Great is the endeavor and mighty the steed, but the field is not spacious enough. We beseech God—and ye should likewise beseech Him—not to deprive His servants and to grant them a portion of the bounties of these days.

He is the Generous One Who hath created the world for His servants. It behooveth the tongues of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere in their love to be engaged day and night in His praise and glorification. This is meet for those who have turned unto Him and have perceived the fragrance of His utterance and the sweetness of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

BH01083: Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance, befitting…

He is the All-Hearing from His Most Exalted Horizon!

Praise be sanctified above mention and utterance, befitting the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court of that Desired One Who caused the Kawthar of eternity to flow forth from the Most Exalted Pen, and through a drop thereof bestowed everlasting life upon those who have turned unto Him. This drop, in its first

station and primary rank, appeared in the form of a point, and through it He brought forth from the realm of the unseen into the sphere of existence the knowledge of the first and the last. And when its service found acceptance, it became intimate with the letter Ba, and through it was raised aloft the knowledge that there is none other God but Him, and the banner of triumph and victory was unfurled. He is the One with such power that neither the might of all created things nor the force of all contingent beings can stay His will.

Blessed are those souls who have drunk from the Salsabil of the word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" and have found themselves detached from the world and all who dwell therein. When thou hearest the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen and drinkest the choice wine of revelation from the cup of the bounty of the Lord of all beings, say:

"Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy greatness and Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby Thou hast illumined the world, and by Thy Most Great Name whereby Thou hast guided the nations, to make me in all conditions one who extols Thy praise, who stands firm in service to Thy loved ones, and who clings fast to Thy cord. O my Lord! Thou seest my turning towards Thy horizon and my orientation towards the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, whom neither the swords of the enemies could prevent from turning to Thy Most Exalted Horizon, nor the clamor of the divines from Thy mention, O Thou Who art the King of earth and heaven, and Lord of the Hereafter and of the former days.

O my Lord! Thou seest the sinner who seeketh the ocean of Thy forgiveness and pardon. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed the world to forgive my misdeeds and transgressions, and to ordain for me that which will keep me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of the aggressors, nor the doubts of the suspicious, nor the signs of those who have denied the Day of Judgment shall hold me back. O my Lord! Withhold not from me what Thou hast purposed from the heaven of Thy grace. Illumine my pillars through Thy bounty and mercy, and my heart with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy Manifestation. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

A letter thou didst send to this Servant hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. The fragrance of acceptance and faith wafted therefrom. We beseech God to manifest from each of the loved ones of that land that which is conducive to the guidance of humanity, and likewise to cause to flow that which is the cause of life for the peoples of the world. This is not difficult for God. Consider Salman and Abu Dharr, to what station they attained after acceptance. His grace made Tammar one of the righteous, and His justice distinguished the virtuous from the wicked. This is the meaning of the words "He maketh your low ones to be high ones and your high ones to be low ones."

Reflect upon the disciples of Jesus, son of Mary—they were engaged in collecting tithes and catching fish, yet through the rays of the Sun of proof they attained to such a station that they captured the world. For they detached themselves from all that they possessed and turned unto that which was with God and held fast unto it. They effaced their own will in the Will of God and arose to serve—such service that

neither the might of the obstinate Jews nor the idol-worshippers could deter them from the Creator of all things. We beseech God to aid and protect all.

And yet, some of the people of the Bayan are occupied with matters that cause division and discord. They have abandoned the foundation and think only of finding a calf to which they may cling, thus becoming the cause of another sedition. All must beseech God, exalted be His glory, for that which will exalt His Word and cause steadfastness in it. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee to that which is the cause of preservation and elevation, and hath enjoined and continueth to enjoin wisdom upon all the friends of that land, lest there appear from them that which would disturb hearts and souls. The loved ones of that land have ever been and are beneath His gaze. We have mentioned him who hath ascended unto God with a mention whose fragrance shall not fade nor its breezes be cut off.

Verily it shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom endure. To this beareth witness the Lord of might, when He was established upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. He who was named Muhammad-ʿAli in the Book of Names—upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth. We have purified him from that which beseemeth him not and have raised him to a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention.

We make mention of thy son who was named Muhammad-Hasan, and We have mentioned him with that which hath been revealed for him at this time from the rain of the mercy of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Rafi'! Today the Word of God hath been and is superior to a hundred children. Strive ye to attain unto the good-pleasure of the Friend and to manifest that which shall be recorded eternally in the Book of God. These are the true children, the true delight of the eye, and the true posterity. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One when sorrows encompassed Him through what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O people of Baha! Grieve not over anything save that which hath befallen Us at the hands of the heedless. We have been patient in hardship and tribulation and have commanded the people of Baha to show forth beautiful patience.

We make mention of the mother of the child and give her the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed on this night. Glory be from Us upon those who have taken the cup of immortality in My Most Great Name and have drunk therefrom despite every heedless and suspicious learned one.

BH01817: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the One Who calls from His most exalted horizon.

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto those who have quaffed the cup of utterance despite the people of the world and who have drunk in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, before the faces of all religions. We testify that they are among the people of Baha who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark which God sent down in the Qayyumu'l-Asma as a token of His grace—and He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Hearken unto the call from the precincts of ʿAkka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to the Intended One, and the face that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the hand that hath been raised up unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have manifested the clear proofs and revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge—the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The first requirement is the recognition of God, and the second is steadfastness in His Cause, the firm, the mighty. The Book speaketh and summoneth all to the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Most Great Announcement calleth out before the faces of the world:

> "O people of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful. O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God and deny not Him but for Whom the Bayan would not have been revealed nor would the Primal Point have uttered a word from His presence."

Thus doth the Pen of Revelation make known unto you, if ye be of them that comprehend. The Kawthar of utterance hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are heedless.

Cast aside vain imaginings, holding fast to the Most Great Cord, and set aside idle fancies by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One: All the friends are mentioned in the presence of this Prisoner, and the name of each one hath been inscribed by the Pen of God's Will, exalted be His glory, in the Book. Ye must arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all being with complete unity, and attract the hearts of the weak through your deeds and character, guiding them to the shore of the Most Great Ocean.

O My loved ones! Certain souls love those things that cause change and difference. Should anyone appear and utter a word from which the fragrance of discord can be detected, ye must counsel him with perfect steadfastness, with wisdom and utterance, that perchance he may turn to that which God desireth and be illumined with the light of unity and concord. O friends! Unity is the cause of the appearance of the lights of the Most Great Luminary throughout all regions. Say: God is our Lord and the Lord of the mighty Throne and the exalted Seat!

Today the gems of existence are those servants who have clung to the one true God alone and are detached from all else. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto this Word of the King of Words and this utterance which is the Sovereign of utterances. In these days when the divines of the earth are witnessed to be in manifest loss, hold ye fast unto wisdom and occupy yourselves with the mention and praise of God and the triumph of His Cause. In the days of the Spirit—may the spirit of all except Him be sacrificed for His sake—souls who were occupied with catching fish arose to render victory. This is not difficult for God.

Give thou the glad-tidings of the tender mercies of the Blessed Tree unto the leaves of that land. O handmaidens of God! By the Sun of Truth, in this word lieth concealed that of which all are unable to comprehend the significance, save whom God willeth. Every ear that hath been honored to hear the words "O My servant" and "O My handmaiden" hath been illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of divine favors and hath attained. Yet we beseech God to aid all to preserve this station. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Know ye your worth and hold fast unto that which

befitteth you. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon you, O My servants and My handmaidens, and upon those whom the ranks of the world have not prevented from remaining steadfast in this Great Announcement. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03754: O Zayn'l-Abidin! We make mention of thee that thou…

O Zayn'l-Abidin! We make mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be numbered amongst the thankful ones. Blessed is thy father who attained unto the light of the Cause, who hearkened when the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in Zawra and in this Most Great Prison. We counsel thee to be trustworthy, chaste, and faithful, and to that whereby the Word of God—thy Lord and the Lord of the Most Exalted Throne—may be exalted.

O Zayn'l-Abidin! Know thou with absolute certitude that goodly deeds and praiseworthy character have ever been and shall ever be the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God.

Say: My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy servant, for Thou art verily the Most Merciful of the merciful. My God, my God! Forgive Thy servant, for Thou art verily the Forgiver of sins. My God, my God! Ordain for me that which is best for me, for Thou art verily the Trustworthy Ordainer. My God, my God! Aid me to serve Thee, for Thou art verily the Succorer of the worlds. My God, my God! Thou seest my transgressions; purify me from them, for Thou art verily the All-Powerful. My God, my God! Expiate my misdeeds, for Thou art verily the Bountiful, the Generous. O my Lord! Help me to act in accordance with that which Thou hast revealed, and enable me to fulfill that which Thou hast commanded me to do, for Thou art verily the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

O God! Send down Thy blessings upon Thy Prophets and Thy chosen ones who have circled round Thy Cause and aided Thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, and with the virtues which Thou hast enjoined upon all in Thy perspicuous Book.

O Zayn'l-Abidin! The bellowing of the calf is raised, and likewise the croaking of the croakers and the clamour of the mischief-makers. Beseech God to protect His servants from those who love discord and who set aside that which they have been commanded concerning love and unity.

Convey the greetings of the Wronged One to all those who are related to thee, and give each of them the glad-tidings of God's favors, that joy and tranquility may take possession of them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.RetryClaude can make mistakes. Please double-check responses.

BH04305: O Abul-Qasim! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged…

He is the Answerer in all conditions.

O Abul-Qasim! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison, and He hath heard thy call in remembrance and praise of God. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Ocean and its waves, and the Sun and its radiance. Ask thou God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones who have believed in Him and His verses, and

who were so carried away by the rapture of the Divine Call that neither the hosts of the world nor the opposition of the nations frightened them. They turned with radiant faces and with their hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and God of the throne on high and of earth below, for having enabled us to turn toward Thee when most of Thy servants and creatures turned away."

Thus hath the Wronged One spoken out of His favor unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful ones.

We have indeed found from thy letter the fragrance of thy love. We beseech God to forgive thee and thy father and thy mother, and to inscribe for thee with the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet that which shall never cease to be remembered, as long as the Kingdom of God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure. Say:

> "My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to Thy cord, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and those with me that which will draw us near unto Thee and benefit us in Thy days and throughout ages and centuries to come. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son who hath been named Abdul-Husayn in the Book of Names, and upon those whom neither the swords of the world deterred from the Most Great Name, nor the oppression of the divines from the Straight Path of God.

BH04348: O Muhammad! Ask the idols of the earth, namely…

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

O Muhammad! Ask the idols of the earth, namely the divines of Iran: According to your assertion, this Wronged One is false and untruthful. What did the Seal of the Prophets, Muhammad, the Chosen One, do and what did He commit that made Him the object of the people's derision, wrath, rancor and hatred? God forbid! According to the belief of the tyrants of the land and the pharaohs among men, that Holy Being was at fault. What fault was manifested by the Spirit (Christ)? This is a station whereof the Pen is powerless to make mention and the tongue fails to describe. And this is the station of the blessed, supreme Word which hath descended from the heaven of grace and the kingdom of utterance:

> "There came not unto them any Messenger but they did mock at Him."

Glory be to God! All that hath been mentioned they have heard and have also acknowledged, and yet they have uttered that which caused every seeing one to weep and every knowing one to lament.

The spiritual youth hath made mention of thee, and from the heaven of inner meanings this Tablet hath been revealed. Read and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs and by Thy call whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, to make me content with Thy

good-pleasure and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Then ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world and offered up their souls in their longing to meet Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy servant clinging unto Thee and unto the cord of Thy bounty—deprive him not of that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, and verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, and verily Thou art the All-Patient, and verily Thou art the All-Concealing, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

BH04283: From time immemorial hath the Ever-Exalted, the All-Sufficient, made…

In the Name of the one true God!

From time immemorial hath the Ever-Exalted, the All-Sufficient, made mention of His loved ones and continueth to do so. Though some may not, outwardly, have been blessed with the verses of the Supreme Pen, know thou of a certainty that their remembrance hath been uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. The gaze of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds is fixed upon hearts and deeds. Blessed is the heart that is a treasury of the pearls of the love of God, and blessed is the soul that holdeth fast and acteth according to the Book of God.

His honor Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, who hath ascended unto the Supreme Horizon—verily We have made mention of him in numerous Tablets. Praise be to God that the Concourse on High inhaled from him the fragrance of love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and there was sent down for him from the heaven of grace that which no pen can recount. Well is it with him! Happy is he! His kindred who have passed on have been and continue to be beneath the gaze of His loving-kindness. Convey to them all My greetings and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounty. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for them that which no thing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The people of the village, upon them be My glory and loving-kindness, must be occupied with service throughout the nights and days, and be illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of steadfastness. We beseech God to assist them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to aid them to champion His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. God hath forgiven thy father and thy mother. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04584: O ʿAbdu'llah! Hearken with thy spirit's ear…

He is the Speaker and He is the Hearer and He is the Answerer!

O ʿAbdu'llah! Hearken with thy spirit's ear to the voice of the Wronged One. In the earliest days We arose, with no veil or covering, before the faces of the followers of all religions and proclaimed the Cause of God. We opened wide the gates of utterance to all the peoples of possibility. Some attained eternal life through the living waters of utterance, while others, due to the requital of their deeds, were debarred and deprived. The divines of the earth and the rulers, one and all, arose in opposition and brought to pass that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the exalted Garden to weep and lament. How

numerous were the afflictions and tribulations that were visited upon the Wronged One, most of which We concealed lest the loved ones and chosen ones of God be saddened thereby.

And when the light of the Cause had encompassed the horizons, the objectors of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil with designs against the Wronged One. Such is the conduct of the servants and the fidelity of that people. Now in most lands the barking ones are spread abroad, and this was among the tidings We mentioned in Zawra and the Land of Mystery and this land, whereof We informed all. All must take refuge in God, exalted be His glory, from the trials of these days and the corruption of souls. Perchance in this land too a barking will be raised up. We beseech God to preserve you and His loved ones from the evil of those who love discord. We ask of the Truth that He may assist them to unity and harmony. Verily He is powerful over all things.

BH04635: Justice declares: "Your letter has not yet reached…

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

Justice declares: "Your letter has not yet reached the Wronged One." And Bounty proclaims: "O Lord of the world! Send down for him that which will gladden his heart and bring solace to his eyes. Verily, Thou art the Hearer, the Answerer." We answered you before your letter arrived and made mention of My loved ones while they were still in the loins of their fathers and the wombs of their mothers. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book that speaks openly before the faces of the world. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

When your inner and outer vision has been blessed with beholding the traces, and you have been seized by the intoxication of the choice wine of your Lord's loving-kindness, say:

> "O Lord of the righteous and Master of the chosen ones! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power to assist Thy servants in Thy remembrance and praise. Then ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will remind them of Thy days and draw them near to Thy holy court. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned to Thee, hearkening to Thy most exalted call and drawn by Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee by the cooing of the Dove of Thy Cause to make me content in all conditions with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy decree and destiny. Then write for me that which will be a companion to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then send down from the heaven of Thy Will upon me and upon Thy loved ones the rains of Thy mercy and the dewdrops of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

BH04665: O friends! God declareth: Today is not the day…

In the name of the Lord of the World!

O friends! God declareth: Today is not the day for words. Give ear to the call of the Incomparable Friend and accept that which causeth mankind to become aware and bestoweth freedom. The words of all the Messengers of God have been uttered in the Books of the words of Him Who is the Desire of the world.

Reflect. Today the Daystar of utterance is shining resplendently above the horizon of the heaven of testimony. It behooveth men to purify their ears from the words of the peoples of the world that they may discover the words of the Divine Messengers which are evident in these words. The Faith of God hath appeared and His handiwork is manifest.

Say: O servants! The true Guide hath come; hasten ye unto Him. The matchless Seer hath come and made straight the Way. It behooveth whoever hath heard this call to declare with his inner tongue:

> "O Lord! Thy call hath revived and given life to the world. My face is turned towards Thee, and my soul yearneth to behold Thee."

Thy letter was received. The light of affection was shining therefrom, and the fragrance of love was diffused from its contents. Arise to serve the Cause of the glorious Lord and deliver the glad-tidings to His servants of the dawning of the light and the advent of the Speaker on Sinai. Haply through thy guidance they will discover the Path of God and attain that which they desire at all times from the ocean of God's bounty.

Say: O high priests! The Possessor of the world is come. His Way is unlike other ways, and His words are unlike other words. Hearken ye unto them and come towards Him. This is the Day of Victory, and no one hath ever witnessed or will again witness its like. These are the words of God.

BH05005: This Wronged One has determined to make mention…

In the Name of the one true God!

This Wronged One has determined to make mention of the handmaidens of God, exalted be His glory, so that the divine mention may attract the handmaidens of that land to the highest horizon, that all may take, with hands of certitude, the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and drink it in His Name. Ye are accounted before God as leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and are related unto Him. Night and day, implore the preservation of this most exalted station. The whole world awaited this blessed Day and at all times beseeched God for the attainment of His presence. However, when the horizon of the world was illumined with the Sun of Revelation and the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was raised, all were found deprived and prevented save a few.

Give thanks unto the Goal of the world that He assisted you and guided you to the Straight Path and His Great Announcement. Know ye the value of this most exalted station and occupy yourselves with His mention and praise. The world was and is ephemeral—soon shall decline lay hold of it. What endureth and lasteth is the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that ye have attained thereunto, and in the Most Great Prison mention hath been made of you with a mention whose remembrance shall never be erased from the world. He is the Bestower, the Kind. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the One, the Glorious, the Help in Peril.

BH05243: O my leaf, upon thee be My glory…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O my leaf, upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto that for which existence itself came into being. The creation of the world was adorned with the ornament of being from nothingness for the knowledge of God, glorified be His majesty. But when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from the horizon of divine will, all turned away and arose in opposition. That household, however, was illumined with the light of recognition—they heard the call and turned towards it, and in the path of the peerless Friend there occurred that which caused all things to wail and lament.

His honor Sad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation, arrived and witnessed and heard. For a time he dwelt beneath the pavilions of grandeur and reposed in the shade of the blessed Tree, and afterwards when the Luminary of permission rose from the horizon of will, he turned towards that direction. After his journey to the Sacred House of God, we beseech God to assist him in all conditions. Verily He hath power over all things. Know ye his worth and recognize his station. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Counselor. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son Ahmad who hath attained the trace of My Pen, and upon thy other son, and upon thy daughter who turned towards and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05588: O Husayn! Your letter was received and testified…

In the Name of the One God

O Husayn! Your letter was received and testified to your devotion and acceptance. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that while the people of learning—meaning the divines of Iran—and the possessors of wealth and the holders of authority are deprived of the Most Great Ocean and barred from the straight divine path, you have attained. He made no mention of the owners of treasures and riches and cities and regions and ranks and thousands, but made mention of the owner of a camel. All matters depend upon and are suspended by the utterance of the All-Merciful. He bestowed such honor and favor upon the she-camel of Salih that mention of it has flowed and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in most of the Books, and likewise the servants upon the pulpits speak in its praise and glorification.

Praise the Goal of the world Who caused you to attain that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine scrolls and books. Turn your face toward God, then act according to what you were commanded in His Book. Hold fast to the Book and act according to its ordinances. This is the Most Exalted Word that hath appeared from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen. If you act according to what was mentioned, the mercy and blessing will descend from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Lords. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, and He is the Bestower, the Kind.

BH05615: O concourse of loved ones! Hasten…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O concourse of loved ones! Hasten to that which pleaseth God. Verily He commandeth you to that which shall be as a lamp unto you in the darkness of the earth and shall guide you to the straight path of God.

Every edifice hath been shaken at the mention of this Most Great Announcement, and the pillars of the world have trembled when the All-Merciful came with a manifest command. We have heard thy mention,

wherefore We have mentioned thee and caused thee to hear that which was the hope of them that are nigh unto God.

Hearken unto the call from beyond the ocean of grandeur, from the Crimson Tree upon the luminous spot. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Take hold of the Book of God with such power that the doubts of them that doubt will not hold thee back. Arise to make mention of Me like a standard upon the standard of My utterance. Thus doth command thee He at Whose appearance the princes lamented and the learned were confounded and every knower was thunderstruck.

When the wine of My utterance hath taken possession of thee, say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me and taught me and made me to know and guided me when the people were in manifest error. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the pearls hidden in the treasuries of Thy Pen, and by the power of Thy Word and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05563: O Ahmad! Hearken unto My call. Verily it draweth…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Ahmad! Hearken unto My call. Verily it draweth thee unto the Kingdom of My nearness and the Realm of My presence, and remindeth thee of My verses, and beareth unto thee the glad-tidings of God's mercy—thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Verily His grace hath preceded all created things—a bounty from thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The Book hath testified before thy Lord, the Bestower, at the final return, yet the people are in manifest loss. They heard His verses and denied them. Lo! They are veiled in the darkness of vain imaginings. Soon shall they behold themselves in the fire.

When thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and art attracted by the breezes of revelation, turn thy face toward the House and say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath drawn me near, and Thy grace hath confirmed me, and the light of Thy manifestation hath guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. I beseech Thee by the cry of the sincere ones in the wilderness of separation and remoteness, and by the yearning of them that are nigh unto Thee in all regions, and by the Word which Thou hast made a light unto Thy loved ones and a fire unto Thine enemies, and by the Kawthar of Thy utterance which hath flowed from Thy Most Exalted Pen—to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that the clamor of the heedless may not prevent me, nor the vain imaginings of the aggressive ones, nor the oppression of the tyrannical ones. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me and preserve me in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05712: The Self-Sufficing Mystery speaketh: O My handmaid, and thou…

In the Name of Him Who knoweth.

The Self-Sufficing Mystery speaketh: O My handmaid, and thou daughter of My handmaid, hearken unto My call. Praise be to God that through His preceding mercy, His all-encompassing grace, and His all-pervading favors, thou hast attained recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's verses and the Dayspring of divine revelation. How many among the learned remained deprived of this supreme gift, while thou hast attained unto it! The company of the divines at this time are not mentioned in the Most Holy Court, while thou art mentioned. Now consider what service thou hast rendered in return for this bounty. Say:

O my God, my Adored One, my King, King of Kings! I beseech Thee to aid me and grant me success, that I may act in accordance with what befits Thy days and engage in that which is worthy of Thy generosity and bounty. O Generous One! Guide the heedless to the ocean of awareness, illumine Thy handmaidens with the light of Thy Name, and assist them to perform pure and holy deeds and to acquire praiseworthy character. Unto Thee be praise and glory, unto Thee be grace and bounty. Thou hast guided this evanescent ant to the pavilion of Thy knowledge and given her shelter beneath the shade of the tabernacle of Thy majesty. Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

BH06025: My God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

My God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens and a leaf among Thy leaves who hath aimed at the Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Supreme Summit. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by the power of Thy Command, O Lord of all beings, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine what Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned unto Thee, hearkened to Thy call, and circled round Thy throne by night and by day.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the rain of Thy mercy in Thy days and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom the hosts of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Thee. Thou doest through Thy power whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O my God! Send Thy blessings upon Thy loved ones who have not broken Thy Covenant and Testament, and whom the Manifestations of Thy power and the Daysprings of Thy might have not prevented. There is no God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of thy son and daughter and give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed are they and joy be unto them for having attained unto the traces of the Pen of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

BH06065: We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour when sorrows have encompassed Us from every side through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought, hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-

Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He hath appeared and revealed that which draweth the servants nigh unto the most exalted horizon and guideth them to the straight path. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of My Pen and held fast unto the cord of My love and turned toward My direction while the people were in a strange slumber. Their vain desires have withheld them from Him Who created them. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken in this Prison wherein the Herald proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords.

We counsel thee and My loved ones there to observe that wisdom whose decree hath been sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed art thou for having cast away that which was with the divines and taken what came unto thee from God, the Lord of creation. We beseech God to assist thee to preserve this most exalted station and draw thee nigh unto Him at all times. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Source of the Cause when it appeared with power and sovereignty.

BH06796: O Ahmad, upon thee be My glory! O Ahmad!…

He is the Hearing and the Answering

O Ahmad, upon thee be My glory! O Ahmad! When thou hast received My Tablet and been blessed with the Kawthar of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me when mankind was in manifest error, and for having caused me to turn toward Thee when the people were in grievous rejection, and for having enabled me to acknowledge the oneness of Thy Being when humanity was in severe denial. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by Thy Most Great Name through which Thou hast opened the gates of bounty unto all nations, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love, and immovable in Thy mighty Message and ancient Decree.

Thou seest me, O my God, gazing toward the horizon of the heaven of Thy grace and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence, Who speaketh from Thy glorious station, Who prevaileth over both the unseen and the visible, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, and to decree for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Powerful over all things through Thy word “Be” and it is. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH06808: O My handmaid! We have heard thy call…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O My handmaid! We have heard thy call and from the prison We have turned toward thee. How many are the princes of the earth who today are deprived of the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, while thou hast attained and hast turned toward the Dawning-Place of verses, the Dayspring of clear proofs, and the Source of commandments and ordinances. Let not this most exalted station and most glorious rank slip from thy grasp. In all conditions, with the utmost lowliness and fervor, beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord to preserve this station for thee, for the atheists lie

in ambush and have been and are lying in wait, and the barking ones are vigilant at their posts. Blessed is the soul whom the whisperings of the deniers have not deprived of the manifest Truth.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to Thy cord. Ordain for me that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07341: O My maidservant and My leaf! We beseech…

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

O My maidservant and My leaf! We beseech the One True God to confirm thee and to record through the Most Exalted Pen the reward of attaining His presence. His loving-kindness hath encompassed thee and His mercy hath preceded thee. His Honor Sad, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness, hath repeatedly been present before the Most Great Scene. His heart is a treasury of the love of God. Verily, We love him who loveth Him. That honored lady and the others should gladden him through manifestations of love and affection. We beseech God to confirm him in preserving that which He hath bestowed. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thou hast ever been and art remembered. Strive, that thou mayest succeed in performing such deeds as will cause their fragrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me through the tongue of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whose power hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH07053: The Wronged One makes mention of him who has…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Speaking

The Wronged One makes mention of him who has turned to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Your name was presented before the Divine Presence, and the Revealer of Verses has remembered you in a Tablet from whose horizon shines forth the radiant light of your Lord’s loving-kindness, the Lord of all existence. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that comes from Him, then act according to that which has been sent down therein from the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you, or the might of the oppressors prevent you from drawing nigh unto the Praiseworthy Station. When you attain unto the Tablet and hear the call of the Wronged One, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me unto Thy path, and made known to me Thy Most Exalted Horizon, and caused me to hear Thy sweetest call. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Great Signs and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Lord of all mankind, to make me detached from all else save Thee, to hold fast to Thy cord, and to cling to the hem of Thy grace. Then write down for me,

O Thou God of Names and Creator of heaven, with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH07848: The Ancient King, in the Most Great Prison, makes…

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

The Ancient King, in the Most Great Prison, makes mention of His loved ones and counsels them as befits them. Blessed are they whom self and passion have not withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon and who have not been deprived of the choice wine of the Merciful's utterance. O friends! The Truth is manifest, the Book is revealed, the evidences are visible, the path is clear, the proof is evident, and the Wronged One stands before all faces. We beseech God to assist His friends to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Book. Thy mention hath been made, and We have shown Our favor through these verses that the sweet-scenting breezes of God's remembrance may assist thee and grant thee success in such deeds and actions as will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory.

BH07581: He overshadoweth the Kingdom of earth and heaven

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Exalted be the Lord of the Realm of Might Who hath come from the horizon of power with a clear command and hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Among the people are those who heard and turned away, and those who turned towards the One, the All-Informed, and those who were so seized by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful that they cast the world behind them, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance.

Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the Most Great News hath appeared and the Books of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, have been sent down. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you from the horizon of power that He may draw you nigh unto the Dayspring of God's Revelation, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them by Our command, and sent them unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07904: He speaks from His most exalted horizon

He speaks from His most exalted horizon:

O My handmaid! In the days when the divines of the earth and the princes of the lands have risen up to harm this Wronged One, and when the people of the Furqan and some of the people of the Bayan have blocked the paths that lead to God, and through deception and guile have deprived the people from the

shore of the divine ocean of knowledge, thou hast attained and turned thy face to the most exalted horizon and heard the call of the Lord of nations in the Most Great Prison. This is a great bounty. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having strengthened me, and caused me to know Thee and to behold Thee, and made me hear Thy most sweet call which was raised from the prison of ʿAkka. I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all things, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

BH07986: O my leaf! When the rapture of My call…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer!

O my leaf! When the rapture of My call takes hold of thee, say: My God, my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens turning toward the horizon of Thy prison and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the letters of Thy Book and by the Ha through which Thou didst manifest the station of pure Identity, to make me patient in the occasions of Thy decree and steadfast when the tempestuous winds blow. Verily Thou art the Creator of names and attributes. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, detached from all else but Thee, and beseeching the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy giving. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the manifestations of Thy grandeur, and by the Tablet which none hath known save Thee, to make me in all conditions holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity, and speaking amongst Thy handmaidens in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

BH08569: O ʿAli-Akbar! This Wronged One hath made mention…

He is the Hearer and the Answerer

O ʿAli-Akbar! This Wronged One hath made mention of thee at the Most Great Horizon, and continueth to do so. We beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made me aware. I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty to assist me in all conditions to celebrate Thy praise and glorification and to serve Thy Cause. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath caused me to attain in Thy days, to turn toward Thy horizon, and to voice Thy praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me all the good Thou hast sent down in Thy Manifest Book and Thy Mighty Tablet. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to Thy Cause, taking refuge with Thy presence, and holding fast to the hem of Thy garment. Deprive me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH08702: We make mention of him who hath made mention…

He is God, exalted be His station in bounty and grace.

We make mention of him who hath made mention of Us, and We give glad tidings unto them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. That which was hidden from all eyes hath been revealed, and that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. He who hath attained unto My call and acted according to what was commanded in My Book, verily he is of the inmates of the pavilion of My glory. Upon him be the Glory of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servant clinging to Thy presence, seeking from the wonders of Thy grace that which will draw him nigh unto Thee, honor him with Thy presence, and adorn him with the ornament of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy oneness and the movement of Thy Pen to ordain for him that which shall profit him. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09567: In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

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We have spent all that exists in the path of God, and without any veil or covering We have called out before the faces of the world, inviting all to the highest horizon. Most of the people of the world arose in opposition. The divines of Iran issued a decree for the shedding of the blood of the Wronged One, and when the light of the Cause shone forth from every direction, the people of the Bayan arose in opposition. We beseech God to grant justice and not deprive His servants. He is the Bestower, the Merciful. We heard your call and have made mention of you. God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and adorned with the greatest steadfastness.

BH11603: Praise be sanctified above the mention of all created…

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 sanctified above the mention of all created things unto the Manifestation of evident signs, Who befitteth and deserveth it, Who hath conquered contingent being through utterance. In the realm of lovers He is the Manifestation of Beauty, and in the world of perfection the Dawning-Place of the knowledge of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He hath bestowed the water of life upon the thirsty and granted eternal life unto the dead. The denial of the divines hindered Him not, nor did the turning away of princes hold back His purpose. He hath rolled up the carpet of idle fancies and locked fast the world of vain imaginings. With utmost expansion He spread out a new carpet and summoned the drinkers of the Kawthar of certitude, bestowing upon each from His hand the chalice of immortality. Whosoever attained thereunto beheld himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein.

At this station the effulgences of the lights of the Most Exalted Word "Verily He doeth what He willeth" shine forth and entirely take possession of the world of being. This power is not diminished by the ranks of hatred, nor are the hosts of names an obstacle thereunto. By the cord of grace He drew those who were detached from the gulf of names unto the ocean of inner meanings. How lofty is the station of that being who hath attained unto this bounty, and how great the rank of that soul who hath won this most

pure sustenance and this most great favor! Such a one beholdeth the people of the world as non-existent and seeth naught but the Truth. The croaking of the croakers hath not nor ever shall have any access to this arena. The tyrants and pharaohs—that is to say, the divines and doctors of the earth—are not mentioned at this station. He beholdeth the Peerless Friend Who hath come from the horizon of power bearing the banner "Verily He is God." And whosoever hath found the fragrance of the Word of God hath attained unto true wealth and been adorned with the supreme ornament. Blessed are they who know, blessed are they who drink, and blessed are they who are detached!

Glory be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all things possible! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the breezes of Thy Revelation, O Lord of all mankind, and by Thy power which hath conquered all things, and by Thy will which hath subdued all names, to assist Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Then aid them in that whereby Thy Being may be sanctified and Thy Reality glorified. O Lord! Thou seest him who hath turned unto Thee in numbered years and hath arisen to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants and Thy creatures, and hath testified to Thy oneness and singleness and to that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command and been uttered by the Tongue of Thy grandeur.

Assist him, O my God, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that he may subdue hearts through Thy Name and open the doors of souls with the key of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and King of eternity, by Thy Most Great Prison, to strengthen him with the legions of power and might, then inscribe for him by Thy Most Exalted Pen that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of Thy names and attributes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Send down Thy blessings, O my God, upon Thy loved ones and chosen ones who broke not Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who spoke among Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and guideth them unto Thy path, and who heard in Thy path the taunts of Thine enemies, and who were visited in their love for Thee by that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of Thy protection to lament. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I render praise that thy precious letter was received—both the previous and subsequent ones—each attesting to that spiritual friend's acceptance, orientation and steadfastness in the Cause of the Desired One of the world. After reading and becoming apprised thereof, on this occasion it was taken to the Most Exalted Presence and the Supreme Height, presented before His countenance and achieved the honor of His hearing. These are His blessed and exalted words:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

This is a mention from Us to him who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, who turned his face and advanced with his heart toward the Supreme Horizon—the Station wherein the Lote Tree of the Uttermost Boundary called out from the pole of the Most Exalted Paradise: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords!"—that the remembrance and praise might once again draw him to the Most Exalted Paradise, this Station whereon the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Announcement was established upon the Throne with power and sovereignty. We have named this

Station at times the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Exalted Paradise, and yet again the Supreme Paradise and the Heaven of heavens. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

We have mentioned thee time and again and have revealed for thee that which hath made the skin of the idolators to quiver and hath delighted the eyes. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He hath come from the horizon of might with the banners of signs. He stood before the faces of princes and divines, speaking that which caused all in the heavens and earth to swoon, save those whom God preserved through a power from Him and guided to the straight path. Each day there hath befallen Us that which hath caused the Tablet to lament and the Pens to cry out. We desired for them life, while they desired to shed the blood of the Wronged One without proof or scripture.

Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the horizons of the world have been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation. Draw nigh with radiant hearts and follow not every doubtful idolator. This is the Cause foretold in God's Books of old. Read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and in the Scrolls, Psalms and Tablets. By the life of God! No Manifestation hath appeared except that He took My Covenant before His own, and no Book hath been revealed except that the fragrance of My mention and praise wafted therefrom. The Mother Book in the Final Return beareth witness to this.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful, then judge with fairness concerning this Cause, at Whose appearance the verses bowed down in submission. Fear God, O people, and deny not Him through Whom the Trump was blown, the Bridge was set up, the heaven was cleft asunder and the mountains were moved. Say: Where were ye when they bound Me with chains and fettered Me with that which caused hearts to melt?

Remember My loved ones on My behalf, remind them of My verses, illumine them with the lights of My utterance, and give them the glad tidings of the heaven of My grace and mercy which hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Say: O friends of God in all lands! Take heed lest the clamor of the nations frighten you or the might of the wicked hinder you. Arise to aid the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. Hasten to what pleaseth God—this is better for you. He Who speaketh in every condition beareth witness to this: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is wronged. He hath remembered thee time and again, and hath given thee to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge through the hands of grace and bounty, and hath taught thee that which the servants were prevented from knowing. Blessed is he whom the might of those who disbelieved in God and broke the Covenant on the Day of Meeting could not weaken, and blessed is he whom the power of the servants could not hold back from standing, and blessed is he whom the clamor of the foolhardy could not silence from speaking. Thus hath the Pen of God revealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance, and thus hath the Most Great Ocean revealed that which was concealed within it, from God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

When thou art inebriated with the wine of My utterance and the waves of the ocean of My knowledge, say: My God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring

of Thy clear tokens, and turning my face to the lights of Thy countenance on a day whereon most of Thy servants and creatures have turned away from Thee. I am he, O my God, whom Thy most sweet call and the sound of Thy Most Exalted Pen have attracted, in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the doubts of the nations have hindered me. I have laid hold on Thy strong cord and Thy mighty announcement wherewith Thou didst give glad tidings in Thy Books and through Thy Messengers.

By Thy glory, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the mystics and the Beloved of the souls of them that are nigh unto Thee! The waves of the ocean of my hope can be stilled only by the light of meeting Thee, and the sorrow of my heart can be dispelled only by standing before Thy face. My God, my God! Thou hearest the cry of the lovers in their separation from Thee, and beholdest the yearning of them that long for Thee in their remoteness from Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued both the unseen and the visible, that Thou ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have, by Thy leave, attained unto the stations of nearness and reunion and meeting, until they stood before a door which opened upon all who are in earth and heaven. Strengthen me to remember Thee and to praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause and to stand before Thy face and to enter a station round which circle the Highest Paradise and the denizens of the all-highest heaven.

Alas, alas! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me by Thy binding command and Thy firm decree. By Thy glory! Because of this my liver hath melted, my limbs have trembled, and my whole being hath been shaken. Alas, alas! Should the decree of destiny prevent me from attaining unto Thy presence, O Lord of all being, I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy oneness and the lights of the sun of Thy grace and the mysteries that lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets, that Thou write down for me, with the Pen of Thy bounty, the recompense of meeting Thee. O Thou at Whose finger's motion Thy earth and Thy heaven are set in motion! I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds, and to provide me with the good of the hereafter and of this present life. Verily Thou art the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens.

O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! Dispel the grief of Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones, and remove their anguish through Thy power and might, and illumine their hearts with the lights of the Day-Star of Thy oneness. Then send down upon them, from the heaven of Thy bounty, the rain of Thy mercy. Thou art indeed the Almighty, unto Whose power all created things have testified, and all things possible have witnessed to Thy strength and Thy conquest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have desired to change from the most eloquent tongue to the luminous tongue, that God's favor to thee, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, may be completed, and His grace may be manifested once again, that thou mayest give thanks to Him by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn.

Today it is incumbent upon all to arise for the promotion of the Cause of God and engage in such deeds as lead to the exaltation of His Word. Today the river of divine mercy is flowing and the ocean of utterance of the All-Merciful is surging; the Balance is set up and the Path made clear; the proof is revealed. Yet the people of the world are seen to be veiled. Each day the cry of the Calf is raised. Beseech ye God that He may guide the people of the Bayan and protect them from whatsoever causeth division,

that all may hold fast unto unity and concord. Unity hath ever been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of the Word.

Section 2: "Praise be to God that whatsoever leadeth…"

Praise be to God that whatsoever leadeth to strife, conflict and corruption hath been strictly forbidden in the Books and Tablets. The triumph of God's Cause hath been and will ever be achieved through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. From the beginning of days this exalted Word hath shone forth from the treasury of the Most Exalted Pen: blessed is he who hath attained unto that which beseemeth the Day of God.

Your honor should inform and give glad-tidings to the loved ones in that land and its surroundings of that which hath dawned forth from the Dayspring of the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Awaken those who slumber and make mindful those who are heedless, that perchance they may become aware of that for which they were created and act as beseemeth them. We beseech God that all may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that no thing among all things, no matter among all matters, and no tale among the tales of the ancients and the moderns may withhold them from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Say: Know ye the value of these days. Today He Who conversed on Sinai is seated upon the throne of Manifestation and speaketh forth. Whosoever drinketh from the Kawthar hidden within the blessed words "He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth" shall find himself established upon the throne of certitude. This blessed Word shall guide the seekers to the ocean of faith and draw those who search unto the horizon of certitude. He shall see naught but God and regard all else as non-existent. Well is it with them that attain thereunto, blessed are they that drink thereof.

Ask thou God to assist His loved ones and aid them to recognize this most exalted station and to succeed in that which draweth them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And We beseech Him, exalted be He, to manifest through thee that which attracteth the hearts and souls and guideth them to a station wherein the hosts of doubts and allusions shall not prevent them, nor shall they be frightened by the ranks of those who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. Make mention of the loved ones of that land on behalf of the Wronged One. By the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, the men and women who have turned towards God have been and are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been ordained for the steadfast men and steadfast women that which the world is powerless to mention. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken in His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who render thanks.

Praised be God, the breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance have wafted upon that spiritual friend from all directions. If the people of the world were in truth to attain unto but one word from the Book of Equity or the Volume of Justice, all would turn from what they possess to that which is with God. O beloved of my heart! The gate of equity is barred and the path of justice forbidden. The recompense of the nations' deeds hath deprived them of the immortal waters and kept them from the straight path. They witness the divine verses descending like the spring rains and hear them, yet they deny and turn away. After that spiritual friend's last letter, the blessed verse "We shall make thee to recite, so thou shalt not forget" was heard from the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Day-spring of Revelation. What was written was

correct, but the honored Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent your letters, and likewise the funds you dispatched and other items all arrived and were accepted. Should any act proceed from this servant wherein forgetfulness or oversight becomes apparent, pardon is hoped for.

God is witness and testimony that night and day I am immersed in the sea of occupation—writings before the presence of the Intended One, as well as replies to letters and engagement with prison matters which each day appear in a different form and are marked by new events. It is therefore clear and evident to that spiritual friend what matters cause delay and postponement. God is witness and the All-Knowing that that honored friend hath ever been and continues to be mentioned before the countenance of the Intended One of all worlds. Your expressions in proving God's Cause are in truth a treasure hidden with God, and there is and hath been no harm in attributing them to you or to Mir Samiy, upon him be the Glory of God, who stands in service. In one station He hath said "We make no distinction between any of them." I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to aid you to exalt the Word and manifest the Cause as He hath ordained. At this moment this exalted Word hath appeared from the Kingdom of utterance of the Lord of all beings. His word, exalted be His glory:

> "O Husayn! With the key of the Most Great Name, open the gates of men's hearts, and with the wings of detachment soar in this spiritual atmosphere, that those who tarry may follow and learn. We have ordained for thee that which causeth bodies to take flight, how much more the spirits."

Praised be God, that beloved of the heart hath attained unto the supreme bounty, and there hath been revealed that which, should all on earth discover its sweetness, they would turn wholly sanctified unto God. You have been and continue to be confirmed, and with the sword of life you have broken the backs of the idolaters—a breaking that will not mend, which skilled physicians and accomplished healers are powerless to repair. Exalted be our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven and the Master of the hereafter and this world.

And regarding what you wrote concerning forgiveness, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these sublime words descended from the Kingdom of utterance of the Intended One of all worlds. His word, blessed and exalted be He:

> "O thou who hearkenest to thy Lord's utterance! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee and taught thee and caused thee to know Him and made thee speak His mention and praise amongst His servants. He hath aided thee as a bounty from Him and enabled thee as a gift from His presence and forgiven thee as a mercy from His side. By My life! Through My remembrance the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the breezes of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, have wafted. We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance that thou mayest assist Him amongst His servants. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering."

I convey that in these days all must gaze toward a single horizon and hold fast to service to the Cause. Praise be to God, in most lands the light of the Cause is manifest, yet some among the people of the Bayan remained veiled and concealed in times of hardship. Now that some measure of assurance has

been attained and seekers are evident, they have emerged from behind the veil like flies and seek to organize a party like the previous party. Glory be to God! If this was the purpose, why did they initially separate from the first path? And some, despite claims of faith and certitude, have been and are thinking of the Calf, seeking through a hundred thousand lies and calumnies to guide helpless souls according to their own desires. In any case, such souls have been and are rejected before God. Beseech the True One to protect His servants and not afflict them with the associating of the hopes of the ignorant. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In all cases that spiritual friend must be vigilant and, to the extent possible, be occupied with protecting the servants. Verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding what was written about Muhammad-Hasan and Mulla Muhammad-Taqi, upon them be the Glory of God, who requested mention of them in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, after submission before the Presence these decisive verses descended from the Kingdom of the Will of Truth, exalted be His glory. The Lord, exalted and sanctified be He, speaks:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Pen following thy turning to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou didst hear and respond on a day wherein the servants denied the appearance of God and His evidences, and the greatness of God and His sovereignty. Thus did their lying tongues describe for them what they followed of every remote ignorant one. We have mentioned the people of the village with a mention before which every wondrous mention bows down. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Dispensations have ended with this Most Great Dispensation and this Mighty Announcement. Whosoever claims a matter is verily a lying impostor.

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this, even as it bore witness before in a Book named the Most Holy before God, the Mighty, the Praised. Remember My loved ones there and give them glad tidings of My attention and My turning toward them and My mention and My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of utterance and aided me to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance and to acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy creation withhold not, nor the turning away of Thy servants. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty.

And this is what was revealed for Muhammad-Hasan:

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

O Muhammad-Hasan! The Wronged One desireth to make mention of thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords. Hearken unto the Call from this Most Great Quarter, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of Necks. Verily He hath appeared and made manifest His Most Great Cause. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto every doubting denier. Take the Book with strength from Us and rely in all matters upon God, the Revealer of verses. Let nothing among all things sadden thee, nor let the veils of those who have disbelieved in God in the return withhold thee. Take the

cup of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink therefrom despite every denier who hath turned away from God, the Possessor of creation. Say: […]

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me aware. I beseech Thee by Thy signs and Thy manifestations to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Then ordain for me that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Praise be to God that these two souls who were mentioned have attained unto bounty and have been nourished from the chalice of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Well is it with them, and again, well is it with them. This evanescent servant remembers the loved ones of that land with praise, glory, exaltation and greetings. God is my witness that the loved ones of that land have been and are ever present before my eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make that land ready for the outpouring of the fire of love for the Desired One of all worlds, and I ask for each one that which hath had and hath no likeness or equal. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those who are with you, and upon all who are firm, steadfast, resolute and faithful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH11891: The servant beareth witness to the oneness of God…

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

The servant beareth witness to the oneness of God and His singleness, and that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden. He causeth to enter whomsoever He willeth within the pavilions of His grace and the tabernacle of His glory. He, verily, is the All-Praised in His action and the All-Chosen in His decree. He hath guided those who are nigh unto Him to His most exalted horizon and ordained for them that which the pens of creation are powerless to recount. He is the Single One, the One Alone, the Almighty, Who hath aided some of His servants to spend in His path, such that they have spent whatsoever they possessed. To this do God's servants and His chosen ones bear witness, and to their acceptance, their sincerity and their steadfastness. The servant beareth witness that all grace lieth within His grasp—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the One Alone, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

He is the Sustainer. The contribution of the two brother cotton-carders, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful, in the amount of eighty-six tumans, was received by the servant in the prison through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the glory of God, in the month of Safar 1305.

BH01797: Praise be to God Who sent down the Books…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatest, the Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, for verily there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Through them He manifested His sovereignty, completed His proof, bestowed His grace, and perfected His evidence. Through them He guided His servants to His Straight Path. Blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet, through Whom

His verses were sent down, His evidence appeared, His power encompassed all things, His Word was exalted, and its station was raised in the world among the nations. Exalted is the Ancient Lord Who sent Him and made Him stand in His own place in the realm of creation. And upon His family and companions who established the pillars of religion through His firm and impregnable Command.

And then—may my spirit be a sacrifice for your presence—the letter from the spiritual friend, his honor Aqa Darvish Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be God's peace, which he had written to that beloved one, arrived and was presented before the Countenance. The Master—may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him—said: Mention of this Cause has been forbidden in the outskirts of this city and surrounding regions, for the people are weak and make no distinction between good and evil, guidance and error, benefit and harm. Although the loved ones of God have had and have no purpose except the reformation of the world and the refinement of the nations, nevertheless the divines, rulers and every faction have attributed pure righteousness to corruption and have understood building up to mean tearing down.

In such case what station remains for words and what place for deeds? In any case, mention of this Cause is not permitted in these parts. Beseech God to aid the servants to justice and fairness. He who knows does not deny, he who understands does not turn away, and he who comprehends does not object. Let one proceed with brevity and we make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa—upon him be my peace. Remember him on my behalf and give him the glad tidings of my attention to him. We beseech God to preserve him and those with him from the evil of every stubborn oppressor and from the tyranny of every sinful transgressor.

O servant! Upon thee be My peace. Quickly pass beyond the border of Rum. In view of the promise of his honor Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa—upon him be my peace—regarding meeting and encountering the mentioned souls, there has not been and is not any objection for two or three days. Convey greetings from the Wronged One. Firm counsels are necessary in wisdom. God willing, may you be enabled to mention and praise and spread and diffuse after passing beyond these bounds. Verily the Command is in His hand—He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. We beseech God to preserve His loved ones through His power that encompasseth the world, to guard them from the evil of His enemies, and to draw them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

End. Praise be to God, the purpose has been achieved, for they have been adorned with the mention of the Beloved and illumined by the lights of providence. Blessed are they! The request is that they seek confirmation and ask for enablement for this poor one as well. Verily God is the Hearer, the Answerer. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to his honor Muhammad Mustafa—may God the Exalted assist him. For his presence and those with him, before and after, I have sought and seek enablement, and praise be to God it is assured of response. I convey greetings to his honor Aqa Darvish—upon him be God's peace—and I beseech God for confirmation for him. Likewise I convey greetings to the other friends and have besought and beseech from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation and enablement and the good of this world and the next for each one. At this time mention was made in the Most Holy Court of his honor Haji ʿAli and their honors the most exalted ones—upon them be God's peace. Praise

be to God, all are mentioned and have attained the glances of providence. Praise be to God, first and last, outwardly and inwardly.

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BH00067: Praise and glory befit the Desired One of all…

Section 1: "Praise and glory befit the Desired One…"

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

Praise and glory befit the Desired One of all worlds, Who conquered contingent beings with the sword of utterance and illumined the hearts of the people of the world with the light of knowledge, and through His heralds and messengers adorned the horizons of the world with unity and concord. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the misbelief of the ungodly and the protestations of the opposers did not veil His oneness, and did not prevent the sincere ones and near ones from turning to Him. Exalted be the signs of His sovereignty and the manifestations of His power and grandeur.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose will the rivers of inner meanings have flowed in the gardens of utterance, and the hearts of the believers were attracted by what the Pen of Thy Cause spoke forth in the wonders of knowledge. The servant beareth witness to Thy unity and the singleness of Thy Being, and recognizeth that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of certitude, that verily Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou didst send the Messengers and reveal the Books and made them bearers of glad tidings among Thy servants and acknowledgers of what Thou didst will for them through Thy generosity and favors, until the Manifestations culminated in Thy Most Great Manifestation and Thy Mighty Announcement.

Then didst Thou reveal Thyself amongst Thy creation and called them to Thy most exalted horizon and Thy highest summit. Among the people are those whom their desires prevented from turning to Thee and their vain imaginings from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy glory, and among them are those who cut themselves from what the people possess, hastening to Thy good-pleasure, gazing toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace, and anticipating what Thou didst promise them in Thy Books and Tablets. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the splendor of Thy countenance and by the lights of Thy days to assist whosoever desireth Thy mention and Thy praise and the triumph of Thy Cause with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power which hath encompassed all contingent things to aid him to exalt Thy Word and manifest that which Thou didst command the sincere ones in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Triumphant, the Omnipotent.

And further: the letter of that beloved of hearts arrived like a bird from the paradise of love and affection and attraction. Its allusions were true glad tidings and its expressions were spiritual messages. Praise be to God, the fragrance of steadfastness and turning toward God and detachment in the path of service to the Lord of creation wafted and spread from it. It attracted the heart and perfumed the nostrils of the

soul. His is the generosity and His is the grace. His favor hath encompassed and His bounty hath seized the hearts of those near unto Him, to such extent that they have passed beyond themselves and all else and have become attached to Him. They have sacrificed their spirits and bodies and limbs, all in the path of His Cause. After reading and understanding it, and experiencing joy and attraction, it was taken to the Presence and presented in its entirety before the countenance of the Lord of mankind, and these verses were revealed from the Creator of names and attributes. Thus speaketh the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath revealed for those who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful, that the fragrances of revelation might attract them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Most Great Throne and the Possessor of the Most Exalted Seat. Hearken once again unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree: He is, verily, none other than the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of utterance hath surged forth from the wellspring of thy Lord's Pen, the All-Merciful. Drink therefrom once from the cup of My loving-kindness, and again from the chalices of My mercy, and yet again from the handful of My hand. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. By God! Should anyone hear My call with the ear of innate nature, it would render him detached from all else save Me and cause him to cling to the cord of My loving-kindness, such that neither the swords of enemies nor the darts of the wicked would deter him. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken as a token of grace from God, the Creator of the heavens, that he might render thanks unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

He hath previously mentioned thee in verses before which the Books of the world and all that the nations possess have bowed down. To this beareth witness the Mother of Tablets from this radiant and luminous horizon. Say: O concourse of the Furqan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and oppose not Him through Whom every Cause and every perspicuous Book hath been established. And say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye God and dispute not with Him through Whom God's proof and His testimony have been made manifest, and through Whom the Bird of Knowledge hath warbled upon the loftiest branches. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with a supreme sovereignty that neither the powers of the world nor the might of nations can frustrate, nor can the dominion of those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament and denied the Day of Judgment cause Him fear.

Be fair in judging this Revelation and its sovereignty, then consider that which hath been sent down in truth from the kingdom of His wondrous utterance. He is the One Who was promised in God's Books, of Whom the Primal Point gave glad tidings, and Who prostrated Himself at the mention of His name, saying: "I am the first of His worshippers." O people of the Bayan! Observe and then recall when the Primal Point came, how the divines and doctors of the earth denied Him. Thus did their souls entice them in such wise as caused the Spirit of Holiness to lament in Paradise and the Faithful Spirit to grieve in this manifest Scene.

We beseech God to assist thee with the hosts of utterance and to enable thee to champion His Cause with a proof whose light hath shone forth from the dayspring of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remind God's party of My verses and glorify their faces on My behalf, then recite unto

them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will and the atmosphere of My Purpose, that their eyes may be solaced thereby and their hearts be gladdened. Verily, thy Lord loveth His loved ones. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this mighty and impregnable station.

Say: O party of God! We counselled you aforetime and counsel you at this hour to be trustworthy and godly. By God's life! Through these shall your stations be exalted and your conditions be elevated. Hold fast unto them and be not of the heedless. Say: O people of Baha! Take what ye have been commanded by God, then act according to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath counselled you. This shall raise you up and draw you nigh unto the One, the Singular, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the Most Praiseworthy.

The glory that shineth resplendent and gleameth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them that love thee and hearken unto thy word in this wise Remembrance. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

O Son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory! Warn the party of God concerning that which hath appeared. Should they ponder upon the former party and their deeds and actions on the Day of the Second Resurrection, they would not be afflicted with the vain imaginings of ignorant and heedless souls, and would behold themselves detached and free from all save God. The heedless souls have forgotten that which they witnessed with their own eyes, let alone matters wherein the birds of their hearts and minds are powerless to soar. They have seen with their own eyes the loss suffered by the Shi'ih party, yet now they have fallen again into imaginings a thousandfold greater than that party's vain fancies.

Hadi of Dawlatabad hath become the people's leader and desired to dispatch the helpless servants to the abode of perdition and establish them in hell-fire. Say: O servants! Reflect upon that which hath appeared and is now witnessed, and upon that which hath passed and become concealed, that perchance through God's grace ye may gird up the loins of service for His sake alone. With utmost lowliness and supplication, beseech the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may not again afflict His servants with vain imaginings as before. Glory be to God! What hath prevented their sight? What hath kept their ears from hearkening to the Word of Truth? The realms of knowledge and vision are astounded.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! The existing ears and visible eyes were not and are not worthy to hear or fit to see, unless the grace of God, exalted be His glory, shall assist them and guide the heedless ones to the direction of awareness and awaken the slumberers from the sleep of negligence. These are the days of the appearance of the blessed verse wherein He hath said:

> "They put their fingers in their ears lest they should hear the word of truth."

For the sources of vain imaginings have forbidden their friends from drawing nigh unto the people of Baha. Glory be to God! They act as did the idolaters of old, yet perceive not that they utter the same words. The wrath of God hath seized them and the breezes of torment have encompassed them. Thus hath the matter been decreed as a recompense for their deeds. Verily, He is the most severe of avengers and the destroyer of transgressors.

O beloved of my heart! For a long time the door was closed and no news came from thee. Praise be to God, the grace of God, exalted be His glory, appeared like a key and opened the doors of remembrance, utterance, presence and meeting. The fire of love became manifest and the primal flame appeared. The maidens of remembrance who were concealed in the chambers of inner meanings unveiled themselves and approached the gathering. I swear by the Sun of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, that if the ears of the people of the world were sanctified, a single word of the supreme utterances that have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of all beings would guide and suffice them all. In any case, one must ever supplicate the Lord of the intended goal for deliverance, and deliverance is the awakening of the servants and reflection upon that which hath appeared.

Night and day this lowly servant, with manifest humility, beseecheth deliverance from the Lord of the Day of Judgment, for His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all. Perchance He may again rend asunder the veils and coverings that eyes may not be debarred from beholding. With His bounty there is no place for despair. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to what thou didst write concerning the friends, upon them be the glory of God, after being submitted before His Most Holy, Most Exalted and Most Sacred Presence, there was revealed for each one that which would cause eternal mention and everlasting praise.

This is what was revealed for his honor Khan Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God. These are His blessed and exalted words:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

Verily, We make mention of him who was named Muhammad before Baqir, that this remembrance may draw him to a station wherein nothing whatsoever shall deter him from this Cause, through which the limbs of all names have trembled. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken from the most exalted horizon. Blessed is he who hath turned toward My horizon, uttered My praise, and soared in My atmosphere. He is, before God, the Lord of the beginning and the end, among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise. Drink thou of My sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and say: O concourse of the world! By God, the Ancient King hath come with a sovereignty before which all parties are powerless.

He hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden in knowledge and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O people! Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Lord of all men. This is the Day whereon all things cry out with their loudest voice: The Promised One hath come from the heaven of grace with the banners of glory and power. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty through which the ocean of utterance hath surged in the contingent world and the rain of forgiveness hath showered upon those who have clung to the cord of their Lord's grace, the Lord of creation.

The glory be upon thee from the Wronged One, and upon those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon on a Day wherein the Caller hath called out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Karbila'i ʿAbbas, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the Speaker among the servants

O ʿAbbas! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily, it draweth thee nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. He hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away from Him and committed that which hath caused the mountains to crumble. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and taken their vain imaginings as lords beside God, the Dayspring of Lights. Among the people are those who have denied God's Cause, those who have turned away, and those who have objected and committed that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament at morn and eve. Blessed is the servant who hath heard My call and attained unto the traces of My Pen, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon My loved ones who have acted in accordance with that which they were commanded in the Mother Book. Say:

My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast remembered me, and from Thy Most Exalted Horizon Thou hast turned toward this servant of Thine and revealed unto him from the Pen of Thy bounty that whose fragrance hath diffused among Thy servants. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy Revelation in Thy days and the manifestations of its power amidst Thy creation, to ordain for me that which shall protect me from those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs. Thou art He through Whose Name the ocean of grace hath surged and the fragrance of bounty hath wafted between earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And this is what was revealed for his honor Karbila'i Ya'qub, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, through which the heaven of idle fancies was cleft asunder

O Ya'qub! Give thanks for that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in a manner that no mention can equal. Thy name was present before the Countenance, and We have mentioned thee in such wise that through it the realities of all things were attracted and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the highest branches. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of bounty and My call hath drawn thee to the Supreme Horizon, say:

O my God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy remembrance. I beseech Thee by the breezes which have blown by Thy will, and by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy purpose, and by the ocean of Thy signs and the heaven of Thy manifestation, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. 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. O my God, bestow Thy blessings upon those who have held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and have attained unto the recognition of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and who have aided Thy Cause throughout the nights and days. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Section 2: "This was revealed for Ustad Isma'il, upon him…"

This was revealed for Ustad Isma'il, upon him be the glory of God.

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds

O Isma'il! The time hath come, the moment is at hand, the Hour is present, the Resurrection hath appeared, the mysteries are unveiled, the verses are revealed, and the evidences are manifest. Yet the servants are all heedless, in denial and turned away, save whom thy Lord willeth. This is that same News which was mentioned in the Qur'an as the Great News, which had ever been hidden and concealed in the hearts of the pure ones, and recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled and deprived. The vain imaginings of the heedless souls have prevented them from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. In truth, the worthless straws of the world were not and are not worthy of the court of God, exalted be His glory. Beseech God to raise up such servants as befit these days, that they may behold that which hath shone forth and become manifest, and may hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

My God, my God! Thou seest how thirst hath destroyed Thy servants. Where is the Salsabil of Thy grace and the Kawthar of Thy mercy? Where is the Euphrates of Thy bounty and the choice wine of Thy utterance? Hunger hath seized them from every side. Where is the heavenly table of Thy bestowal and the blessing of Thy knowledge? The fire of longing and separation hath consumed them. Where is Thy presence and Thy meeting, and the manifestation of Thy favors? I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the mysteries of Thy knowledge and Thy call amongst Thy servants, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the evil of Thine enemies and provide them with the fruits of the tree of Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of bounty, praise be to God, hath shone upon all, and each of the names hath attained, through the grace and bounty of the Lord of Names. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them as ensigns among His servants and as standards in His lands, that through them His mention and His praise, His commandments and His laws may be exalted. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And regarding the mention made of the honored sisters, the greater and the lesser, and the honored and revered mother, upon her be the glory of God, after being presented before the Most Exalted Horizon, there was revealed specifically for each that which is everlasting and eternal. The word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

In the name of the One God

Today from the cloud of divine mercy in the realm of inner meanings, fresh and wondrous flowers have appeared and blossomed, and each has its own remembrance, utterance and discourse. Blessed are they who hear and observe. O my leaf and my handmaiden! Although the people of the world have eyes and ears, they are deprived of seeing and hearing. After their pleadings, lamentations, mourning, seeking and hopes, they ultimately did what no idolater had ever done and said what no oppressor had ever said. In word they were the most excellent and exalted in the world, but in deed they were the most lost and base of all peoples. How good is the state of one who observes affairs with justice and fairness and seeks divine confirmation.

The realm of knowledge is bewildered and astounded, for the divines of Iran, despite their supplications and lamentations, openly curse the Goal of all the worlds from their pulpits. Give thanks unto God that He has assisted thee in such an age and guided thee to the Egypt of awareness, despite those who have adorned themselves with turbans and prevented people from the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Take thou the choice wine of My utterance in My name, then drink of it in remembrance of My wondrous Name. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the mention of the One Beloved and art adorned with His love and illumined with the light of His knowledge. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory.

And this is what was revealed for another sister, Fatimeh, upon her be the Glory of God:

In the name of the Goal of all worlds

O my leaf, upon thee be My glory! Thy mention was made before the Wronged One, and these verses were sent down from the heaven of the will of the Self-Subsisting Lord that the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful might attract thee and draw thee to the horizon of knowledge. The world was brought from nothingness into being for the knowledge of God. Blessed is the heart that hath turned toward the divine horizon and the face that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance in the divine days. Praise the Goal of all worlds that thou hast drunk from the hands of bounty the Kawthar of meeting, and this Kawthar is, in the first degree and station, the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, which hath been recorded by the Pen of Will in the Holy Books and Tablets. We beseech God to cause the handmaidens of that land to attain unto this supreme gift and not to deprive any from the fruits of the Tree and the lights of the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings. In all conditions God hath been with thee. Verily He is with His devoted male and female servants. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the leaves and fruits of the Tree of Thy Cause, and by the Word through which the earth and all created things therein were illumined, to ordain for me that which shall be a light before my face and a companion to me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is in my heart and what I desire of the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee to make me content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy will and purpose. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And this is what was revealed from the heaven of bounty for you another time, He, exalted be He, says:

O Son of Abhar! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Destiny! We testify that thou hast attained unto the tokens of Our Pen and unto that which the Tongue of Grace hath spoken from that Station named the Most Great Prison in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds. We have previously mentioned thy father in words from which the sweet savors of utterance were wafted throughout creation. He who possesseth a clear Book beareth witness to this. He ascended unto God with a heart before which the hearts of those who have turned towards Him became submissive. By My life! The Concourse on High welcomed him at his ascension, and this grace admitted him to a station which the tongues of those who remember are powerless to describe. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be

upon him and upon thee and upon thy mother who hath attained unto the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Grace hath encompassed, Light hath shone forth, loving-kindness hath encompassed all, and mercy hath preceded all. Glory be to God! Bounty and generosity have reached such a station that they have become sanctified above all mention, description, explanation and elaboration. All the bounties of the world cannot be compared to a drop from the ocean of His bestowals. Powerlessness is the state of the servant, and in truth he is powerless. This utterance is not from false modesty. Suppose one imagines a star—what station would or could that star have compared to the shining suns, the brilliant moons, and the countless stars? In any case, we beseech the Exalted Truth to adorn the world with the ornament of awareness and to bestow the true Kawthar, that it might become worthy of His threshold and deserving of His court. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, these sublime words and decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of grace. His blessed and exalted Word:

I am the Rememberer and I am the Remembered.

The Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned for having summoned all to God, the Lord of the worlds, remembereth thee. Verily He hath appeared and manifested what He desired as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The might of any oppressor did not deter Him, nor did the power of any transgressor frighten Him, nor did the strength of any suspicious commander weaken Him. Glorified be He Who hath manifested what was hidden and hath spoken what He desired while seated upon His mighty throne.

Praise be to the Lord of eternity Who hath freed and delivered. By the Luminary of utterance which shineth and appeareth from the horizon of the heaven of proof, imprisonment in His path is the cause and means of freedom for the people of creation, weakness in His love is the cause of strength, and tribulation in His path is the sovereign of glory. Outwardly it is hardship, inwardly it is bounty and mercy. Blessed is he who hath attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all beings and the Possessor of Names.

O Ismail! The life of the world and its days vanish and become non-existent in but a moment. Blessed is the soul that in this transient abode hath acquired that which endureth, and in the house of toil hath obtained eternal rest. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and His loved ones there to be steadfast. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy enemies, and the choicest of Thy servants beneath the most wicked of Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy might and Thy sovereignty to protect them through Thy power and to exalt them through Thy exaltation. I bear witness, O my God, to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath testified and which was revealed in Thy Book, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Rasul-i-Qannad, upon him be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Messenger of God! Praise be that thou hast drunk from the choice wine of utterance and been sustained by the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Thy heart is illumined by the light of recognition, thy tongue uttereth praise and thanksgiving, and thy countenance is turned toward the effulgent Face. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath mentioned thee. The Truth is present in your gathering and He heareth and seeth; naught escapeth His knowledge. Each of those souls gathered hath succeeded in mentioning God and is adorned with the verses of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the land whereon My loved ones have gathered, and blessed the house honored by their footsteps wherein their remembrances are raised. Today the Sun of true unity is rising from the horizon of the heaven of grace. We beseech God to illumine all through its rays. He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Bestower, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Aqa Siyyid Hamzih, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner. This is that Call which guided the Interlocutor to the horizon of nearness and reunion, and led Him to the most exalted station and the highest rank. Blessed is the soul that today holdeth fast to the blessed word “He doeth whatsoever He willeth,” for this word is the king of words. Whosoever drinketh from the hidden ocean therein findeth himself seated upon the throne of certitude and assurance. We beseech God to grant His servants success and deprive them not of His eternal bounty. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. O Siyyid Hamzih! The light of oneness hath in this moment cast its radiance. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me, made me know Thee, and mentioned me. I testify that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Haji Fath-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the All-Subduing above all Names

O Fath-ʿAli! When thou hearest My call and attainest the honor of hearkening unto My verses, say: My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou hast aided me to turn toward Thee and to face the light of Thy countenance on a Day wherein the limbs of Thy servants trembled from fear of Thee, and Thou hast guided me to Thy straight path and Thy mighty Message. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name at whose revelation from the kingdom of Thine utterance all names bowed down before it, and by Thy Command which hath encompassed earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions circle round Thy will and hold fast unto Thy decree. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Hope and my Desire, for having shown me Thy horizon, made me hear Thy call, and revealed unto me that which was hidden from Thy creation. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that all things shall not

hinder me from turning toward Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what was revealed for His Honor Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God. The Word of the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

He is the Compassionate, the Generous

O Messenger! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee before in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are nigh. There hath befallen thee in My path what none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this Cause when it shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Behold, then remember when the oppressors cast this Wronged One into the Most Great Prison for having given the world glad tidings of the Most Great Name, whereby the backs of the wicked were broken and the tears of the idolaters did flow. They denied the Manifestation of God and His proof, and committed that which caused them that are nigh to lament.

The oppressor lamented when the Sun of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of grace, and Justice wept by reason of what befell the Wronged One at the hands of them that violated the Covenant of God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed art thou for having borne tribulations in the path of God, the Goal of them that know. Thus did the Pen speak when the Wronged One was in evident sorrow. We beseech God to assist thee and them that have believed to exalt His Word amongst His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon every one who hath turned unto Him and whom the might of the aggressors hath not deterred.

Section 3: "This was revealed for Haji Iman, upon him…"

This was revealed for Haji Iman, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the will of God, the Lord of the worlds

O Iman! Thou didst hear the call and didst believe, and thou didst behold the Most Exalted Horizon. All this is from God's grace upon thee. At this manifest time, the letter of Ibn-i-Abhar which he had sent to the servant in attendance before the Greatest Scene was read before the Countenance. He made mention of thee, therefore We make mention of thee and illumine thee with the lights of utterance of the Lord of all creation. Give praise to the Lord of the Day that He confirmed thee and granted thee steadfastness. Thou didst preserve God's covenant and His testament, and remained protected from the doubts of the croakers and the hints of the transgressors. He verily is the All-Bountiful, and He is the Generous. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Convey to the relatives of Ashraf, upon him be the glory of God, the greetings of the Wronged One. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which most of the people of the earth are deprived of. Their mention hath ever been and still is in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed are they and woe unto the oppressors. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This was revealed for Muhammad-Quli, upon him be the glory of God:

In the name of the Goal of the world

O Muhammad-Quli! The fragrance of the Divine Manifestation is diffused throughout the world and the Mother Book speaketh before the faces of friends and foes on the Day of Return. The sealed Wine is manifest, the River is flowing, the Ocean of bounty is surging. Blessed are those souls whom doubts and allusions prevented not from the Revealer of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs. With complete steadfastness they arose to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings, and with wisdom and utterance opened the doors of hearts. These are the Divine emissaries and the dawning-places of the mention of the eternal Goal. Today the atoms of creation are stirred with joy at reunion with the Peerless Friend; they move by His mention and rejoice in His Name. For each thing there exists a spirit befitting it. His grace can make living water to flow from lifeless rock. Even the staff of Moses had both eyes and spirit. Beseech God that He may attract the frozen, weighty souls through the breezes of the Day of Manifestation and guide them to the horizon of His knowledge. His is the praise and favor that He created thee, made thee aware, and granted thee a portion from the sea of knowledge. He is the All-Bountiful and He is the Generous.

And this was revealed for Jinab-i-Sabz-ʿAli:

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

Praise be to God! Thou hast heard the Call and beheld the Most Great Ocean and its waves. His Call hath attracted hearts and souls, and His Will hath enabled those near and sincere to attain unto the Dawning-Place of utterance and the Day-Spring of knowledge. Every fair-minded one beareth witness and every just one is aware that this Wronged One hath not been remiss in proclaiming the Divine Cause. Night and day the shrill voice of His Pen was raised and His Call was manifest from the highest horizon of the world. No affair, no thing, no event could prevent Him from His purpose. Yet they who are endowed with hearing and sight are few. Beseech God that He may graciously aid all to achieve that which is conducive to the betterment of the world and the tranquility of its peoples.

We counsel all the loved ones in that land and other regions to fear God. This temple of existence it preserveth from the arrows of the dawning-places of idle fancies and the manifestations of Satan. It is a crown for the head, a suit of armor for the body, and a light for the heart. Blessed is the soul that hath clung unto it and held fast to that which God hath willed. We beseech God to grant thee success, that thou mayest arise with complete steadfastness and be occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

This is what hath been revealed for His Honor Naqd-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth

Praise beseemeth the One Beloved Who, through the choice wine of utterance, hath attracted all who are in the realm of possibility and guided them to the horizon of the heaven of the Prison. The cawing of the ravens did not deter Him. Every day a Book is revealed and a Scripture made manifest. By the life of God! The Kingdom of utterance is stirred by His utterance and the world of existence exists through His bounty. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled, nay, as though non-existent. O Naqd-ʿAli! God willing,

mayest thou be a spiritual coin in the city of true assayers. Praise be to God, thou didst hear and turn unto Him, and thy turning hath brought thee to such a station that the Wronged One of the world, at the close in the Most Great Prison, mentioned thy name and sealed with thy name. His is the bounty and the giving, His the grace and the glory. We beseech God to aid and assist thee in all conditions to that wherein lieth His good-pleasure. We make mention of all the servants and handmaidens and say "Allah-u-Abha." His grace hath encompassed all and His mercy hath preceded all. Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who have attained.

What tongue is capable of praise and what utterance befitteth the description of this station? One wave from the ocean of His utterance quickeneth the world, and one ray from the Sun of His grace draweth the peoples to the most exalted horizon. His grace and bounty, His tenderness and mercy have reached such a degree that all acknowledge their inability to comprehend. The people are heedless and veiled while the Truth is manifest and evident. A hundred thousand regrets for these servants who in such days are occupied with themselves and are heedless of Him. The deniers are immersed in the ocean of vain imaginings; despite the appearance and manifestation of the Sun of Truth, all are observed to be heedless.

O beloved of my heart! Praise be to God that they entered the prison and witnessed that which is hidden from the world, and likewise the gathering of souls who circle round about. There has never been any doubt that this assembly is harmful to His blessed person, for governments have never concerned themselves with religion, but they fear gatherings and are antagonistic to their Source and Origin. Nevertheless, He has paid no heed and has not deprived the friends of meeting and attaining His presence for the sake of His own comfort. One soul on the island associated with an imaginary person—now ask him under oath to recount what he saw and what transpired in that land.

O beloved of my heart! This ephemeral one was with him for years—twenty years have passed and until now not a soul remains in that land; he even sent away his own children and dismissed them. If that beloved one were to meet the person who went there and resided in that land, and question him, many matters would become evident and clear, but only if he speaks truthfully. In any case, this servant conveys greetings to all the friends and masters, and beseeches the Most Great Victory for all. Verily our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, is the All-Seeing Witness, the Speaker, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what was written about Mulla Husayn, upon him be the glory of God—in truth it is exactly as that beloved one has written. They are ablaze with the fire of divine remembrance. It is hoped that through God's grace—exalted be His glory—this fire will encompass all and draw the heedless people to the horizon of wisdom. After being submitted before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this blessed Tablet, from whose horizon the light of favor shines forth and rises, was specifically revealed for him, that he might drink from its oceans of inner meanings and utterance. The Command is in the hand of God, our Lord, the Most Merciful. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the One Who stands before the faces of the world

O Husayn, upon thee be my glory! Praise be to God, thou hast been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court, and art the recipient of His special favors. Strive that perchance through wisdom and utterance the people of the world may turn to the horizon of the All-Merciful and deliver themselves from heedlessness, abasement, poverty and imprisonment. The Cause of God hath been manifested in such wise that even decayed bones have stirred, yet the people of the turbans—the opposing souls—remain unto this time frozen and cast out, neither awakening to consciousness through the divine trumpets nor rousing from their slumber of heedlessness through the cry.

The Sun of Truth shineth resplendent above all heads, yet they see it not nor perceive it. The ocean of utterance surgeth in the pole of contingent being, yet acceptance is nowhere to be found. They run through streets and bazaars in pursuit of a single dirham of raisins, yet remain heedless and veiled from the pearls and jewels of wisdom and utterance that have appeared from the treasuries of the Most Exalted Pen. Glory be to God! The company of divines and rulers have not yet awakened. Say: By God's life! Between throne and dust there is but a single point of difference. Where is the throne of Chosroes? Whither went Caesar? What became of the Pharaohs? Where established themselves the tyrants? Have they not seen the book of the world? Have they not read it? Have they not heard the cries that are raised therefrom at all times? Nay, by God! Every soul hath heard the call "The departure!" and witnessed with his own eyes the changes and transformations. Where are the fathers? Whither went the mothers? In brief, the colors of the world have deprived all from the purpose of the worlds. They are occupied with it and heedless of the Truth; they cling to it and are debarred from the Truth.

O Husayn, upon thee be my glory! Praise be to God, thou art assisted in promoting His Cause and adorned with His grace. We beseech God to aid and assist thee at all times, that there may appear from thee in utterance that which attracteth hearts, in steadfastness that which causeth mountains to tremble, and in conduct that which amazeth creation. Under all conditions counsel the loved ones with wisdom and utterance, and remind them of whatsoever conduceth to the exaltation of God's Word. Convey to the servants and handmaidens of that land the greetings of the Wronged One. Say: Be not sorrowful, for ye are the people of the blessed and hallowed land. Recite these words every morning:

O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! This is a land reddened with the blood of Thy loved ones who fulfilled Thy Covenant and Testament, whom neither the might of the Pharaohs nor the power of the tyrants deterred. We beseech Thee by the Most Exalted One Who acknowledged Thy unity and oneness in the earliest days, who quaffed Thy sealed wine through Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, and arose to celebrate Thy praise and glory in such wise that neither the clamor of the divines nor the harm of the jurisprudents prevented Him until He sacrificed His spirit in Thy path—we beseech Thee by Him and by those who supported and manifested Him to aid us to be steadfast in Thy love and to arise to serve Thee and to act according to what Thou hast commanded us in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today you must arise to serve the Cause, detached from all else in the world, and through wisdom, utterance, spirit and sweet fragrance draw souls to the Divine realm. Everyone has been waiting—beseech ye the True One to unite the world through loving counsels and wise exhortations. All these different parties are seekers of truth, but they have lost their way. Teaching must be done with

kindliness—they are children needing education, ignorant ones seeking knowledge. The educators and teachers are and have been the chosen ones of God—they are the wise ones of the earth. They must act with wisdom and deliver the people from the abyss of error. We have accepted all the afflictions of the earth for the tranquility of the servants—such tribulations were visited upon the Wronged One that caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to weep and lament. Glory be to God! Yet no one has become aware. Each day heedlessness increases and mindfulness diminishes. We beseech God that through the Kawthar of His chosen ones' utterance, the saplings planted in the garden of acceptance may flourish and bear fruit. Blessed are those souls whom the might of the world has not prevented from turning to Him nor held back from acceptance—they have grasped the cord of wisdom and clung to the luminous hem.

Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call, by Thy standing before the faces of the enemies, by Thy finger wherewith Thou didst rend asunder the veils and the mists, and by Thy command whereby Thou didst subdue all regions, to strengthen me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations. The power of creation cannot withhold Thee, nor can the might of possibilities prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

My God, my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones and chosen ones in the hands of those who have denied Thy proof, Thy testimony and Thy signs. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, Thy traces and Thy mysteries to protect them from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Deliver them through Thy power, might, grandeur and sovereignty. Then aid them to perform deeds whereby their stations may be exalted among Thy servants. Thou art He through Whose name the Kawthar of life flowed from Thy Pen and the Euphrates of mercy and bounty through Thy will and pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee and benefit us in all Thy worlds. Thou knowest what we have and we know not what Thou hast. Verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We ask and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to reveal that which is hidden and treasured in the repositories of His words, that all may inhale the sweet fragrances of the utterance of the All-Merciful and turn from all created things unto that which is with God. Soon will the signs and evidences rend asunder the veils of the people, that all may attain unto and be illumined by the splendors of the light of the Sun of Revelation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth and He is the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory and praise and remembrance be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

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Section 1: "Praise and glory befit that Incomparable Being Who…"

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

Praise and glory befit that Incomparable Being Who revealed the pearls of the ocean of wisdom and utterance, and by them attracted pure and illumined hearts. His is the praise and bounty, and His the grace and glory. Through His all-embracing mercy and all-encompassing favor, He made the companions of the kingdom of command and creation aware of that station which is sanctified above decline and extinction, and gave them tidings thereof. Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! We beseech Him to aid His servants in two mighty matters after the recognition of His Sacred Being and steadfastness therein: tears that fall through the fear of God, and drops of blood that are shed in His path. These two matters have ever been and will continue to be acceptable at the Divine Throne. And when the second was forbidden, a third took its place: the expenditure of one's life in the path of knowing Him, that one might know and make known.

I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Sovereign of the throne and earth, by the blood that was shed in Thy path out of longing for meeting Thee, and by the tears that fell through fear of Thee, to make me and Thy loved ones ready to manifest Thy Cause among Thy servants with wisdom and utterance. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. O Lord! Thou seest him who turned to Thee in the early days and did mention Thee among the people. O Lord! Aid him through Thy bounty and generosity to assist Thy Cause with the hosts of remembrance and utterance, and ordain for him that which will exalt him among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the first and the last. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant who desires to make mention once again of him who traveled purely for Thy sake, to manifest my love for him and my longing to remember him morning and evening. O Lord! Make his tongue a sword to separate truth from falsehood, his sight keen to witness Thy signs and lights, and his feet firm as a mountain that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of nations can shake. Then cause, O my God, the tree of his being to be ignited with the fire of Thy love, that it may burn away the veils of Thy creation and the coverings of Thy servants. Verily, Thou art the Single, the One, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

And then, O beloved of my heart, thy noble letters arrived repeatedly. Indeed, their repetition is desirable, for each is adorned with the ornament of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. The fragrance of sincerity wafts from them, and the sweet savors of service and faithfulness spread therefrom. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Each was a gate to the city of love, affection, fellowship and unity. After their perusal, reading, comprehension and inhaling their fragrance, they were taken to the station of the Lord of all beings and were presented before the Divine Throne, attaining the honor of His attention. His word, exalted be His glory and universal His bounty:

In My Name, through which those in the graves arose

The Book sent down by Him Who conversed on Sinai, when He was established upon the Throne of Manifestation, unto him who hath migrated unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, who hath attained the presence of His Countenance and heard the Call when it was raised in truth, and who hath attained that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy turning unto Him, thy presence before Him, and thy standing at the door which hath been opened unto all who are in the invisible and visible worlds. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard the strident voice of My Pen; blessed be thine eye, for it hath beheld My presence; and blessed be thy heart, for it hath turned unto My praiseworthy station. Preserve that which thou hast been given by God, then thank Him for this bounty which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal.

Illumine the hearts with the lights of My utterance, and the eyes with the radiance of My countenance, and the souls with that which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God, thy Lord, the Possessor of all existence. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and for having manifested unto me from the treasuries of Thy Most Exalted Pen the pearls of wisdom and utterance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs, whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High were attracted, and by Thy Word, through which Thy mercy hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions one who speaketh Thy praise, who guardeth Thy Cause, who supporteth Thy Faith, who placeth his trust in Thee, and who committeth his affairs unto Thee.

How can I thank Thee, O my God, for Thy gifts which have encompassed me from all directions, and for the effects of Thy Pen which have attracted me from all regions? O Lord! Thou seest me gazing toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and desiring that which will cause me to dwell in Thy vicinity. O Lord! My heart findeth no rest save beneath the canopies of Thy grandeur, and my spirit findeth no repose except in circling around Thee. I beseech Thee, O Thou by Whose command all created things appeared and all contingent beings bowed down before it, to aid me in that which will cause Thy Most Exalted Word to be upraised, and Thy manifestations to appear in the kingdom of creation. Thou art He Whom the might of the powerful cannot weaken, and Whom the force of princes cannot hinder. Thou doest through Thy power whatsoever Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My Glory! Thou hast ever been and art remembered; the gaze of loving-kindness is directed towards thee, and the waves of the Divine Ocean of utterance have been and are being sent forth in the form of letters, and likewise the pearls of wisdom emerging from the shells of the Sea of Divine Knowledge have reached and continue to reach thee. Beseech thou the True One, exalted be His glory, to strengthen the power of vision that it may become capable of beholding and may perceive that which hath been manifested. Thou and the dwellers of the cities of truthfulness have been and are witnesses that this Wronged One hath, from the very beginning, arisen before the faces of men through His all-compelling power and all-encompassing might and hath drawn aside the veil; yet the heedless and ignorant servants have arisen in opposition and have wrought that which hath caused the hearts of the near ones to be consumed and the minds of them that are nigh unto God to be perturbed.

Say: O people! How long will ye wander in the wilderness of error, and how long will ye remain heedless and unmindful of the truth and of yourselves? The days are drawing to a close, and yet ye behold yourselves in manifest error. Strive ye, that perchance in these days of the Manifestation ye may drink from the immortal Fountain and receive your portion of the sealed Wine. This Wine at times appeareth in the form of fire, and at others in the form of the resplendent light. It bestoweth eternal life and

conferreth everlasting love. Blessed are they who have arisen to make good their losses and who have received their portion from the Ocean of utterance of the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to the friends and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for the steadfast ones is such that were it to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, all who are in the heavens and on earth would swoon away, except such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of My bounty be upon thee and upon them that hearken unto thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and upon them that have held fast unto the cord of unity by the command of God, the Lord of creation, Who is manifest at the time of return.

O beloved of My heart! The hands of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, are manifestly extended in outward appearance and imperceptibly spread forth in the inmost essence through favors beyond recognition. The heaven of grace is upraised and the clouds of mercy are pouring down. A springtime hath appeared which hath transformed stone into tree, and from that tree is raised the cry "Is there any respite?" God is My witness and the world My testimony that not for a moment have the effulgences of the gaze of His loving-kindness been withheld; yet ye behold how heedless are the servants, how ignorant, how veiled, and how debarred. The wrath of God hath seized them, the might of God hath withheld them, as a recompense for their deeds, as a requital for their actions.

When a Cause whose fragrances have encompassed the world, whose evidences have appeared before the faces of all, and whose signs are above all other signs—what further Cause do they await and what Manifestation do they seek? Say: Die in your wrath! He hath appeared through Whose finger's movement all created things are set in motion. In truth, the words spoken aforetime rest firm and established upon their throne, which declare: "When the world becometh corrupt, the world as a whole becometh corrupt." All corruption hath proceeded from those heedless souls—they have wrought that which the pen is powerless to describe and the tongue is impotent to recount, while upon the pulpits they recite "soon shall they know." Fie upon them!

Glory be to God! The highest of parties hath become the lowest of parties, and the most profitable of religions the most unprofitable of religions. Thus hath He made their highest their lowest. We must hold fast to this blessed word which hath flowed from the wellspring of the Supreme Pen. His word, blessed and exalted be He: "Be patient, verily thy Lord is the All-Patient."

Concerning what was written about orientation towards the Land of Qaf, praise be to God, every land is blessed with the lights of the Most Great Luminary, even if limited to a single soul. Woe unto those who have wished to extinguish this lamp and put out this light—their very foundations mock them though they perceive it not. After presentation before the Most Holy Court, this supreme utterance appeared from the highest horizon, blessed and exalted be His Word:

O Son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Effort is the key, and in one station the Kawthar of utterance floweth thus: whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear on earth is by the will of God, exalted be His glory, through the service and endeavor of His loved ones. Divine confirmation and success have ever

been and shall ever be with you. However, these days require befitting service and worthy deeds. Although from the beginning until now, My Name, upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, and you have heard in the path of the Goal of all worlds that which was unworthy to be heard, and have borne that which was heavier than all things in the world—the tyranny of oppressors and the assault of aggressors did not prevent you.

Now arise, through the power and might of God, exalted be His glory, with such arising as may cause the steadfastness of other souls. The ocean of utterance surgeth at all times, and the rays of the Sun of bounty shine resplendent before the faces of the world. The Mother Book speaketh without veil or covering. From a single Point, that Point manifesteth the knowledge of the first and the last. Each letter thereof is a treasure wherein are concealed the pearls of wisdom and utterance of the Goal of all worlds. No cloud can veil this Sun, nor can the oppression of tyrants or the doubts of the suspicious prevent this light from shining.

Section 2: "Today the call of the All-Merciful is raised…"

Today the call of the All-Merciful is raised from the Kingdom of utterance. Moses crieth out "By my Lord, I have attained!" and Abraham uttereth "My Lord, forgive!" Yet the deeds of men are as a thick veil, preventing their ears from hearing and their eyes from seeing. We beseech God to assist thee that thou mayest cleanse eyes from inflammation with the collyrium of divine wisdom.

O Son of My Name! With complete detachment take hold of the keys to hearts and minds—these are the Words of God, exalted be His glory. Every door hath been and shall be opened thereby, and every city hath been and shall be conquered thereby. He is the bearer of the Crimson Standard, upon which is inscribed by the Pen of Creation the blessed word "The Truth hath come." The mention of crimson in this station referreth to the manifestation and appearance of the word "Verily He is God," not to war and bloodshed. The Kawthar of life floweth from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, yet seekers are scarce and non-existent. We beseech God to create in the utterance of His loved ones such influence as may transform hearts and minds. The Command is in God's hands, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen.

The rain of mercy descendeth in such measure that man cannot undertake to describe it. Especially for this evanescent one, verses of Divine glory are revealed night and day, yet the people have been so seized by heedlessness and the ornaments of the world that one despaireth of their awareness and knowledge, unless the Hand of Divine education bestoweth a grace and delivereth the people from the ocean of heedlessness and ignorance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

That which ye have written concerning the friends of God in Khalaj-Abad, and in the village of A.B. (Abdu'r-Rahim), and Ha and Mim, and Mizajgerd, and Salih-Abad, and Asad-Abad, and Sahnih, was laid before Our presence; and these verses were sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness. He—blessed and exalted be He—hath spoken:

O son of My Name! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The cities and lands through which thou didst pass have each, in the Most Great Presence, been remembered by the mention of the Lord of

Destiny, and have been adorned with the glance of favour. And all those souls whom thou hast named have alike been honoured by the traces of the Supreme Pen. We announce unto them the glad tidings of My bounty, and make mention of them through verses wherewith the books of the world can never compare. Blessed is he that attaineth unto them, and recognizeth their station, and acteth according to that which hath been sent down therein from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Blessed is the servant whose name hath been remembered in the presence of the Countenance; and blessed the land that hath been illumined by the lights of the utterance of its Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. This is the Day whereon the days themselves have bowed down, and there hath appeared that around which the Concourse on high and the inmates of Paradise have ever circled, at dawn and at eventide. We beseech God to enable them to arise for the succour of His Cause, and to ordain for them that which shall make them strong, in such wise that the power of the oppressors shall not weaken them. The days shall pass, and the world shall perish; but glory and exaltation and sovereignty shall abide for the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Listen with thy Persian tongue to the divine call raised from the direction of the Prison. Take that whereby My Cause shall be exalted and whereby the sanctification of My Being shall be manifested among My servants and the purification of My Self shall appear among My creatures. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is a perspicuous Book. The Trusted One, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, hath repeatedly made mention of the friends in the land of Kh. and H. and other regions, and wondrous, transcendent verses have been revealed and sent down for the names mentioned. He hath repeatedly made mention of Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be My glory. Praise be to God, they are known by the name of Truth and are steadfast in service.

The small house had not and hath not the capacity to contain the manifestation and emergence of the sun, let alone the lights of the deeds of those who are nigh, the sincere ones, and the detached ones. In truth, the expanse of the world is too confined for the appearance of these stations as they truly are. We beseech the True One to reveal even as much as the eye of a needle of that which is hidden. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. God shall soon reveal the stations of His friends and shall exalt their mention among the peoples. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

We make mention of the friends in Kermanshah, that they may rejoice in God’s remembrance and His loving-kindness. Verily Ibrahim committed that which caused the Supreme Paradise to lament. When he saw the idolaters he said, “I am with you and follow in your footsteps,” and when he saw the believers in divine unity he said likewise. But God forgave him as a mercy and bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. In the beginning he was united with one of the heedless ones. We have veiled his sin and what he did in his vain life. We beseech God to assist His servants in that which He loves and is pleased with.

We make mention of all the friends in that land and ask God to sanctify each one from whatsoever was and is unworthy of His days. O My friends! Today is the day of assistance, and the hosts that aid the Cause have ever been and shall ever be goodly character, pure deeds, wisdom and utterance. Hold fast unto these, detached from all that God loves not. Thus does the Supreme Pen command you by His leave, and He is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy.

Arise to assist the Truth with unity and harmony, and in the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, bestow upon the servants the Kawthar of utterance. The love of God has been and ever shall be the educator of all things. How many souls who never saw a school have, through divine love, attained such station that the rivers of wisdom have flowed from their hearts and tongues. Strive that perchance ye may succeed in that which shall endure and remain immortalized in God's Book.

My God, my God! The Wronged One bears witness to Thy unity and oneness, and that Thou hast no peer, no partner, and no minister. Thou hast sent down Thy grace and revealed the treasures of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the Point through which the books of the world were detailed, and by Thy Command which held sway over the nations, and by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy wisdom, to assist Thy loved ones to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

That which was revealed encompassed the world with its mercy and seized it with its rapture. Blessed are they who attain unto this station. The stone has no share in the station of the pearl, nor has the bitter water any partnership with the sweet sea. By night and day the Supreme Pen flows forth as a bounty upon His loved ones and servants. Specifically for the friends in Asadabad, two years ago there was revealed that which perfumed the world with its fragrance. According to reports it did not reach its intended recipients, having fallen into the hands of a thief on the way who took it. The purpose is that the friends of God, exalted be His glory, have ever been and shall ever be mentioned before the Throne.

The servant gives them glad tidings of His favors, informs them of His bounties, acquaints them with His gifts, and makes mention to them of the heaven of His generosity and the luminary of His grace. Likewise, I beseech for each one that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause, glorified be His majesty. Should any of the friends arise with determination and hold fast to that which attracts hearts, numerous souls would turn to the Supreme Horizon. Today the loftiness and sublimity of God's Word is manifest from every city and the radiance of the light of His Cause is dawning. Therefore most are found receptive to the Word. This depends on the determination of the friends. The servant asks his Lord to grant them success, assist them, draw them nigh, and ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all created things, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below.

In the previous letter and manuscript from that Beloved One, a book was received from that spiritual enraptured lady, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, which she had written in proof of this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement. It attained the honor of being read in His presence, after which He bestowed it upon the people of the household, saying:

> "The dove of her utterance has warbled, and the tongue of her heart has spoken. Blessed is she, and joy be unto her! She has witnessed, acknowledged and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of all things. God has inspired her heart with that from which has flowed the fountain of wisdom and utterance in this Cause, at which the limbs of the mighty have trembled. We beseech God to assist her and grant her success at all times in that which befitteth His days. He is the Helper, the Generous."

Give her My glad-tidings and remind her on My behalf, for I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. We make mention of My handmaidens there, give them glad-tidings through My verses and remind them through My words. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for each one of them that which shall abide with them in every world of His worlds. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

I conclude My words with mention of the Leaf of Paradise, whom We have mentioned in the Crimson Tablet from My Most Exalted Pen, and in various tablets, scrolls, epistles and books beyond number save by God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing.

The ocean has come and carried away the drop; the sun has come and encompassed the atom. In truth, each letter of these illumined letters has been and is the enlightener of the world, the quickener of the world, the attractor of the world, and the mover of the world. In this case, the servant has no power to make mention or utterance. However, since this leaf is from His garden and this drop from His river, therefore according to his capacity and station he has wished to make mention of the friends of God. God is witness and testifier that each one is treasured and preserved in the heart—that is, their mention and their love. We beseech God, our Lord, the Lord of earth and heaven, to aid them to perform such deeds before which all deeds shall bow down, and to manifest such virtues by which the horizons shall be adorned. I conclude these words at this time with remembrance, glorification, glory and praise upon your honor and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, our Lord and your Lord, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Lord of the Exalted Seat.

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Section 1: "This lowly servant is bewildered and perplexed…"

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

This lowly servant is bewildered and perplexed as to what he should mention, whom he should describe and praise. The True One, exalted be His glory, is assuredly sanctified above the description of all else and is holy and detached from the mention of aught else. Therefore, this station returns to the words of the Book and the letters of the words, which are the source of remembrances, the dawning-places of attributes, and the rising-points of divine laws and commandments. For they are the spreaders of the Cause and the helpers and supporters of the servants from God, the Lord of creation. Thus did praise and glorification first reflect upon the second. In this station, those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and have arisen with complete assurance to exalt the Word have been and are worthy and deserving of description, praise, mention, and glorification.

Glorified art Thou, O Revealer of verses and Manifester of clear signs! How can this servant make mention of one who has arisen to serve Thy Cause, to aid Thee in Thy lands, to promote Thy laws in Thy realm, and to reform Thy servants who did not arise in Thy days and did not turn to Thy horizon? Heedlessness prevented them from turning to the lights of Thy countenance and from standing before the gate of Thy grandeur, and they received the recompense of their deeds on a day wherein Thou didst reveal the mysteries of Thy Book and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest that this

servant desired to make mention of one of Thy loved ones who turned to Thee on a day wherein Thy sweetest call was raised and the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen was heard.

I testify, O my God, that the servant, in making mention of him, desired naught but to show his love and submission to Thy loved ones and chosen ones whom the veils of the world did not prevent from turning to Thee and from delivering Thy Cause, which Thou hast made the king of all deeds through Thy will and purpose. O God! Send Thy blessings upon him and upon those who have made their sleep and wakefulness, their rising and sitting, their motion and stillness for the sake of Thy Most Glorious Face and Thy Most Great and Most Exalted Announcement. Send down upon him, O my God, from the heaven of Thy bounty the rain of Thy mercy and loving-kindness.

Then provide him at all times with the table of Thy knowledge and the blessing of utterance through Thy generosity and munificence. O my Lord! He is the one who hastened to the Most Great Ocean, Thy Great Announcement, and Thy Straight Path. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy pervading Command and Thy decisive Judgment, to assist him in all conditions to spread Thy commandments and laws with wisdom and utterance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And further: while I was dwelling in that place and writing down the verses of our Lord, the All-Merciful, a bearer of glad-tidings entered. I saw in his face the radiance of Glory, and in his hand was a letter. I took it and opened it, and found therein that which neither the fragrance of the world nor what the nations possess of flowers, blossoms, and perfumes could equal. For what exists in the world is attributed to it and to those who dwell therein, but the servant found that it was attributed to the garment of the Desired One and to the sweet-scented flowers of the garden of utterance of one of His chosen ones. When I read and understood it, I set out for the Most Exalted Paradise and flew on the wings of longing until I arrived and attained and presented it. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that before which bowed the necks of the fair-minded and the heads of the believers. His blessed and exalted Word is:

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

The Book hath come from the Wronged One, and with it My bountiful grace, the Kawthar of Mine utterance, the chalice of My knowledge and the ocean of My bounty which surgeth before the faces of My servants and My creatures, that he who loveth Me may be drawn by the fragrances of My Revelation and the breezes of the Dayspring of My manifestation to a station wherein He Who conversed with God was established upon the Throne of Revelation, and wherein the Point of the Bayan declared:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Beloved of the sincere ones.”

God hath made this most exalted Station, this supreme Summit, sanctified above all names, yet the people are in manifest doubt. The very stones cry out, and the dust glorifieth God, the Lord of all worlds. The evidences have appeared and the signs have encompassed the dwellers of earth and heaven, yet the people remain in strange delusion. They hear the Call, yet deny it; they behold the signs, yet turn away from them. These, verily, are among the most lost in My mighty Book.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The tale of vain imaginings hath again been told, and the people of the Bayan speak as spoke the people of the Furqan from among the divines of Persia and their followers, who violated God's Covenant and Testament, disbelieved in His proof, and disputed His signs, until they pronounced against Him that which caused the countenances in the most exalted Paradise to pale, and the Supreme Paradise to lament with the lament of the bereaved. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee in this sublime station. We have found them more lost than the former people. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which speaketh the truth, to the shame of those who have denied this supreme grace.

The servant who was present hath brought thy letter. We have heard its contents and have answered thee in such wise that from every letter of My words thou shalt find the fragrance of My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thou wert remembered by the Wronged One in the earliest days when the people were behind the veil. When the light shone forth from the horizons of all lands, they came forth with swords of hatred and committed that which the tongues of the eloquent are powerless to recount. When thou art illumined by the lights of Mine utterance and hast attained the presence of My Tablet, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having honored me with Thy presence and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy reunion, and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon on a day wherein all mankind turned away from Thee save those whom the hand of Thy will and purpose had delivered. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who bestoweth all gifts and quickeneth the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and the hearts of all who dwell in the realm of creation were shaken, to grant me the bounty of Thy presence yet again. Alas, alas, O Thou Who art my Goal and the Goal of all who are in Thy heaven and earth, for what hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thy creatures and the people of Thy realm!

By Thy might, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Hearts have melted by reason of what hath befallen Thee through the tyranny of Thine enemies who claim to be of the Bayan, yet perpetrate what causeth its Revealer, its Sovereign, and its Sender to lament. O Lord! Relieve the anguish of Thy loved ones through Thy bounty and generosity, and transform their sorrow into supreme joy, and their weakness into Thy power and might. O my God! The fire of separation from Thee hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness and my banishment from Thy presence have destroyed me. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance to ordain for me that which shall gladden my heart and the hearts of Thy chosen ones who have believed in Thee and Thy signs, and whom neither the swords of Thy creatures nor the darts of the oppressors among Thy creation have deterred. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Section 2: "Praise be to God! The oceans of loving-kindness…"

Praise be to God! The oceans of loving-kindness are manifest, the stream of mercy is flowing, and the Kawthar of utterance is evident. O beloved of my heart! Man is bewildered and amazed at what has come to pass, for the people of the Bayan have clung to the practices of the former people. The same names have appeared and the same utterances. At times they speak of alteration and are commanded to avoid

meeting and turning towards [Him]. Surely the verse “they thrust their fingers in their ears” is before His blessed vision. There is no need for elaboration. Whatever indicates and proves the manifestation of Truth, they claim has been altered. Those who are veiled from the root of the Cause have risen in opposition.

Glory be to God! They have denied the ocean of divine verses. The rain is pouring before their faces, yet still they cling to rejection and denial. Do they not consider what was the fruit of the Shi’ih’s deeds for twelve hundred years and what became of it? These souls too have desired to occupy themselves with vain imaginings like the former people. The atoms of creation are bewildered by these deluded, ignorant souls. They do not reflect for a moment upon the matters which were mentioned from pulpits for twelve hundred years regarding the Manifestation—what became of them? From whom were those calumnies? From whom were those lies? Now again Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi and his like are casting forth exactly the same matters as before.

Where is that power and might that rolled up the carpet of names? Where are the steadfast ones? Where are the firm ones? Where are those who stand firm? In truth these people were not and are not worthy of this Most Great Revelation and the Great Announcement. They have ever been worshippers of idols, that is, their leaders. Now Hadi has become the leader. “Soon will he lead his people to the abode of perdition.” God, the Exalted, the Great, speaks the truth. Would that they had attained to justice and fairness and held fast to a balance. We must ask from the Truth that which is the cause and means of guidance and salvation for the world. The recompense of deeds will bring about strange events and remarkable occurrences. The Command is in His hand. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

My God, my God! Have mercy upon Thy weak servants, then send down upon them that which will draw them nigh unto Thy most exalted station. O Lord! Vain imaginings have prevented them from turning unto Thee and entering the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things and by the might before which all possibilities have bowed down, that Thou assist Thy weak servants to turn unto Thee and to behold the lights of Thy countenance. Thou art He to Whose forgiveness, generosity and mercy all things have testified. Aid Thy servants through Thy bounty, Thy favors and Thy might, O Thou Goal of the world! Shouldst Thou regard their deservedness, Thou wouldst decree for them eternal existence in the fire. I beseech Thee, O Ocean of Giving and Sovereign of Names, by the heaven of Thy mercy, the sun of Thy forgiveness and the sea of Thy pardon. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who speakest in the Final Return.

In truth, this servant acknowledges his negligence, as for a long time the response to that beloved one’s letter has been delayed. This confession itself merits forgiveness. I hope that henceforth there will be no neglect. The great glad tidings are that in the days when ordinances were being revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings, some were sent and some were, as commanded, taken from the Book. Among these was the prayer, until at this time before His countenance He turned to me and said:

> “We desire to bestow Our favor once again upon ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be My glory. Send the verses that were revealed in previous years specifically concerning prayer, and write

that by the life of God, its fragrances will attract the lovers, move those who are still, awaken the heedless, and bestow life upon the fair-minded. However, firstly, one should perform it whenever one finds in oneself a state of devotion and humility; secondly, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening; and thirdly, from noon to noon."

End.

In truth, this passage is a mighty favour and a great bounty. Another glad-tiding—verily betokening the heaven of loving-kindness, the ocean of bestowal, and the radiant generosity of the Sovereign of existence—is this: that the Sun of permission, on this blessed night, when the hour is one and a half, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of the Cause of God. Happy are ye therefor, and may it be sweet unto you! Have we, too, a share in this portion? Yea, our share is the presence of that Beloved and of this servant beneath the shadow of the domes of the mercy of God—glorified be His majesty. Yet hath He made that permission contingent upon wisdom. That beloved spiritual one must, in all conditions, keep his gaze fixed upon the standard of wisdom, that all the servants may follow his example and act accordingly. Who is able to reckon the showers of His mercy, or the billows of the ocean of His loving-kindness? Nay, by the life of the True One! We are all powerless; we are all confessing; we are all acknowledging.

I request that you convey greetings and salutations to the friends in that land on behalf of this evanescent servant. By the life of our Lord! They have always been and are in my thoughts. I beseech God to make each one a banner of guidance and a standard of glory, so that each may, with complete certitude and faith, hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God and their own stations. Let them consider the time precious and not lose hold of the spiritual sustenance. Today man is capable of deeds that were and are impossible for anyone else afterward. How excellent is what was spoken before:

"What can I say when not a vein of mine is sober?"

It is better and more pleasant that I bring this burden to an end. Glory and praise and honor be upon your honor, and upon those with you, and upon those who hear your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 9th of Safar 1305

BH01432: Praise befitteth the most impregnable, most holy court…

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

Praise befitteth the most impregnable, most holy court of the Desired One, Who deriveth neither benefit nor harm from the acceptance of them that turn towards Him or the rejection of them that turn away. He hath ever been the Wronged One, and for this reason the outward means of power have been withheld. Justice hath in most days been concealed by the transgressions of tyranny. The delay of chastisement hath emboldened the wolves. Glory be unto Thee, O my Lord, my God, and my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation to protect Thy loved

ones and chosen ones from the oppression of Thy servants, the evil of Thy bondsmen, and the tyranny of them that are in Thy lands. O Lord! Thou seest them between the fangs of wolves, inasmuch as they have taken to themselves no helper other than Thee and no protector besides Thee. Ordain for them that which shall render them among those who know no fear and on whom no sorrow shall fall.

And further: the numerous letters which your honor sent to the friends in the Prison Land arrived and were presented before the countenance of the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that your deeds are accepted and each letter was honored to be heard, with expressions of favor shining forth from all directions. Praise be to God that they have attained to a station adorned with the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory.

The first matter is that, as commanded, moderation must be shown towards his honor M.Q. and his like. If he is faithful, he hath held fast and continueth to hold fast to the cord of divine love. For a time he dwelt in the vicinity, and countless favors were shown unto him. Thereafter, the heart is in God's hand; He turneth it how He willeth.

This servant is greatly perplexed regarding S., whom may God assist. This servant believeth that in all conditions they are helpers of the oppressed and breakers of the might of the aggressors. Now, due to the friends' rejection of corruption, they have become disturbed and may support the enemies to take revenge upon you and alert you. O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Ha, a thousand swords falling upon the Wronged One would be more beloved and preferable than the slightest harm befalling the friends. We beseech God to assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

End. Keep these words concealed, for should he see them, he would become utterly hopeless, and this would be contrary to wisdom. If it were possible without corruption for his honor S. to become satisfied through some means, this would be beloved. God is my witness, and the heaven and all within it bear testimony that from the beginning of the Cause until now, boundless love hath been shown towards them. Even now I hope that God will make them aware so they may arise to render assistance—that is, protect the friends from the evil of the antagonists and deniers.

If his honor S. is not in agreement with you, your presence in the designated place with the Writings is not permitted. Regarding his honor A.B. about whom you wrote, the condition of this land is different from before and hath changed. Heavenly blessings have been withheld. His honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli hath not had and doth not have this much, but as commanded, speak with his honor Amin; perchance he may be able to do what is necessary.

Another submission: Some copies of the Most Holy, Most Glorious Tablet of Javad were sent in the revealed handwriting without names. They may write the name of whomever they deem advisable and give it to them. However, were it mentioned that new names have been written, this would surely cause extinction and grief; therefore its mention is not permitted. The omission of names in this land hath been for two reasons, which shall be mentioned later—that is, God willing, and if respite is found.

Due to the profusion of writing, there hath not been and is not opportunity to submit more than this. I cling to the cord of your honor's forgiveness. Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends of that land. I beseech God to make them steadfast with such steadfastness that they may see all

else but God as non-existent. Tell them that if an apparatus like that of the previous party is established, its fruit will surely be like the fruit of the Day of Requital, when all engaged in cursing and execrating the Truth. Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

Salutations, remembrance, and glory be upon your honor and upon them that hearken unto your words and love you for the sake of our Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03852: The Wronged One hath heard thy call and turneth…

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

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and turneth unto thee from the prison-realm, responding with a Tablet which, when it dawned from the heaven of utterance, caused all other tablets to bow before it. This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh, summoning all unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned unto it, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee in prison when He was in the hands of the wicked ones who denied God's proof and testimony and disputed His verses when He came from the heaven of manifestation with power and sovereignty.

Say: O people of the earth! The Lord of Names hath come with a Cause against which all the armies of the world cannot prevail. Fear ye God and follow not every denying infidel. Abandon what is on earth and take hold of what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of Lords.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By what proof did ye believe in the Primal Point and before Him in Muhammad, the Messenger of God, yet by what evidence do ye deny Him Who hath come from the Kingdom of verses? Be fair, O people, regarding God's proof and testimony, and follow not the sources of fancy and vain imaginings. They have turned away from the Countenance and pronounced judgment against the Point of the Bayan with such tyranny as hath caused the cities of justice and fairness to tremble. By God's life! All the books of the world cannot compare with what hath been sent down—to this testifieth the Mother Book which is with Him.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the cups of My words, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Manifestation of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Finger, O Lord of all beings, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have quaked and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all Religions.

BH05084: I observe from the Most Exalted Horizon

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God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery through Whom the ocean of life surged in creation and the horizon of proof was illumined by the Sun of certitude. He is the One in Whose praise the Books of God,

the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, have spoken. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and turned unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Thy name was mentioned in the Book of one of My Afnan, and We have revealed unto thee this Tablet to whose greatness the atoms testify, and beyond them is preserved with Him a Protected Tablet. How many were the learned who awaited My days, yet when the promise was fulfilled and I revealed Myself, they turned away, following vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is the learned one who hath uttered My Name and arisen to serve My Cause, and hath attained unto My choice-sealed wine. The Concourse on high and they that circle round the Throne shall pray for him, as bidden by God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to what is therein, and take hold of the hem of His Name, the All-Forgiving. He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth as a token of His grace, and ordaineth through His Most Exalted Pen for whomsoever He desireth that which the treasures of earth cannot equal. Glorify thy Lord with praise and say: Thine be the glory, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the bounty and bestowals, for having guided me unto Thy path, acquainted me with Thy Cause, and revealed unto me that whereby eyes are cheered.

BH00464: Praise and glory be to the Lord of all…

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

Praise and glory be to the Lord of all horizons and the absolutely Worshipped One, Who ordained death as a gateway to attainment and meeting. Outwardly it brings forth agitation and produces sorrow, anxiety and grief. However, by God's knowledge, it is the greatest means for reunion and the supreme cause for attainment—that is, the attainment of the lights of the revelations of His Will and Purpose. Otherwise,

> "No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision; He is the Most Subtle, the All-Aware."

At one time the Lord uttered this supreme word: If the stations of the believers, the sincere ones, and those endowed with certitude were to be revealed to the people of the world, even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would prefer death to life and hasten to the Supreme Companion. Glory be to God! Death in His love becomes the cause of eternal life and everlasting existence. Where are the lovers, that they might hear from the tongue of the Lord that which would cause bodies, let alone spirits, to take flight? In the hardship of death are ordained comforts, and in its torment is concealed an enduring paradise. Blessed is he who attains to a rest that neither centuries can alter nor ages change. For those possessed of certitude, this transfer is the cause of entry into the supreme paradise and the reason for blessings which none but God can enumerate.

My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the cry of the lovers and the yearning of the longing ones to aid Thy loved ones in the stations of affliction and separation to exercise beautiful patience and noble forbearance. O Lord! Make known to them that which was hidden from sight and concealed from the vision of the righteous. Then I beseech Thee, O Ordainer of death and life, to unveil for Thy loved ones what Thou hast concealed from others, and open before their faces the gates of revelation and presence.

Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thereafter, thy spiritual letter arrived at a most propitious moment, when the Sacred Being was about to ascend to His final station. It brought boundless joy, and likewise boundless sorrow, for it bore tidings of the ascension of that Bird of Divine Knowledge to the nest of the Divine Word. God is My witness and the Knower of all things, that this lowly one was outwardly grieved to such an extent that none but God is aware, and likewise was filled with such joy that neither pen nor utterance can describe it. For I heard from my Lord and Master—and sweet indeed are His words—at the time of His ascension:

> "He was adorned with the love of God and illumined with the lights of His oneness, and the Concourse on High perceived from him the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of all beings."

After reading and reflecting upon this, and yearning for ascension in these days, it was presented before His countenance, whereupon He said: "O Abdullah! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His peace. There hath come upon you what came upon this Exile upon first entering the prison. Yet the firm decree of God and His irrevocable judgment ordaineth fire for the wicked and light for the righteous. Were all the world to become pens, and all the heavens and earth a tablet, and all the seas ink, they could not describe the station of them that have recognized His unity, nor the blessings specially ordained for them. Exalted be His glory and magnificent His favors! Yet separation and parting bring sorrow to man. It is clear and evident that after the companionship of months and years, separation and banishment become the cause of grief and anguish.

> "O Abdullah! Thy sorrow hath grieved Me, as hath the sorrow of one of My handmaidens and one of My leaves. Verily, he who hath ascended hath taken shelter beneath the canopies of the mercy of his Lord, and dwelleth in communion with God's chosen ones and trusted ones in an exalted Paradise. We beseech God, the Lord of the mighty throne and the elevated seat, by the hosts of revelation and inspiration, by the waves of the ocean of His utterance and the effulgences of the orb of His bounty, to send down upon him at every moment a mercy from His presence, a gift from His own Self, and a table spread from His side, to adorn him with the ornament of forgiveness and generosity, to accept what he hath wrought in His path, to record for him the reward of attaining His verses and manifestations, and to give him to drink of the Kawthar and Salsabil. He, verily, is the Guide of the Way and the Revealer of the Proof. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

How blessed and pleasing it is for him, for he hath attained unto that for which the world was brought into being and emerged from nothingness into existence. After the news arrived, all the dwellers of the pavilion of glory and chastity were overcome with grief. However, after the manifestation of the Master's favors and the unveiling of that which was hidden, all became joyful and besought from God, exalted be His glory, bounty, mercy, generosity, grace and kindness for the deceased, forgiven, and righteous one. Especially for the elevated leaf, his mother, each one showed extraordinary kindness. These are signs and proofs of the loftiness of station of that elevated one, upon him be God's peace, mercy and loving-kindness. At this moment, for some reason, being admitted to His presence, He said:

O servant in attendance! We wish to mention My handmaiden and the mother of one who has ascended unto God—a companion who arose to serve Me. O leaf, hear thou the call of the Wronged One and be not sorrowful. We love patience and enjoin upon thee gracious patience. The world hath ever been and shall remain the abode of separation, and this separation hath been and is the cause of a mighty reunion. For every parting a meeting is ordained, and for every exile a return is decreed. The world is a realm of tribulation and woe. What nobleman hath it not brought low? Days and nights, and likewise diverse hues and scattered things, all bear witness to its change and transformation. The graves unceasingly proclaim: O dwellers of palaces, forget me not. Strive ye, that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, ye may bring with you what is required. Death appeareth in every form and calleth out: O possessors of life, let not the colors of the world deceive you and make you heedless of me. Consider the palace of Khosroes, and likewise the Khavarnaq and Sadir of Nu'man. The spider hath made its abode in the place of kings and drawn its curtains, and the owl reigneth supreme.

O handmaiden of God, cleave unto the truth and be intimate with Him. One word of His words cannot be equaled by all the riches of the world. Though most deem the world false and deceitful, yet in the sight of God it is true and faithful. At every moment it showeth forth its own annihilation and bringeth its changes to pass before all eyes. The realm of sight and hearing is non-existent and void, that it might hear and see. All testify to its transience, yet they remain occupied with it and heedless of the Truth. The people of truth, with utmost yearning and longing, set out from the transient station to the eternal abode. They live nobly and depart nobly. They behold God as the One Who exists, and all else as non-existent. Reflect upon the favor of the Wronged One, Who hath shared in thy grief and become thy companion in tribulation. By the Day-Star of utterance that shineth from the heaven of the prison, wert thou to taste the sweetness of that which hath flowed from the Pen of wisdom, thou wouldst find patience sweeter, and submission and contentment more glorious and precious than the bounties of the world. Be patient, O handmaiden of God, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to acknowledge the unity of Thy Being and Thy attributes, and for having made me know Thy path and Thy balance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds and Educator of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, and by Thy Sacred House, and by the ocean of Thy bounty which surgeth in the Sacred Place and Station, and by the Beloved through Whose advent the celestial spheres were honored, to make me content with Thy decree and fixed upon Thy Will and Purpose. O Lord! By Thy might and sovereignty and grandeur and power, were I to become impatient under the manifestations of Thy decree and destiny, I would find myself unfaithful before the faces of Thy chosen ones.

I testify, O my God, my Lord, my Quest, and my Object of worship, that Thou didst place in my hands a trust from Thee, and hast taken it back from me by Thy will and purpose. Therefore it behooveth me not to show impatience or distress, or to cry out or lament, or to manifest anything indicating discontent at the return of Thy trust. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and mine eyes with the vision of Thy signs. Adorn me, O my God, with the ornament of patience and steadfastness. Verily Thou art the One Who chooseth in Thy deeds and Who is obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise and gratitude be to God! For every hardship He has ordained comfort, for every abasement honor, for every difficulty ease, and for every tribulation relief. In all conditions His mercy has preceded and His grace has encompassed all. He is the Compassionate, He is the Kind.

This evanescent servant beseeches the Eternal Truth to grant patience to that spiritual friend, that honored leaf, and other relatives, and to adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness. I send greetings to each of the cherished ones and beseech from the Truth glory and bounty for all. Verily, He is the Generous, the Gracious.

The honored and beloved Ismu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, yesterday forwarded your letter, and likewise previously forwarded the letter of one of the cherished ones, and has repeatedly mentioned you and your relatives, for whatever is sent to them is forwarded to His presence. Praise be to God, they are confirmed in mention, praise, writing and service. The grace of God has encompassed them. From their deeds and words, the degrees of grace are clear and evident.

Some time ago, this servant sent a letter to the beloved of hearts, the honored physician, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise to that spiritual friend. Now again letters have been sent both to them and to you. The letters containing the utterances of our Master, may our spirits be sacrificed for Him, God willing, have arrived and will arrive.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the loved ones of that land. I beseech God to set them ablaze with the fire of His love, illuminate them with the light of His knowledge, and confirm them in acting according to what has been revealed in His Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to their question regarding the inheritance of one who has ascended, to whom it should be delivered, and whether the guardian should be from the father's side or the mother's side—after this matter was presented before His presence, He stated that it should remain with a trustworthy, reliable person, and this decree is clear and evident in the Most Holy Book.

And regarding divorce, after the completion of the waiting period, divorce is effected, but witnesses are required at the beginning and end who can testify when needed.

Peace, praise, remembrance and glory be upon you, upon those with you, and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The servant On the sixteenth of the month of Safar, year 1305

BH01173: All praise be unto the Most Praiseworthy One, Who…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

All praise be unto the Most Praiseworthy One, Who through His name Ahmad conquered the world and purified it from the dust and stench of misbelief, Who through "No" rolled up the carpet of idols and through "but" raised high the banner of unity. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the opposition and denial of the ungodly did not deter from His purpose. Holy, sanctified is our Lord and the Lord of the

angels and the Spirit. Prayers and peace be upon the Seal of His chosen ones and upon His family and companions, through whom the horizon of might dawned and the decree of free will was established.

Thereafter, the letter arrived and news was received, its contents understood and lamentations heard. Now is the time for joy and gladness, for thy beloved's letter was presented before His face. He said: "O physician, upon thee be the peace of God, His grace, His bounty and His favors. This Wronged One has ever been afflicted in the hands of the heedless. From the earliest days until now He has repeatedly been imprisoned. This Wronged One was created for tribulations, yet as they are in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, they have been and are beloved. We beseech God to bestow upon all penetrating vision and attentive ears that they may see and bear witness, hear and testify. Before obstinacy, the waves of the ocean of utterance appear lower than a drop, and the harvests of inner meanings and knowledge less than a grain. One Who has desired naught save the exaltation and elevation of the people of unity has been deemed a mischief-maker and barred from that for which He was created.

Glory be to God! They have not pondered for a moment, nor do they ponder, what has been the cause of the abasement of the people of unity and what the reason for the ascendancy of the people of misbelief. Until now the abominable sect has not awakened from the slumber of heedlessness nor tasted of the ocean of awareness. They revile the Truth and perceive it not; they judge contrary to what God hath revealed and are unaware. Thus hath their recompense overtaken them for their deeds, yet they understand not and are unconscious. They deny the Truth while affirming vicegerency for His servant, and have wasted their lives in this matter. From the fruits of their deeds their stations have become clear and evident. Say:

My God, my God! This Thy servant testifieth that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and the description of all possible beings. All things have testified to Thy unity and oneness, to Thy power which hath conquered the horizons, and to the light of Thy unity whereby the lands have been illumined. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thee and to Thy most great signs, whereby the necks of all humanity have been humbled. I beseech Thee by the splendors of the lights of Thy most exalted Word and by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance, O Lord of all names and Ruler of the throne on high and of earth below, to make me in all conditions one who acknowledgeth Thy grandeur and Thy power, and who is assured of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book.

O Lord! Aid me and Thy servants to make good what hath escaped us, through Thy bounty which encompasseth all created things and through Thy mercy which hath preceded all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. Then inspire Thy servants, O my God, with that which will remove them from remoteness from Thee and enable them to cling to the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Strong, the All-Subduing, the Almighty."

Praised be God, divine favor be unto God, and mercy be unto God! This servant has ever been beseeching and hoping from the Ocean of bounty and the Sea of generosity that He may not deprive His servants of the adornment of justice. It was previously mentioned that in this land a person occupied a position of authority and committed that which caused the eyes of equity to weep, the sighs of the believers to rise, and tears to flow. He regarded these oppressed ones as mere beasts, and due to his hatred and enmity,

affairs became difficult from every direction. However, by God's grace and favor, his tyranny returned upon himself, and he departed this land humiliated and defeated.

Yet some traces of his evil deeds still remain. That spiritual beloved should not be grieved. These oppressions and transgressions do not prevent the believers and sincere ones. They regard the world as non-existent and all save God as nothing. They are the repositories of God's Will and the manifestations of His names and the mirrors of His attributes, exalted be His grandeur. This servant was saddened by the expression of grief from that beloved one. Praise be to God, after appearing before the Master, He spoke that which closed the gates of sorrow and despair and opened the gates of joy and delight. His is the praise and thanksgiving in all conditions.

Convey greetings to the friends on behalf of this servant. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid each one in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of the station of His servants. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00643: All praise, sanctified from mention and utterance and exalted…

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

All praise, sanctified from mention and utterance and exalted above the comprehension of all contingent beings, befitteth the One True Object of all the worlds, Who hath caused mention of His loved ones to flow ceaselessly from His Pen and Tongue. They who have turned unto Him have ever been remembered before the Divine Throne, and ere any mention was made He made mention of them, and ere any utterance was voiced He adorned the realm of existence with the light of recognition. For every world He hath ordained a command, decreed an ordinance, and appointed a blessing. Yet for the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise there is another blessing and other fruits, and likewise for the dwellers of the Supreme Paradise His realms are boundless, and His favors—exalted be His glory and His bounty—are limitless. There is no God but Him, no Bestower save Him, and no Giver beside Him. Were the worlds to be mentioned and the veils to be rent asunder, all would hasten with boundless joy toward the Ultimate Goal and the Supreme Summit. However, due to the lack of capacity among the people of earth, the mysteries remain concealed and the tidings hidden.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the Kingdom of earth and heaven and Ruler of the realms above! This servant, from this station, beareth witness to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur hath spoken and which hath been revealed in Thy Books and Scriptures, that Thou art God, and there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy Will and sovereign through Thy Purpose. Tongues have fallen short of Thy praise and remembrance, and pens have failed to reckon Thy favors and bounties. Thou hast manifested Thyself for the guidance of Thy creation and their elevation to stations known only to Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Lords and Ruler of the beginning and the end, by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, through which the ocean of Thy generosity hath surged and the fragrances

of Thy bounty have wafted throughout Thy lands, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee and to serve Thy Cause.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning unto Thee, seeking the wonders of Thy grace and the rain of Thy mercy. Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which beseemeth Thy days. O Lord! Illumine him with the lights of the Daystar of Thy Revelation and ordain for him the good of what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

To continue: O beloved of my heart, thy spiritual letter was repeatedly received, and there was delay in sending the reply. This delay was due to the abundance of correspondence, not the neglect of this servant. Surely that spiritual friend also giveth precedence to communications from the Presence over all other matters and occupations. God the One is witness and testament that due to the volume of writing and responding to the letters of the friends, not even the least opportunity is found and no time remains. That spiritual friend hath, by God's grace and favor, drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and attained unto the choice wine of assurance. However, those souls who have newly turned toward and directed their faces to the Most Exalted Horizon must be assisted, that perchance through mention and utterance they may attain unto steadfastness and remain firm and immovable in the Cause.

Though outwardly there was delay in sending the reply, God is witness and testament that thou hast not been absent from sight for a moment—thou hast been and art remembered, and God sufficeth as witness. After observing the letter of that honored friend, I approached the Most Exalted Station and it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings and achieved the honor of His attention. Thus speaketh He, blessed and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

O servant! Upon thee be My glory! The radiant lights of the Sun of divine favor have been directed toward thee from the earliest days. Thou hast ever been and art remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. The acceptance, steadfastness, service and dedication of Dhabih, upon him be My glory, My favor and My mercy, have not been and will never be effaced from the Book of God. Verily he attained unto the Kawthar of My knowledge, the Tasnim of My favor, the Salsabil of My grace, and the choice sealed wine of the revelation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Convey My greetings to the friends. Say: O people of God! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which will exalt the Word of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath ever been occupied with your mention and with counseling all upon earth. Strive that perchance the heedless may become aware and the oppressors be adorned with the ornament of justice. Whosoever hath today, through the aid of the Self-Subsisting Name, quaffed the sealed wine must, according to his capacity and means, make a supreme effort to quicken souls.

The gate of grace is opened and the living waters flow from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful. By God's life! If assured and contented souls arise to quicken hearts for the sake of God, they will surely achieve it. However, in all circumstances they must observe and hold fast unto wisdom. Whosoever hath attained the Most Holy Court hath become aware of the wisdom revealed in the

Scriptures and Tablets. Today, that which conduceth to the tranquility and assurance of the servants is acceptable in the sight of God. Blessed are they who have held fast unto the Will of God and who act upon and adhere to that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all thy relatives and give them the glad-tidings of the favor of the Goal of all existence, that perchance through the joy of God's remembrance they may be freed from the sorrows and vexations of the world and illumine their hearts with the mention of the One True Friend. Your journey was for the sake of God. We beseech Him to aid you at all times. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God! The rain of divine mercy hath showered upon you from the heaven of bounty. The very mention of this is witness and the reality of these words is proof. There hath been and is no need for mention by this servant. From the day of your departure until now, you have been and are remembered in the presence of God. Your movement was for His sake and your journey was by His command. Your reward hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and hath been recorded in the Book of ʿIlliyyin. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Munificent, the Generous.

The honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, and others, especially the sister-leaf, upon her be the Glory of God and His favors, who acted according to the divine Tablet and chose to travel—all have attained the lights of the Sun of Divine good-pleasure. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and praise to each of the relatives, and I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, that which shall never fade and which the world's events cannot alter. He is the Bestower, the Kind. I convey greetings to the loved ones of that land and have beseeched and continue to beseech for each one the good of this world and the next.

Blessed are the servants of this Revelation who have been designated by the Supreme Pen as the Party of God. This is a great bounty, this is a mighty blessing. I beseech from the heaven of grace that He may aid this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Pure, Most Exalted Party to that which befits this title and favor. To the gentlemen of that land who are adorned with the ornament of distinction, I convey greetings, praise, mention, glory and splendor. I beseech God to set them ablaze with such a fire as shall ignite all who are on earth. By the life of our Beloved and your Beloved! This is the time of assistance and these are the days of service.

They must guide the people of the world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. They are the guides of the servants and the helpers of the Cause in its beginning and end.

At this moment the Tongue of Grandeur speaks this most exalted word—blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "O servant in attendance! Write to the servant, upon him be My Glory: You have ever been elevated and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Remember the days when you were present before the Wronged One, and heard what My Tongue uttered, and witnessed the effulgences of the lights of My horizon. Blessed are you and joy be unto you! You have attained to that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to open before your face a door of His grace. Verily, He is powerful over all things."

Praise be to God! Blessings are successive and mercy descends at every moment. Congratulations to you and to all the family of the Sacrifice. What you sent arrived, and as it was expressive of your love, it truly became the cause of joy and delight. Action was taken in accordance with what that spiritual friend wrote, especially regarding the crafted items that were the work of your own hands. In all cases, success and confirmation are from God, exalted be His glory. We testify that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His favors and bounties, and in confession of our powerlessness and inadequacy to mention and praise Him. We beseech Him to aid us in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon you and upon those whom the events of the world have not prevented from the Lord of the Throne and earth.

The servant 19th of the month of Safar 1305

BH01516: Praise, sanctified above the recognition of all created things…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

Praise, sanctified above the recognition of all created things and the comprehension of all beings, beseemeth the court of that Desired One Who hath adorned the hearts of them that are nigh, of the sincere ones and of the believers in divine unity, with the seal of "Verily I am God's." He is the Lord of verses Who, with the banners of clear proofs from the horizon of the heaven of "He doeth what He willeth," directed His steps toward the realm of creation and suffered Himself to be afflicted and saddened by the vain imaginings of the weak ones of the world. The deniers of the Bayan emerged from behind the veil like wolves and sought to attack the Lord of all men. They said that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament and did that which caused the clouds to cry out.

Thy letter which thou didst send to this servant attained the presence and was honored to be heard before the Face. We make mention in this station of My handmaiden and My leaf, the Mother of Muhajir—upon her be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. O My handmaiden! By the life of God, thy mention hath never ceased in the Most Holy Court; thou hast ever been and art remembered. This is from the loving-kindness and bounty of thy Lord which hath encompassed thee. Be grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. Thou hast chosen exile and imprisonment for Thyself to free the necks of Thy servants. I testify that Thou art the Ancient Bestower and that Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful."

And We make mention of him who was named Abdullah, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion that he may find the sweet savors of his Lord's loving-kindness and be among the successful ones. O Abdullah! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of creation, and the Glory of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven, and the Glory of those who hastened to the Supreme Horizon and attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon and circled round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Therefore, O my God, send down upon him at every moment

a mercy from Thee and a blessing from Thy presence, and ordain for him that which beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Abbas-Ali! Hear My call time and again. We have named thee "the Helper in the Day of Judgment" as a grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath thy name flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know." The Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy son. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My loving-kindness, that they may rejoice in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And We make mention of Muhammad, son of him who attained on the day when all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom and the Realm and the Exaltation and the Might belong unto God, the Lord of Lords." O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth thee and those who have believed to justice and fairness and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all men, may be exalted. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that Thy Pen hath moved to make mention of me. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and the manifestations of Thy might to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Unconstrained." We hear the call of My loved ones and We see what they have done in My path, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to serve His firm and mighty Cause.

O Muhammad Husayn! Upon thee be My Glory. We have made mention of those who have turned to the Face and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto acceptance when every heedless doubter turned away. Put thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is with His chosen servants. That which thou didst send hath been received before Us as a token of grace from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Take My Book through My power, then act according to what hath been revealed therein. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Wahhab! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Lords. We have made mention of every name that was in the Book as a bounty from God, the Revealer of verses. Give thanks unto God for that He hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and hath revealed for thee that which shall never be exhausted. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Sender of winds. We made mention of thy father before and at this time with a mention whereby the hearts of the righteous have been attracted. The Glory be upon My loved ones and My chosen ones who broke not the Covenant and the Testament on the day when the Desired One came with power and sovereignty.

BH03119: The Self-Subsisting has come, and sovereignty belongs to God…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

The Self-Subsisting has come, and sovereignty belongs to God, Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily We were seated upon the Throne of Utterance in the Kingdom of Knowledge when the servant appeared before the Wronged One bearing in his hand a book which he read before Our face. Then he brought forth a page whereon was thy mention. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed art

thou for having attained unto My verses and for being the recipient of the glances of My loving-kindness from the direction of My Most Great Prison.

Beware lest the cawing of the crows prevent thee from God, the Lord of all worlds. The cawing has been raised throughout all regions—this is what We forewarned you of beforehand when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this mighty fortress. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful has come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Fear God, O people, and be not of those who turn away.

The gate of heaven has been opened and the Lord of Names has come, with the Primal Point at His right hand and the hosts of inspiration at His left, were ye of those who know. Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by the All-Strong, the Ancient of Days. Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the allusions of the jurisprudents prevent you from the horizon of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. He has come for your life and aids you in what benefits you in all His worlds. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O My loved ones in that land! The Wronged One makes mention of you in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the kingdom, were ye of those who know. Aid your Lord through deeds and virtuous character, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings to which the former people clung, and be not of the patient ones. There was no pulpit from which they did not deny the right of God and His Manifestation, and command the servants to that which caused the hearts of those near to God to lament. Thus did their souls entice them—they are indeed among the wrongdoers. When thou attainest unto My verses, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH04055: From the first days until now, the Supreme Pen…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the One

From the first days until now, the Supreme Pen has summoned the people to that which draweth them nigh unto God. Glory be to God! The Divine Lote-Tree is aflame, the Fire speaketh, and the Luminary of Manifestation hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of utterance. Yet the people remain veiled and debarred. For one thousand two hundred and more years, the Shi'ih sect counted themselves the noblest, most learned, most excellent and most God-fearing people in the world. But when the touchstone appeared and the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His countenance, all the divines and doctors turned away and pronounced sentence of death upon His most pure blood, and martyred Him.

In the early years not a single soul attained. They did what all the peoples of the world had done. Glory be to God! Hadi Dawlatabadi, despite his lack of knowledge about the essence of the Cause, hath striven and continueth to strive to lead the people astray. Say: Perdition betide thee, O heedless one! This year he turned in the name of the House of God toward the dawning-place of vain imaginings, and failed to attain unto that place which, like unto the sun, hath been brilliant and radiant from the beginning of the Cause

until now. They are occupied exactly like the Shi'ih sect in forming a party. Say: O thou who art devoid of justice! What benefit did the Shi'ihs derive from what they claimed?

On the Day of Retribution all were deprived of the Sun of Truth and debarred from the waves of the divine ocean of utterance. It is not known what this new party imagineth. God willing, thou shalt be set ablaze with the fire of God's love—a blaze whose effects shall encompass the world. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Almighty, the One Who doeth as He willeth. And He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

BH04773: In My Name, established upon the Throne of Manifestation!

In My Name, established upon the Throne of Manifestation!

The Call of God hath been raised, yet most of the people hear not. The Most Exalted Pen hath moved, yet most of the people understand not. The horizon of the All-Merciful hath been illumined, yet the people see not. Vain imaginings have held them back, and they perceive not.

Blessed is the one who, with strength, hath rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. And blessed is the one who hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be. How many a servant hath been prevented by idle fancies from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and how many a servant hath cast away the world, turning unto the horizon of Manifestation, bearing witness to that whereunto God, the Sovereign over the seen and unseen, hath testified.

We have indeed revealed the clear proofs and informed the people of what hath appeared and what shall appear hereafter. To this beareth witness this sealed Book which calleth out amongst mankind and uttereth in every state that there is none other God but Him, the One Who, through His word "Be", and it is, hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

When thou hast attained unto My verses and been seized by the wine of the choice nectar of My utterance, say: My God, my God! Thy call hath drawn me near, and Thy nearness is my hope and desire, and Thy separation hath consumed me, and Thy remoteness hath destroyed me. I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and the signs of Thy Dominion, and by the Point through which Thy Books and Thy Scriptures were differentiated, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking forth Thy praise, and holding fast to Thy Covenant and Testament. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

BH05367: This is the remembrance of the Wronged One…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon.

This is the remembrance of the Wronged One for him who desireth to hear the Call of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He who hath clung to this firm and mighty Cord, the Well-Beloved, hath made mention of Him.

The Promised One hath appeared, and that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of existence, hath been made manifest. From the Fountainhead of His Pen hath flowed the Living Waters—exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath come from the horizon of power with the standards of His verses and hath spoken before all faces:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen!"

Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the lights of the Countenance, and the ear that hath heard that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered from Its praiseworthy station.

Behold, then remember when We sent Our Messengers with Our signs—they turned away from them and committed that which caused the sincere ones to lament. We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this extended Path.

When thou beholdest the waves of the ocean of Mine utterance and findest the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say:

> "My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the Word that hath subdued all things, and by Thy Command that hath encompassed earth and heaven, and by the breezes of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy bounty, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the books of the world nor all that the nations possess shall prevent me. Then aid me to mention Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause amongst Thy servants. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

BH06244: The Most Exalted Horizon hath shone forth…

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, was diffused!

The Most Exalted Horizon hath shone forth with the Light of Utterance when He Who conversed on Sinai established Himself upon the throne of Revelation. Blessed is he who hath turned and beheld, and woe unto the heedless! Verily the Tablet calleth and summoneth all unto the One, the Unique, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When I was standing in the House, there came before the Presence a letter from him who had drunk the Choice Wine sealed with My Name, the Self-Subsisting, on a day wherein the servants were prevented from turning to God, the Lord of all worlds. Therein was thy name, and We have mentioned thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by whatsoever the people possess, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of these days and heard the Call of God, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Glorious. Take thou My Book with the hand of My bounty and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which delighteth the eyes of them that are nigh unto Thee!" I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thy Book and the lights of Thy countenance to aid me in all conditions to remember Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and through Thy Name was raised

the standard of “He doeth what He pleaseth.” There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06016: Your name was mentioned in the presence…

In the name of the one true God!

Your name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and your call was heard, and this blessed Tablet is bestowed in reply. We beseech God that He may cause the friends in those regions to be steadfast, in such wise that the tales of the world and the mentions of the peoples may not withhold them from the Lord of Eternity. Certain souls have loved and continue to love discord, and await the calf of haste. The friends of God must be vigilant and know with clear certitude that Revelation has ended with this Most Great Revelation. Whosoever claims a Cause, he is assuredly among the wrongdoers in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. In every land the croaking of frogs has been and continues to be raised up.

Perchance such may arise in that land as well. We convey Our greetings to the friends in that land and beseech God that He may aid all to arise with supreme steadfastness to assist His Cause. Victory has been and ever will be through the hosts of deeds and character. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be from Us upon the friends of God and His chosen ones who have testified to that which God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath testified.

BH06524: The mention of the All-Merciful from the Lote-Tree…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the All-Wise, the All-Eloquent

The mention of the All-Merciful from the Lote-Tree of Utterance in the heart of Paradise hath verily been raised up in truth. This is a Day wherein the earth hath shone with the light of its Lord and hath related its tidings, and God was, in truth, the Witness and the All-Knowing thereof. Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath revealed unto thee that which shall never be exhausted. Thus hath the Pen of Revelation spoken forth in a House that was built in the name of God. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

O Thou Who art the Purpose of all existence and the Lord of all religions! I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the heaven of Thy mercy, and by that which hath flowed from the Pen of Thy Command, and by the Most Great Word whereby all things were attracted, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. O my Lord! This is one ignorant who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy knowledge, and a supplicant who hath stood before the door of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the breathings of Thy Revelation, and by the manifestations of Thy power and might, to ordain for me, through Thy grace and bounty, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

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BH06816: O My loved ones in the lands! Some souls…

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

O My loved ones in the lands! Some souls are firm and steadfast in the Cause of God, while others have loved and continue to love discord, each day clinging to a rope and grasping at the hem of some vain imagination. We beseech the True One that He may cause all to be steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that the doubts of the heedless and the intimations of the suspicious may not keep them back from the manifest Truth. The Day is His Day and the Cause is His Cause.

Say: My God, my God! I have turned toward Thee and have set my face toward the lights of Thy countenance. I testify that Thou didst create me and make me manifest and nurture me and guide me to Thy straight path and Thy firm and mighty Cause. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy verses and the dominion of Thy power to make me firm and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have sacrificed their souls in Thy path and whom the might of princes did not prevent from drawing nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.

BH07089: My remembrance and praise and call and utterance…

He is the Utterer of Truth!

My remembrance and praise and call and utterance and standing and sitting and sleep and wakefulness are for God, the Lord of the worlds. We arose this day and left the house, proceeding to another place. When We arrived, We commanded the servant in attendance before Us, and he heard and wrote down what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in his luminous station. Blessed is the servant who casts away what the people possess and takes what draws him near to the Near, the Watchful One. When the fire of My utterance has enkindled thee and thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of My knowledge, say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Glory, for having remembered me and guided me and made known to me that which most of Thy servants have failed to comprehend. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the Point through which Thou didst distinguish Thy books, to make me rich through Thy riches and speaking forth Thy command and steadfast in Thy love and standing firm in Thy service. Verily Thou art the One with power 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 Commander, the All-Knowing.

BH07777: Say: My God, my God! My heart has melted…

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

Say: My God, my God! My heart has melted from separation and remoteness from Thee, and my joints have trembled in my distance from the court of Thy nearness. I know not, O my God, by what deed I may draw nigh unto Thee, by what remembrance I may supplicate in Thy days, or to what intercessor I may cling that would bring me closer to Thee, guide me to Thy prison, and cause me to hear Thy sweetest call. O Lord of all beings! I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world and Educator of the nations, by Thy Command through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged before the faces of Thy creation and the breezes of the spring of Thy mercy wafted over the hearts of Thy loved ones, to make me in all conditions mindful of Thy verses and speaking in Thy praise. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I know not what would draw me nigh unto Thee and honor me with the ornament of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which has encompassed all existence to ordain for me that which will make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08222: In My Name, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy!

In My Name, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy!

This is a remembrance for one who hath heard My call and turned to My horizon and spoken My beauteous praise, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call, We make mention of thee and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We created the world for My meeting and the recognition of My Self, but when I came unto them with the standards of signs and the banners of clear proofs, they turned away from Me and opposed Me with manifest injustice. They denied the favor of God and rejected His proof and His evidence, inasmuch as they followed every ignorant remote one. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me and taught me and caused me to know Thee and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge on a day wherein the servants have risen up to harm Thee and shed Thy most pure and radiant blood. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09343: A remembrance from Us to him who has turned…

He is the One Who rules over all names.

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. A Book that speaks and a Cause that is manifest, yet the people are heedless. At all times We summoned the people of possibility to the horizon of the All-Merciful and, without any veil or barrier, explained that which would exalt the Word. Yet the recompense of the deeds of the servants has deprived them of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Blessed is the soul that has returned from what it possessed to that which is with God. Your mention was made before the Wronged One, and with this clear Book We have mentioned you, that perchance you may arise to serve the Cause and guide people to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. This is not difficult for God.

BH01807: Praise sanctified above letters and words befitteth the Revealer…

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

Praise sanctified above letters and words befitteth the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of evidences, Who hath quickened the world through the Kawthar of utterance and guided it. This Kawthar in one station is the utterance of the Purpose of all worlds, which appeareth from the Kingdom of might and power. Verily He hath ever been sanctified above all names, remembrances, attributes, hand and tongue. And in the second manifestation it is the station of the Book, namely the Furqan, whereby He quickened and bestowed life, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty. And blessings and peace be upon the Essence of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, and upon His family and companions through whom God's commandments and laws were made manifest in His lands and the banners of His oneness were raised among His servants.

Thereafter, as the letter of that honored and kind friend indicated the well-being of the friends, this evanescent servant was filled with the utmost joy and gladness. I beseech and implore God to protect His loved ones and assist them in that which is befitting. Today it is incumbent and obligatory upon all to aid the manifest religion through prayer, that perchance cities and lands may be preserved from the oppression of the idolaters and the transgressions of the deniers. O brother! Each day they seize and carry off [a portion], yet none hath discovered the cause or understood the reason. I beseech God to unite the people of divine unity and make them aware, that they may act with one hand and eat with one mouth. The purpose is that they may become adorned with the true unity of religion. This is the first deed, the first adornment, and the first station. Blessed is he who attaineth, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

It is evident that the government is occupied day and night with reform, order and the manifestation of truth. Now the people must unite and sincerely implore God, exalted be His glory, that perchance the fire of the greed of the deniers may be quenched and the flames of self and passion may be stilled. Verily our Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Verily He is the Hearing, the Answering, and nigh unto response.

As for the new secretary, praise be to God, he is capable in both prose and poetry. I beseech God to cause two sweet, delicate and pleasant rivers of verse and prose to flow from both sides of his pen. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Convey my greetings to him, and his mention was made before the face of his Lord Who showed him kindness, and likewise towards your honor. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad-Qabil-Rida in that which causeth the exaltation of stations.

The table sent through His Honor AF, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], the Most Glorious, arrived and was indeed most excellent, desirable and acceptable. As for the two boxes you mentioned, they will be received. And regarding the tea, let it not escape your notice—the purpose is to know what kind it is. Even if it is only a few mithqals it suffices; it need not be much. Peace and remembrance and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon the people of divine unity among God's servants, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of those who know.

BH00611: In the Name of God, the One, and blessings…

In the Name of God, the One, and blessings be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet.

Praise be to the Beloved of the world, that at this hour, when the sun is setting, the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine love have arrived in the form of a letter. In this station, no mention of joy and delight, nor any measure or limit, is befitting. It was not a letter, but rather a volume; nay, by the life of our Purpose and your Purpose, it was a manifest Book in its mention of love and steadfastness, and in its praise and glorification of the Lord of all beings. Moreover, by the life of our Beloved and your Beloved, were the letter to be pressed, the true spiritual fragrance that was gathered from the roses of the garden of inner meanings would drip drop by drop, bestowing fresh life upon the soul, for it was sanctified above the conditions of the earthly world and possessed the meanings of the true Paradise.

Blessed be your pen, and blessed be your ink, and blessed be your tablet! At that very moment it was brought before His presence, and He uttered that which, compared to the flow of its mysteries, the ocean is but a drop, and before the effulgence of its words' radiance, the sun appears but an atom. In all conditions, We beseech and implore the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, that He may at every moment increase that ocean of love and join to it infinite seas, until the word "there is naught on earth save the ocean of His mercy" may be unveiled and be made manifest in the world of creation.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who kindlest the hearts of them that long for Thee with the fire of Thy love, and drawest nigh the souls of the near ones by the melodies of the Dove of Thy affection! I beseech Thee—by the Manifestations of Thy signs, by the Daysprings of the lights of Thy Revelation, and by that which Thou hast hidden in Thy knowledge—to send down, from the heaven of Thy bounty, unto him who hath sought Thee and found Thee, that which shall gladden his eye, tranquillize his heart, and bring repose unto his being, that neither the vicissitudes of the world, nor aught that is with the peoples, may trouble him. Then succour him, O my God, by the tokens of Thy power and the evidences of Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Send down, O my God, Thy blessings upon Thine Prophets and Thy Messengers, who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament; and make each one of them a leader to guide Thy servants unto the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Garden. Verily Thou art He Whom no affair can harm, and no thing can profit—Who at one time withholdeth by the requirements of Thy wisdom, and at another bestoweth through Thy loving-kindness and Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, to preserve Thy trusted servant, who hath been named Muḥammad, within the kingdom of Thy names—he whom Thou hast made one of the two most exalted names in Thy Book.

I implore Thee, O Thou the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones, to make the whole world, with all that is created therein, a helper unto him, an assistant unto him, mindful of his remembrance, oriented toward his orientation, and speaking with his utterance in Thy praise and glorification. O Lord! Thou seest him so devoted in his love for Thee that the pen is powerless to mention it, the tablet to encompass it, and the tongue to express it. That which cannot be mentioned befitteth him, for he is Thy servant, and Thou art He Who cannot be described, that He might be spoken of in this Most Holy and Most Exalted

Station, and this Most Holy and Most Glorious Remembrance. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of all beings, and the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

And furthermore, O essence of my heart and soul! This evanescent servant knoweth not what to say, having fallen into a world wherein he beholdeth the attributes of that Beloved One in such wise that no word is capable of describing them, nor qualified to define them. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the most exalted station in all the world that no word can clothe the meaning of love for that Beloved One, nor can it reveal, indicate, describe or guide. Rather, in this station words remain silent, nay, prostrate, uttering only "I am the weakest of the weak." The ocean of inner meanings—that is, the ocean of love for that Beloved One—surgeth in this station.

In truth, after the letter was presented in His presence, there flowed from the tongue of His Holiness, the Ever-Present One—may our spirits be sacrificed for His sake—in this station that which causeth all oceans to appear as mere drops. I beseech God—exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors—to protect that blessed being and to manifest him through His Own Name, that he may arise to serve throughout all his days and occupy himself with that which beseemeth him, even as he hath been and is. To this beareth witness every learned one and every mystic endowed with insight from God, our Lord and your Lord, our God and your God, our Goal and the Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones.

Another matter to present is that previously a letter arrived from his honor Ali, upon him be the peace of God, wherein he wrote in detail about the tribulations and compulsory difficulties of that Beloved One. And verily, what they have written is true. Glory be to God! This too hath been and is among the requirements of the wisdom of God, exalted be His glory. That Beloved One's affairs are referred to Him and entrusted to Him. Whatsoever hath occurred or may occur, assuredly no harm can be seen therein, for the very atoms of creation testify to the sincerity of that Beloved One and to the sanctity and purity of that Beloved One's heart. In any case, your tribulations have greatly affected his honor Ali, upon him be the peace of God. He mentioned them in such wise that at that moment tears were shed and the heart was set ablaze. Through all the tongues of creation, I have beseeched and do beseech God, exalted be His glory, to transform into good all that hath appeared or may appear, and to adorn and illumine it with contentment. He is the Omnipotent One, to Whose power all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations have borne and do bear witness.

My God, my God! Ordain for the people of unity that which befitteth Thy loftiness, O Lord of all mankind! Thou art He Who hath adorned Thy mentioned servant with the ornament of Thy grace, the fire of Thy love, and the light of Thy knowledge. Increase, O my God, through Thy bounty and generosity, that which Thou hast given him at all times. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Unto the friends of that land, upon them be the peace of God and His grace and glory and splendor, one and all do I send greetings. God the One is witness that His Honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, holds a place in my heart and dwells in my soul. In all conditions do I beseech and continue to beseech from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, health and protection and loftiness and ascendancy for him. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

And likewise unto the beloved of my soul, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all beings, do I extend greetings, and I beseech for him that which is everlasting and eternal. Further, His Honor Ghulam, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of all names, is before my eyes and ever remembered. I implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid him in all conditions to mention and praise and serve Him.

Unto his honor Ali-Asghar, upon him be the peace of God, who in truth is known as Akbar before the Divine Countenance, do I waft the fragrances of grace from the dawning-place of bounty, and I beseech confirmation for him. Further, His Honor Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Power, together with His Honor Mirza, upon him be the peace of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, do I mention with the flame of the fire of love and the light of affection. Their abode, according to what they mentioned, is elsewhere. That spiritual beloved must send this remembrance which is in truth characterized by that which is unfitting and unseemly, that they may know they have not departed from the heart of this evanescent servant, and in the days of their absence they are manifest and present.

Although that beloved and the friends are not present, yet His Honor the beloved of the heart, Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, is present on behalf of all. And among the wondrous coincidences which in truth was due to their sincerity of intention and that of His Honor the revered beloved, His Honor the father, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, is that they now reside in the house facing the house of Bahji—that is, the house where previously Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the glory of God, resided. In view of the weakness of some, they were commanded to dwell here for some time for a change of air. Night and day they attain the honor of hearkening to verses and kindly counsels and generous exhortations. This is naught but the result of their acceptance and steadfastness and stations.

The seal of the letter is adorned with mention of the light of the loved ones, His Honor ʿAli, one of the most exalted, upon him be the glory of God and the splendor of the worlds. In truth his letter is genuine musk. Praise be to God, the fragrance of their love is diffused. I beseech from the True One, glorified be His majesty, to send down bounty and blessing and mercy from the heaven of grace. God knows the intention of that beloved and them is to serve the people of unity and to exalt His Cause. Assuredly whatsoever is required by divine wisdom and knowledge hath been and will be made manifest.

Peace and remembrance and glory be upon your honor and his honor and upon those who hold fast to that which is right and to the fear of God, our Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH01910: Praise befitteth and is worthy of that intended Lord…

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

Praise befitteth and is worthy of that intended Lord Who made the hearts of His loved ones the treasury of the pearls of His love and affection. In truth, each one is a treasure house of divine knowledge and a repository of praise of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of unity and are known for their love of the chosen ones and the pure ones.

O my God, my Lord and my Goal! I beseech Thee by the Lord of the world through Whom Thou didst guide the peoples to Thy straight path and made known to them Thy mighty message, and by His family

and companions whom neither the veils of the ungodly nor the clamor of the transgressors prevented, who conquered lands in Thy name and raised therein the banner of Thy Cause and the standard of Thy justice—O Lord, I beseech Thee by them and by Thy Prophets and chosen ones to assist Thy loved ones in Thy remembrance and praise. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty a blessing from Thy presence and a grace from Thee. Thou art He to Whose generosity all created things have testified and to Whose munificence all contingent beings have borne witness. Disappoint not him whom Thou hast named ʿAli in the Kingdom of Names from that which Thou hast ordained for those who have drunk from the ocean of Thy good-pleasure and hastened to that which pleaseth Thee. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter of that honored one arrived twice, and on each occasion it attained the honor of being heard by the Master, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him. He revealed that which is the cause of hope for all who have turned towards Him. The pens of the world cannot reckon this bounty, the tongues of nations fall short of mentioning it, for most of the world's people are unbelievers towards each other, save one party, and even they are afflicted among the parties. Each day they seize and carry away. We beseech God to protect the people of unity and deliver them from the evil of the oppressors. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for the matters of which you wrote, after they were presented He said there was and is no harm in it. The work is for God and its end will surely be for the greatest good. Sorrow has no place; grief and anxiety will be transformed by God's will. What you wrote about Muhammad, upon him be peace and glory—it is the truth without doubt. Indeed they have borne that which became the cause of unity and harmony, and this unity and harmony spread like lightning, nay swifter, throughout all the lands of Iran. In any case, whatever they now deem advisable that will bring immediate reform, let them carry it out with joy and fragrance. O ʿAli, grieve not over anything. He is with you and with His righteous servants. Nothing escapes God's knowledge. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you with the hosts of grace and favors. Verily He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayer.

This servant at all hours and minutes, nights and days, beseeches God—exalted be His glory—on behalf of that spiritual friend whatsoever will bring the greatest joy, that his heart may be illumined with a light from which the world and the hearts of nations may derive brightness. This is not difficult for God. Peace and remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03428: O Ali! The Divine Lote-Tree in the highest Paradise…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing!

O Ali! The Divine Lote-Tree in the highest Paradise crieth out with this most exalted Word: O peoples of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud with the most great Call: Come ye and draw nigh, O people, and be not of the heedless ones! This Call is most loud, yet the ears of the world are debarred therefrom. The recompense of their deeds hath deprived all, save whom God willeth.

Today from the waves of the ocean of knowledge, and the rustling of the Tree of divine wisdom, and the murmuring of the waters of life, the word “The Truth hath come” is heard. We beseech God to assist His servants and guide them to the straight path. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This Wronged One hath, for the sake of God, accepted the harm of the world for the exaltation of His Word and the revelation of His Cause, until the banner “Verily He is God” was raised by the hand of might to its loftiest station, and the standard “He doeth what He willeth” was planted in the Most Great Prison. Now certain ignorant ones among the people of the Bayan who count themselves among its adherents have arisen in opposition. We beseech God, exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the ornament of justice and fairness. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth and doeth what He pleaseth.

Mention of you hath been made before the Wronged One, therefore this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will as a token of grace and bounty, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. By Thy might, O Desire of the world and Adored One of the nations! My heart findeth no rest save in Thy remembrance and praise, and my soul no tranquility except in the light of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou seest the hands of hope raised toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and the eye of supplication fixed upon the horizon of Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy mercy, to ordain that I may in all circumstances stand firm in Thy service and speak forth Thy praise amongst Thy creatures with wisdom and eloquence. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH04280: The Word of God hath appeared in truth. Verily…

He is the One speaking from His most exalted horizon.

The Word of God hath appeared in truth. Verily it aideth the Cause of its Lord, the Master of the Day of Separation. Verily it announceth unto all on earth the heaven of grace and ocean of bounty and sun of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded to the call of God, and woe unto every denying infidel.

He who loved Me hath appeared before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in a Tablet whereunto nothing possessed by the nations can compare, as doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book. Can anyone prevent the power of My Most Exalted Pen or the influence of My Most Great Word? Nay, by My true Self! Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto every hesitating doubter.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet and heard My call, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Ocean of Thy knowledge and the Repository of Thine inspiration. I beseech Thee by the sighing of the lovers in Thy days and the crying out of those yearning for Thee in their love for Thee, and by the Word before which the necks of Thy creation have bowed down, to make me one of those who have quaffed the choice wine of Thy revelation and taken hold of Thy Book through Thy power, in such wise that neither the weapons of the world nor the hosts of the nations deterred them.

O my Lord! Ordain for this servant that which befitteth Thy bounty and grace. Then make me one of those who have heard Thy most sweet call and attained unto Thy mention and praise amidst humanity. O my Lord! Thy mercy hath preceded all and Thy grace hath encompassed all. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee and those of Thy creatures who are sincere. Thou art the Almighty One by the movement of Whose finger the heaven was cleft asunder and the earth was split and the mountains were crushed. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH05224: O ʿAli! Turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting…

He is the One that warbleth upon the branches

O ʿAli! Turn thy face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and say:

O my God! I testify to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath testified before the creation of Thy earth and heaven, that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been obeyed in Thy Cause and sovereign through Thy power, such that the conditions of Thy creation and the vicissitudes of Thy realm cannot weaken Thee. I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to the sanctification of Thy Being from all else but Thee, and the exaltation of Thy Essence above all others. I have heard Thy call and turned toward Thee, and have beheld the lights of Thy most exalted horizon and turned to it through Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name which hath appeared among Thy creatures and called all to Thy horizon, that Thou make me one of the letters of Thy Book, that I may be rendered immortal through Thy grace and living and enduring through Thy bounty and favor.

O my Lord! Enable me to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and that whereby Thy Word may be exalted in Thy cities and lands. Thou art He to Whose power every person of insight and understanding hath testified, and to Whose grandeur every person of knowledge and wisdom hath borne witness. Nothing among all things can frustrate Thy will, nor can the might of princes and divines frighten Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and turning toward the lights of Thy countenance. Ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the world to come and of this world. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH00658: All praise, sanctified from the conditions, manifestations and appearances…

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

All praise, sanctified from the conditions, manifestations and appearances of the nations, befitteth the Ancient Lord Who, through His Most Great Name, hath adorned the world of meaning with the springtime of spirituality, Who through “No” hath negated the manifestations of vain imaginings and through “but” hath adorned the daysprings of affirmation with the ornament of acceptance. Exalted be His grace, exalted be His grandeur, and exalted be His favors. There is no God but He. Glory be unto Thee, O Quickener of the graves through the breathings of revelation! I beseech Thee by the cities that were honored by Thy footsteps, by the gates that were opened through Thy Name, and by the bounties which Thou hast ordained in the most exalted Paradise for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants

and the sincere ones among Thy creatures, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to hold fast unto Thy cord in such wise that the doubts of the nations and the manifestations of the world shall not withhold them. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Lord! Thou seest one of Thy servants who hath turned toward Thee in the early days. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity to ordain for him that which shall abide with him in every world of Thy worlds. Make his deeds, O my God, as treasures with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One Whom the might of the world cannot withhold. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. Verily, Thou art the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

And then, the letter of that spiritual friend arrived. Praise be to God, it spoke of health, love, steadfastness and arising to serve. In truth, each word thereof was a volume concerning what had befallen that soul in the path of God. Though outwardly brief, inwardly each letter was a mirror reflecting conversations, hardships, migration and estrangement. In one place He saith, blessed and exalted be He:

> "Man seeth therein what he desireth not to see and heareth therein what he desireth not to hear"

- that is, in this world. Verily, thou hast borne hardships in the path of God and hast followed the Ancient Lord in tribulations. I beseech God, exalted be He, to aid and assist you in that whereby His laws and commandments may be spread abroad. Verily, He hath power over all things.

In brief, after reading the letter and becoming acquainted with its contents, I turned toward the most exalted Kingdom, attained the presence of His countenance, and after complete permission, all of it was presented. This is what God hath revealed in reply, He, the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

In My Name, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O thou who journeyest in the lands and travelest from thy native country in the path of God, the Lord of all religions! Hearken unto My call, for it draweth thee to the pavilions of My majesty and the tabernacle of My glory. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Attractive. Neither the denial of the world nor the doubts of those who have disbelieved in the Hereafter can withhold Him. We have manifested that which was hidden in knowledge and have sent down the proof which, when revealed, caused all the proofs of the world to bow down before it. Yet the people are in doubt and dissension. The concourse of the Bayan have cast the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

O Muhammad! New deceptions have appeared and old rejected utterances have come forth. The people of the Bayan have adopted precisely the words of the Shi'ihs and walk in the same paths. They have fashioned a false Ali and turned away from One through Whose word a thousand true Alis are created. Consider the lack of understanding of these souls. For one thousand two hundred years they clung to vain imaginings, and when He appeared not a single one of the leading divines of that party attained to faith. Rather, they manifested such unbelief that they pronounced sentence of death upon the Lord of the world. It was never known what the fruit of that party's beliefs and the results of their deeds would be—in truth, it was loss in this world and the next. Now again the deniers of the Bayan have resorted to the

same things as before. They speak as did the former party, at times speaking of the corruption of the Book, at times clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Say: O company of the veiled ones! Today the lights of true unity have encompassed the world. Pass beyond the river of names that ye may attain unto the ocean of inner meanings. O Muhammad! The immature ones of the world were not and are not worthy of mention by the Supreme Pen. It behooveth men to find their like and cling unto them. Throughout the ages and centuries there have been idol-worshippers. How can such a party be worthy to become intimate with the mysteries of the Kingdom or to discover the fragrances of divine verses? Today every soul must sanctify the tablet of his heart from former impressions, that it may be adorned with the seal of "Verily I am God's." How remote is this station from the conditions of men and the levels of their understanding! Glory be to God! Have they no eyes? Have they no ears? Nay, they are deprived of both. The prejudices of former times have appeared a hundredfold greater. Ask of God that He may bestow a portion of the ocean of knowledge upon the ignorant people and deprive them not of the lights of the Sun of Justice.

Hadi Dawlat-Abadi hath arisen in opposition and, like unto the Shi'ih divines, speedily sendeth his followers to hell. Say: O ye who are devoid of understanding! The chief of your divines was Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi. He wrote religious rulings for fifty years, yet when the divine Tablet was sent to him, he turned away and occupied himself with leading the people astray. Likewise did all the divines of Iran in the early years—all turned away and gave verdict for the shedding of His most pure blood. Now Mulla Hadi hath appeared with a new staff and a new turban, desiring to establish another party for another thousand two hundred years and send them to the abode of perdition.

Say: O my God, my God! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the mysteries of Thy Book and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, to assist Thy servants to act with justice and equity. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Aid them to behold the Tree and its fruits, and the Sun and its effulgence. Verily, Thou art the Protector of those who are in earth and heaven. In Thy grasp is the reins of all servants. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Praise be to God, our Lord, the King of Names and Creator of heaven! The pearls of His ocean of knowledge have ever been manifest and visible, and the fragrances of His grace diffused and wafting. Yet the servants remain heedless, save for a few who have truly rent asunder the veils, scattered the ranks of names, shattered the idols of fancy, and with their whole being joined themselves to the Truth. Such is the station of the horsemen of this field. The immature ones of the world must wallow in the clay of idle fancies and return to their abode.

Concerning what you wrote about being in the state of seeking and crying "Show me!", after this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, these exalted words descended from the heaven of Will—blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "O Muhammad! This Wronged One bears witness that the words Thou shalt not see Me' have been transformed to Look and thou shalt see Me', and you have attained and achieved this. O

> Muhammad! By the life of God, the servants are more content with ‘Thou shalt not see Me’. Consider the deniers of the Bayan. They have preferred the owl to the eagle, and the lizard to the phoenix. Those feeble souls were not and are not worthy of the effulgences of the Sun of Power. They consume dust and are occupied with dust. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from their doubts and their croaking. Verily, He is powerful over all things.”

This evanescent one testifies that that spiritual beloved has ever been and continues to be remembered, has not been and will not be forgotten. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant another meeting, that we may gather in the shade of the Blessed Tree, to speak and to listen. Previously this servant sent a letter to you containing divine verses, but as it was during the time of upheaval, it did not reach you. All that you sent, both money and otherwise, before and after, was received according to your recent letter. Wherever you meet the loved ones of God, convey greetings on behalf of this servant. I beseech God to set them all ablaze and grant new effect to their burning, that the whole world, from East and West and South and North, may attain to the warmth of divine love through that luminous flame. Glory, remembrance and praise be upon you, upon those with you, and upon every steadfast believer.

The servant 9 Rabi’u’l-Avval 1305

BH01826: O beloved of my heart! There exists no reminder…

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

O beloved of my heart! There exists no reminder in the world, no educator and no reformer like separation. Glory be to God! The light of union and its station and rank become manifest through it, and patience and forbearance shine forth from it. At every moment it makes the soul aware. Infinite grief appears from it, yet the discerning soul beholds in the ocean of grief the hand of divine training and witnesses the chalices of mercy. In brief, whatsoever comes from God, glorified be His majesty, is adorned with wisdom, and His wisdom in all conditions and circumstances is the cause of the exaltation and elevation of His servants. Praise be to God Who has made separation the key to union and remoteness the harbinger of nearness, Who has honored us with His oneness among His servants and adorned us with the ornament of His laws and ordinances.

Verily He is the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And blessings and peace be upon His Beloved through whom the light of unity shone forth from the horizon of God’s will, the Lord of lords, and through whom the gate of knowledge was opened and the dove of mystical understanding warbled upon the highest branches. Sovereignty belongs to God, the One, the Chosen. And upon His family and companions whom the affairs of the world prevented not from helping the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. They strove with utmost striving until they conquered the lands. Verily He is the Lord of the servants and the King of creation in the beginning and the return.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose and the Ultimate Object of my hope and my desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Book through which Thou didst separate between truth and falsehood and which Thou didst name the Furqan among Thy servants who arose to help Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word and manifest Thy laws, that Thou assist Thy servants in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Then I beseech

Thee by the lights of Thy Throne that Thou preserve the one who hath acknowledged Thy unity and oneness and hath adorned his life with Thy remembrance and praise. O Lord! Ordain for him through Thy bounty that which befitteth the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and bestowal. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further, O beloved of my heart! Although the pen of this ignorant one wrote of the virtues of separation and established proofs, yet much pain and injury proceed from it. It melts the liver, dissolves the heart, and prevents the breast from expansion. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, and hope that He will soon ordain reunion and not deprive us of the blessing of meeting, by the truth of His Prophets and Messengers and their Lord and Master. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. You have always been and continue to be remembered. This evanescent servant beseeches God that He make this journey of yours the cause of outward and inward profit and the means of ordering scattered and dispersed affairs.

He is the Powerful and the Mighty. If you wish to know the conditions of this land—we are alive and enjoying God's infinite bounties. All the relatives are well and adorned with the ornament of health. No grief exists save separation from that beloved, and it is hoped that even this will soon be transformed into joy and delight. I convey greetings to the friends of that land and beseech God for their assistance and confirmation. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Bestower, He is the Generous. A letter was written by this servant in reply to the letter of his honor Aqa Muhammad Ali, upon him be God's peace, and sent, and likewise a blessed Tablet especially for the beloved of the heart, his honor Nabil ibn Nabil, upon him be peace. Peace be upon you and upon God's sincere servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04373: The Mother Book speaks: "The All-Giver has come…

He is the Hearer in His most exalted horizon

The Mother Book speaks: "The All-Giver has come with a sovereignty before which all necks have bowed low. Take heed, O people of insight!" The Beloved speaks: "The Most Great Announcement has come, whereby the hearts of the nations were thrown into commotion, save those whom God, the Lord of lords, willed." And the Spirit calls out: "O people of the Gospel! By God, the Promised One has come from the heaven of proof with His most great glory. Fear God and deny not Him Who was promised you in the Psalms and Tablets." And Moses calls out: "He Whose beauty I was prevented from beholding has appeared. Hasten, O people of the Torah, unto the good-pleasure of God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained."

And the Point of the Bayan laments and says: "O My servants! We counseled you in all Our Books, nay in every leaf, to believe in Him and His verses, yet you committed that which caused all things to lament." Thus have We sent down the verses and shown you thereby the path of guidance. Fear God, lay aside what you possess and take what you are commanded by God, the Lord of creation. Thus did the tongue of the Wronged One speak when He was in the hands of the wicked. When you attain to My Tablet and find the fragrance of My utterance, say: "O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having turned toward me from the direction of the prison.

I beseech Thee by Thy wrongs and by what befell Thee at the hands of Thine enemies, to make me one of those who have taken hold of Thy Book with the hand of resignation, clinging to what hath been sent down therein from the heaven of Thy commands and laws. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

BH06541: This is a remembrance from Us to one who…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

This is a remembrance from Us to one who desired to drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings from the cup of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath heard thy mention—a mention that no mention of the peoples can equal—and hath witnessed thy turning unto Him, whereupon He turneth toward thee from His Most Great Prison. We have arisen before all faces and called everyone unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. The people of hypocrisy turned away from Us and desired to extinguish the light of God through their might and their swords. Thus did their souls entice them. Yet they are assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned unto the One, the All-Informed.

We counsel thee with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book and with that whereby His Cause may be exalted among His servants. Verily, the Wronged One is the True Counsellor, the All-Knowing. He calleth thee and the friends of God while being between the fangs of those who have denied God's right, His proof, His Manifestation and His clear evidences, with that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be exalted. Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to help the weak, and the powerful one who hath turned toward the wronged and friendless One. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have heard and answered their Lord, the Hearer, the All-Seeing.

BH06718: A Book sent down by the Lord of Might…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom

A Book sent down by the Lord of Might unto him who hath hearkened to the Call and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. O My loved ones on earth and My friends in every land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He desireth to make mention of you through the verses of God and give you glad tidings of His bounty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou hast attained unto the lights of the Day-Star of My utterance and quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the chalice of My bestowal, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having guided me and made mention of me. Thou didst create me, O my God, through Thy will and purpose, and nourished me with the purest milk, and reared me through the hands of Thy care and favor until Thou didst cause me to hear Thy most sweet call and taught me Thy path. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven, O Thou through Whose might the earth was cleft asunder and the heaven was rent apart, and through Whose loving-kindness the countenance of all things was made to smile, to ordain that I may in all conditions remain content with what Thou hast through Thy bounty and generosity ordained for me. Verily Thou art He through Whose will all things moved and

through Whose purpose all beings came to be. Nothing can frustrate Thee and no affair can hinder Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

BH00046: O beloved of my heart! Where is the one…

Section 1: "O beloved of my heart! Where…"

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

O beloved of my heart! Where is the one who heareth and where is the one who seeth? The verses speak, the clear signs give utterance, the sun beareth witness, and the moon and stars testify; yet the powers of sight and hearing are weak. The blessed Tablet which was revealed specifically for his honour ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad, son of His Holiness the Most Truthful Name of God, upon both of whom be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was adorned with these sublime words—thus saith the Lord, exalted and sanctified be He:

> "O son of My Name! Were the entire spiritual realm to be transformed into the power of hearing, one could say it would be worthy of hearkening to these utterances that have flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. Otherwise, the visible ears have not been and will never be capable of hearing this call, save for a numbered few. Beseech God to grant thee insight and bestow upon thee the power of hearing, that perchance His helpless servants may not remain deprived of the sweet fragrances of this divine Day."

Today the horizons of the heavens of the unseen and the seen are illumined with the lights of the Day-Star of utterance, yet an eye capable of beholding is rarer than the red elixir. The recompense of deeds hath prevented most of the people of the world from drawing nigh and deprived them of the outpourings of the days of the All-Bountiful Lord. Throughout ages and centuries the peoples of the world have awaited the days of His manifestation and still do—the followers of Moses in temples, the followers of the Spirit in churches, and the followers of the Qur'an in mosques, all beseeching and hoping to attain His presence in the days of His appearance and not to be deprived of the ocean of His utterance.

Yet when the lights of the manifestation of the Desired One of all worlds shone forth from the horizon of will, all remained heedless and veiled save whom God willing. The Christian says the Spirit must appear from heaven in great glory; that people remain heedless and deprived through such vain imaginings. And the Shi'ih sect says the Qa'im must come and appear from the imaginary Jabulqa and the fictitious Jabulsa. I testify that all sects worship their own desires and are devoted to the idols of their fancy. They follow heedless and ignorant souls and cling to their vain imaginings, while turning away from the light of the Sun of Manifestation. Such is the condition of the people of the world.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations and Master of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Cause through which the ocean of knowledge surged in creation and the Day-Star of utterance shone forth from the horizon of proof, to aid the people of Thy earth to turn toward the court of Thy nearness and to attain presence before Thy countenance. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty and the

ocean of Thy mercy not to withhold Thy servants from the outpourings of Thy days. Draw them nigh, O my God, through Thy power, teach them the ways of Thy guidance, and make them know the manifestations of Thy greatness and the evidences of Thy might.

Then ordain for them that which will keep them from all else save Thee and will guide them to Thy Mighty Announcement, whereby the limbs of all names trembled and the hearts of all in the kingdom of creation were convulsed. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of earth and heaven. Moreover, I beseech Thee, O my God, my Master and my Support, by the station which was honored by Thy footsteps and by the verses which descended from the heaven of Thy grace, to assist whosoever hath turned toward Thee and desired of the wonders of Thy bounty, and to ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee, who have arisen to aid Thy Cause. Then write down for him the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart! Your letters, like abundant rain, have arrived in succession. Their effect was as the spring breeze of inner meaning, and their fruit as the produce of the garden of utterance and significance, for every letter thereof was a truthful testimony and an eloquent witness to your acceptance, attention and steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Each instance was a cause of joy and a source of delight, and the presence of each one spoke of the station of nearness and attainment. Blessed be your pen and joyous be your ink! After their observation, reading and review, they ascended to the supreme heights and most exalted horizon. In the presence of the Countenance of the Purpose of all worlds, they attained the honor of being heard, and in each instance the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful surged in such wise that the minds of the world were incapable and powerless to reckon it. And on this occasion, after being presented before Him, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these verses—thus speaks the Lord, exalted and sanctified is He:

> "In My Name, through which the suns of manifestation have dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge!"

O Ali! Hear My call from the direction of My prison. By God, through it the ocean of divine knowledge surged in creation, and the Luminary of proof shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of certitude, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the highest branches, "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

We have seen what thou didst send before and after, and We heard thy call therefrom. We answered thee with that wherewith the Lote-Tree of the Ultimate Boundary was adorned with the leaves of wisdom and utterance, but the people are in a strange sleep. We have seen thy devotion and have turned unto thee, and have brought forth from the treasuries of My Most Exalted Pen the pearls of favor and grace that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

Give glad tidings to My loved ones with My remembrance and remind them of what hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Say: Beware lest the tyranny of any oppressor, or the turning away of any rejecter, or the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hold you back.

Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest ye deprive yourselves of the Living Waters which flow from the Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast aside vain imaginings, then hasten with your hearts to the Most Great Ocean and drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: By God, were the Point of the Bayan to circle round the Throne of the All-Merciful before your faces—fear God and deny not the Truth through your idle fancies. Verily He hath come from the horizon of power with manifest sovereignty. We have raised Him up in truth and sent Him to give glad tidings unto men of this Most Great Cause and this Mighty News.

Say: Fear God, O people of the Bayan, and be not of them who denied God's proof after its revelation and disputed His signs after their manifestation. He counseleth you out of His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. This is that call for the hearing of which the world was created. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God in that land and its surroundings. The mention of each of those who have turned unto God hath ever flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, that perchance they may attain such a station through the light of the Word and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree that the seas of the doubts of the ungodly, atheists and traducers may not quench it nor stay its burning.

How many widespread dominions hath the hand of destiny rolled up and cast away, consigning both kings and subjects to the dust! What morning hath no evening to follow it, and what life hath not death pursuing it? Soon shall that which is visible be seized by the might of annihilation and return to non-existence. Say: O friends! These are days for which the Prophets, the Chosen Ones, and the Messengers sought audience with God, exalted be His glory. Each of you, through God's grace, hath attained unto that which hath no peer or likeness. Know ye the value of this station and illumine the horizons with the light of unity. One mention in this Day excelleth the remembrances of centuries, and one deed in these days surpasseth the deeds of ages. Strive ye that perchance ye may achieve a deed which shall be adorned with the crown of acceptance and shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth.

In these days the thief entereth in the guise of the trustworthy, and the manifestations of tyranny appear in the name of justice. We have formerly informed all of that which would later appear. O people of God! Give not credence to every speaker, and be on your guard against the claimants. This is the binding command of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been manifested in the prison. The Glory which is manifest, evident, radiant, and shining from the horizon of My utterance be upon thee.

Be on your guard against the pretenders—this is the imperative command of the Most Exalted Pen that hath been revealed in prison. The Glory that is manifest, evident, radiant and shining from the horizon of the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon My party, whom neither the might of the aggressors, nor the riches of the heedless, nor the doubts of the suspicious, nor the croakings of the detractors have deterred from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

At this moment We make mention of My handmaidens. By God's life, all are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and have attained unto divine bounty. We give them all the glad-tidings of God's mercy and remind them through resplendent verses. For each one We beseech that which hath flowed

from the Pen of the Lord of all beings and hath been recorded in the Crimson Scroll. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be unto our Lord, our Goal and our Beloved, Who hath manifested such grace as pens are powerless to recount, such mercy as tongues fail to describe, and such loving-kindness as souls fall short of comprehending. This evanescent servant, with utmost humility and supplication, beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones in that which is befitting of His days and worthy of His grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Missives from that honored personage arrived in succession, both before and after—some addressed to this evanescent one, and others unto His Holiness Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. God be praised! Each one bore witness to the devotion, steadfastness, remembrance and turning of that spiritual beloved, and each was submitted unto the Most Holy and Inaccessible Presence, attaining the honor of being heard. From the heaven of bounty descended that which hath perfumed the world with its fragrances, and there flowed forth that beside whose merest drop the oceans are in truth as naught. This servant standeth bewildered—what praise can prove worthy of these favors, and what thanksgiving adequate unto these bestowals? Exalted is His loving-kindness, transcendent His mercy, and supreme His gifts!

These exalted words once shone forth from the Dayspring of Utterance—glorified and exalted be He—saying: O servant in My presence, write unto Ali, upon him be My Glory: O Ali! These immature ones of the world have not been, nor are they, capable of recognizing this Most Great Cause and Mighty Announcement. They have sprung from the loins of idle fancies, have been nurtured in vain imaginings, and cling fast unto illusions. They have not been, nor are they, worthy to behold the effulgent lights of the Orb of true Divine Unity, and likewise are they incapable of hearkening unto this Call. Nay, We have written unto the son of Asdaq, upon him be My Glory: were the power of the spirit wholly transformed into the power of hearing, it might then be said that he is worthy to hearken unto this Call.

O Ali! The ocean of light surgeth and waveth through the breaths of the verses that have been revealed, and the realm of utterance is illumined by the proofs of truth. Where are the eyes that are dimmed, and where are these lights? Where are the ears that are debarred, and where is this Call? This people have been, and are, fit only to hearken unto the dawning-places of idle fancies. Leave them to plunge in their vain discourses and to sport therein.' Of late have they clung to names. Mention hath been made of a successor. God come to the aid of His servants! For certain among the unjust of the world have purposed to establish anew a sect from among the Shi'ah. Have they not beheld the former sects and witnessed their deeds? The Jews, in the Day of Resurrection, were observed to be better and more exalted than that sect, inasmuch as they pronounced no decree against the Essence of Truth Himself!

I shall make mention of but one utterance from the Bab, haply some may become aware of and attain unto that which is the purpose and discover it. The Bab—may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake—sent a Tablet to Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan-i-Najafi, and the bearer thereof was Mulla Ali-i-Bastami. This Shaykh was the chief divine of the Shi'ihs. He rejected the Tablet, waxed proud, disdained it, and spoke that which befitted his own station. Thereafter the Bab—may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake—revealed another Tablet wherein He addresseth the aforementioned Shaykh, saying: "Verily,

We raised up Ali from his resting-place and sent him unto thee with a Book…" unto the end of His utterance, exalted and glorified be He.

The purport of the blessed Tablet is this: "We raised up ʿAli from his resting-place and sent him unto thee with a Book. Hadst thou recognized him and prostrated thyself before him, We would assuredly have raised up from the first letter of thee the first letter, and from the second letter the third letter. But since thou didst not recognize him, all thy deeds were rendered null and void, thou didst enter into the fire, and thou wast unaware thereof." By God! Were anyone to meditate upon this utterance of the Bab which hath been mentioned, he would know of a certainty that there existeth a station with God wherein names have no access. Now they have turned away from Him at Whose mention the Point of the Bayan [the Bab] said "I am the first to worship Him."

Section 2: "By My life! If a soul were…"

By My life! If a soul were to contemplate this heralding utterance that hath been mentioned, he would know with absolute certainty that with God there is a station wherein names have no access. Now they have turned away from a station concerning which the Point of the Bayan hath said, at the mention of His name, "I am the foremost of them that worship," and have clung to former tales and names. It is not known what these unjust people have understood from the previous Dispensation. The divines of Persia cursed and reviled the Truth from all pulpits. By God's life! Pure and attentive ears in this hour hearken to the lamentations of these pulpits, engaged in mourning and weeping.

Say: Die in your wrath! Until ye pass beyond the gulf of names, ye shall not attain, nor ever will attain, to the ocean of inner meanings. The Kingdom of Names circleth round, and the companions of the Mount are occupied with praise and glorification. Where are they who behold all save God as non-existent and as naught? These are they who have quaffed the choice wine that is sealed, who soar above the world. These repose on the thrones of certitude, recline upon the couches of assurance, and are seated upon the cushions of tranquillity. The divine Books, both past and present, speak of such souls. Blessed are they that hear!

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of that land and its surroundings. Say: O people of God! The delusions of the past have appeared; they speak of perversion and utter similar words. Enter ye into the impregnable, mighty fortress "We belong unto God" and behold yourselves detached from the world and all who dwell therein. This is the counsel of God from the Tongue of the Goal of all the worlds. His grace towards His loved ones is evident and manifest. Today the breezes of bounty are wafting and the ocean of generosity is surging. The disobedience of the world hath not withheld His mercy, nor hath the waywardness of the nations veiled the Sun of His bounty. Blessed are they who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and who utter the blessed words "We turn unto Thee."

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom the calumnies of the denouncers and the assaults of the aggressors have not deterred, who have turned their hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and Master of the Throne on high and of earth below, for having guided us unto Thy straight path and Thy mighty announcement. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The waves of the visible sea are manifest, and the lights of the sun are evident. Unto Him be praise and glory, unto Him be gratitude and splendor. He hath ever mentioned His loved ones with most excellent utterance, an utterance from which the fragrances of the One mentioned are diffused. I beseech God to aid His loved ones to perform such deeds as are worthy of these endless favors. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Kind. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Most Generous of the generous ones.

The petition that was previously sent by the loved ones of God reached the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard. His blessed and exalted Word: O Ali! Upon thee be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter and that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, hath reached Us. We have heard that which thy outward and inner tongue did utter, and have answered thee with this manifest Book, each letter of which speaketh before the faces of the world. The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with mighty sovereignty. O Ali! Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness, that the sweet savors of divine revelation may attract them to a station wherein the fire of tyranny shall not deter them from the direction of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Muhammad-Taqi! We have heard thy call and beheld thy name. We make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. When thou hearest the call of Him Who is wronged from the precincts of the Prison, and art attracted by My choice sealed wine, say:

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me, for having made me know Thee, and for having caused me to hear Thy verses and Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Word through which the dead were raised up, the trumpet was sounded, and the mountains were moved, to make me one of those whom neither the might of the world hath deterred from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, nor the clamor of men hath kept back from turning toward Thy Name, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and by the lights of the suns of Thy favors to make me not deprived of the manifestations of the Sun of Thy unity, nor withheld from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of him who hath been named ʿAli (Mulla) in the Kingdom of Names, that the Call may attract him to the Most Exalted Horizon and the Hand of Bounty may give him to drink of the choice wine of Glory through My Most Glorious Name. Thus have We sent down the verses as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Take thou the Book with the power bestowed by Us, and be not of the patient ones. Beware lest the hosts of the world frighten thee or the might of the sovereigns weaken thee. Cast aside what the people possess in this Day wherein the Self-Subsisting calleth and summoneth the servants unto His sealed wine, which if anyone should drink thereof, neither the croaking of the croakers would sadden him, nor would the doubts of the doubters hinder him.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to be trustworthy and chaste, and to that whereby the stations of man are exalted. Thy Lord is verily the Manifest Counselor. God hath forgiven thee and thy father and thy mother as a mercy from Him, and We ask Him to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and benefit thee in all His worlds. He is verily the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Karbila'i Isma'il! Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of inner meanings, unto the Straight Path and the Great News. This is a great bounty and a mighty station. Implore thou His protection from Him. That which thou didst beseech from God, exalted be His glory, hath been heard, but it is more fitting that thou shouldst commit all affairs unto Him and hold fast unto the cord of trust in Him, for man knoweth not what profiteth or harmeth him. None knoweth the unseen save Him. Say:

My God, my God! This servant of Thine hath turned unto Thee and confesseth his ignorance before the dawning of the Sun of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee to ordain for him that which shall profit him. Thou knowest what he hath and he knoweth not what Thou hast, and Thou art verily the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Haji Malik-Muhammad! He who loved Me hath mentioned thee. We have mentioned thee with verses that are not equaled by whatsoever hath been created on earth. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thy name hath attained unto My presence. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities and treasured in the hearts of the Messengers. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Exalted Station and for having sent down for me that whose fragrance shall never fade throughout the continuance of Thy Name, the All-Compelling over those who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee to ordain for me steadfastness in Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Karbila'i Ramadan! We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and hast attained unto the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty of the One desired by all the worlds. Today the ocean of grace is manifest before all faces and the sun of generosity is shining from the horizon of the world. Blessed are they whom the events of the world have not prevented, nor kept back from remembrance and praise. Take thou My Book and say: Unto Thee be glory, O Thou Desire of the world, and unto Thee be praise, O Thou Beloved of them that have recognized Thee.

O Ibrahim (Haji Mulla), hear My call which hath been raised from the precincts of My prison, summoning mankind unto Mine horizon, heralding unto them My mercy, and drawing them nigh unto the Mighty, the Great. We have heard thy call and have addressed thee from the Most Exalted Paradise's right hand side. There is none other God but He, the Compassionate, the Generous. He hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He willeth, a command from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Omnipotent. The world's might hath not hindered Him, nor hath the oppressors' tyranny frightened Him. He hath spoken before all faces: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds." Blessed is he who hath heard the call and responded to his Ancient Lord.

Woe betide him who hath denied and turned away from this Momentous News. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards Him when every ignorant one remote from Him turned away. Behold the divines of Iran who awaited throughout centuries and ages the advent of God and His sovereignty. Yet when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One came from the heaven of their Lord, the

Unconstrained's will, they arose in opposition until they pronounced against Him an injustice whereat the realities of all things lamented, and beyond them the near ones and the sincere. Thus have We adorned thee with the traces of My Most Exalted Pen that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful.

O Muhammad, My glory be upon thee! Thou didst seek bounty for the people of Kakhk. A blessed tablet hath been sent down and dispatched from the Kingdom of divine knowledge. We beseech God to cause all to attain unto it, that they may drink from the ocean of utterance and be illumined by the lights of the Day-Star of true divine unity. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Generous.

O Rida, say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy knowledge to make me among those who desire naught save what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty and decreed for them through Thy command. O my Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. I beseech Thee to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad Husayn, thy name hath been mentioned and these verses have been revealed and inscribed in thy honor. His grace hath encompassed the world and His mercy hath embraced all, yet in most cities the hosts of self and passion have prevailed over godliness. We beseech God to grant strength and power that the servants of earth may attain unto that for which they were brought from nothingness into being.

O Nasrullah, hear what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an:

> "When God's help and victory come, and thou seest men entering God's religion in throngs."

In truth, on the day of victory and triumph, all are seen submissive and humble. Blessed is the soul that in these days hath attained the honor of acceptance. The Messenger of God—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—commanded holy war. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—commanded assistance. Yet this Wronged One hath strictly forbidden in the Tablets all conflict, strife, sword and spear, and hath commanded all to assist God's Cause through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and to conquer the cities of hearts. Blessed are they who act accordingly.

O Kuchak, thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and the Wronged One's countenance is at this moment turned toward thee, making mention of thee. Shouldst thou comprehend this station's rank, thou wouldst, until the grave, utter the blessed words "Praise be unto Thee, O Single One, O Unique One." The glory shining from the heaven of My mercy's horizon be upon My loved ones who have attained unto My days and have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of their Lord's will, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

O Ali! Each of the aforementioned names has attained that which has had and has no likeness or equal. Some have desired to attain Our presence; however, due to certain circumstances in these days, it was not and is not expedient. You should give glad-tidings to all on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden them with the Tablet of God.

O My beloved! The exalted standards and divine banners are manifest and evident from the clear signs. This servant beseeches and hopes for the divine grace that He may cause His loved ones to attain that which befits His Day. His standards and banners have been and are the manifestations of His commandments and prohibitions. Repeatedly from the Most Exalted Pen this most sublime word hath been revealed, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "The hosts of divine ethics and deeds are the helpers of this Cause, and the commander of these hosts is the fear of God."

Section 3: "This is the word that should any fair-minded…"

This is the word that should any fair-minded person hear it, he would speak with justice and converse with equity. O My beloved! The sending of the reply to the letter was greatly delayed. In any case, forgiveness has been and is sought, for time was lacking and opportunity absent. I beseech you and the loved ones to pray for divine assistance and confirmation for this evanescent one, as time is outwardly short and the task momentous. There is no power nor strength except through God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning the mention made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise their degree of enkindlement with the fire of God's love, after presentation before Him, these verses were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

This is a mention from Us unto him who was named Muhammad before Rida, that the mention may draw him unto God, the Lord of all names, and make him of those whom the veils of the world have not caused to slip nor the signs of the deniers hindered. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee with a mention whereby the hearts of those near unto God are drawn. We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God, the Lord of all worlds. Say:

My God, my God! Thy call hath attracted me, Thy grace hath delivered me, Thy verses have taken hold of me, and the light of Thy Cause hath guided me to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance and the effulgences of the sun of Thy manifestation to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and supreme height. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones in Thy days. I am he who, O my God, hath acknowledged Thy Book and what hath been sent down therein of Thy commandments and ordinances and that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of the graves and Manifestor of light, by Thy most glorious path and Thy most great announcement, to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

And this is what was revealed for Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

O Muhammad! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto Mine horizon, and will aid thee to stand firm in My Cause, and will give thee to drink of the Kawthar of Mine utterance from the hand of My bounty, and will guide thee to the station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. We have manifested the Cause before the faces of all peoples—among them are those who turned away, those who hesitated, those who pronounced sentence upon the shedding of My blood, and those who turned towards Me and said:

> "Here am I, O Thou Desire of the Worlds! Here am I, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all men!"

Blessed is the servant who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every denier who hath turned away from God in his final end. O Muhammad! Take thou the chalice of immortality in My Most Great Name, then drink therefrom in spite of the enemies who turned away from the Face, having followed the sources of vain imaginings. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken that which draweth the hearts of the righteous. When thou hast drunk of My choice-sealed wine in My Self-Subsisting Name, say:

> "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens and the Source of Thy commandments. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the worlds to come and of those gone before. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

Mention was made of Karbila'i Muhammad (the barber), upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before the Most Holy Court, this utterance was revealed from the Kingdom of divine grace—exalted be His glory: O Muhammad! The friends of God have ever been and are blessed with the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Thy mention is remembered and thy name is known. God willing, thou shalt hold fast unto the Book of God with such firmness that all the world shall be powerless to separate thee from it. Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened unto the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen and hast drunk from the ocean of knowledge of the Desire of the worlds.

We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause. We ask God to forgive thee, thy father, thy mother, and thy wife. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which beseemeth this glorious and wondrous Day. We have mentioned and continue to mention the loved ones of that land, one and all, and We command them all to fear God, which is the crown of all deeds. Blessed are they who act, and woe unto those who neglect. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

An incalculable bounty hath been manifested, such that were all the atoms of creation to be transformed into pens, and all the seas into ink, they would be unable to render thanks for these manifest and resplendent favors. Who hath the capacity and power to offer fitting thanks? However, since the acknowledgment of powerlessness is beloved, perchance this powerlessness may become the cause of acceptance and lead to success. Night and day He hath remembered His loved ones and commanded them to that which will exalt their stations and ranks, through utterances from whose every letter doth

shine forth the sun of loving-kindness. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

A petition submitted in the name of Muhammad Husayn (son of Mulla Abu'l-Qasim) and Aqa Khalilu'llah and Aqa Asadu'llah, the two nephews of the honored teacher—upon him and upon them be the Glory of God—was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these manifest verses were revealed from the Dayspring of bounty and the Ocean of grace specifically for them—blessed and exalted be His Word:

In the name of the One God

O My loved ones! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison and gained the honor of being heard. Praise be to God, it testified to your awareness and to your acceptance, attention and love for the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to assist you in exalting His Word through wisdom and utterance, and to sanctify you from whatsoever is unworthy of the station of man. Today the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: By God's life! The sun has neither shone nor risen upon such a day. All must recognize the value of these divine days and aid the Cause of God through goodly deeds. Praise ye the Desired One of the world Who has mentioned you—a mention whose fragrance is everlasting and enduring.

We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, to make you among those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cups of their Lord's bountiful gifts, the Compassionate, the Generous, and to ordain for you that which shall be as light before your faces in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and worthy to grant this prayer. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause and this Great Announcement.

And likewise the petition of the two sons of the martyred Ni'matullah and Nasrullah, upon him and them be the Glory of God, was presented before Him and gained the honor of being heard, and these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance specifically for them. His exalted Word:

In the Name of the Desired One of the World

The servant was present with your petition and presented it all, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in response from the Sacred Kingdom, that ye may drink from the Euphrates of utterance and receive your portion from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. The relatives of the departed, elevated teacher—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—and the martyr have ever been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. We beseech God to enable you to preserve the pearls of His love. The treacherous have been and are lying in wait for this precious gem. The ignorant and heedless servants who are unaware of the root of the Cause are striving and struggling to mislead sanctified souls, and through various forms of deceit and guile have been and are attempting to prevent them.

We beseech God to assist you with such assistance that the ranks of the world shall be powerless to prevent and the might of nations shall not weaken you. Stand firm in His Cause through divine power and might, and be vocal in His remembrance and praise. We counsel all to observe calmness, dignity and wisdom, lest the clamor of the ignorant be raised in ignorance. There are learned ones who are deprived

and prevented from the Dawning Place of divine revelation and the ocean of heavenly knowledge. We mention the loved ones of that land and its surroundings and counsel them to that which is befitting. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Sun of Divine Utterance has shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's mercy in such wise that its light has encompassed the dust of earth and indeed all the world, and its fragrance has perfumed it. Should one possessed of the sense of smell be in the furthermost parts of the world, he would detect this diffused fragrance, would turn with heart and soul, and would remain occupied with remembrance and praise throughout his life. One is astonished at what has prevented the eyes of the people of the world and what has veiled the sense of smell of the nations. Strange and wondrous is it that some of the ignorant ones of the world have denied this Most Great Cause and seek to establish another. Glory be to God! If this Cause be denied, what other cause would be worthy of affirmation or mention? We must beseech God that perchance the oppressors may attain unto justice and the workers of tyranny unto equity.

Likewise the petition of Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. He says, blessed and exalted be He:

> "O Ali-Akbar! Thy letter arrived and We saw and heard it. Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto Him and attained the honor of recognition. Thou didst seek His presence from the Wronged One. O ʿAli-Akbar! The heedless servants have become a barrier and have prevented the people from the Truth. Be not grieved at being deprived of His presence and meeting. Beseech God that He may ordain for thee from the Most Exalted Pen the reward of His presence. He is the Lord of Command and the Sovereign of Decree. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The creatures of the first and the last are powerless to prevent His Will. The power of His Word and the penetration of His Purpose are manifest as the sun. Blessed is the eye that seeth and woe unto every heedless doubter. The souls mentioned in thy petition have each attained unto the Luminary of Utterance, the Goal of all the worlds. We give them glad tidings of My remembrance and My favor, and We counsel them with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne and the Possessor of the Exalted Seat."

Praise be to God! All have achieved victory and have been adorned with the lights of the utterance of our Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth. This servant petitioneth the Almighty, glorified be His glory, that He may confirm and make successful all mankind in such deeds, actions, and character as shall ensure the permanence of His dominion throughout the Kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

Likewise, two petitions from Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid ʿAli and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Baqir—upon them be the glory of God—were received. After being submitted before the presence of the Lord of all mankind, two luminous Tablets specific to them were revealed. He speaketh—blessed and exalted be He:

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Witnessed

O ʿAli! Hearken unto My Call with the ear of thy heart. By My life! Wert thou to hear it with true attention, it would draw thee unto a station wherein the sorrows of the world and the tribulations of the nations would cause thee no grief, and thou wouldst find thy spirit sanctified from the doubts of the wayward and independent of whatsoever is in the hands of kings and sultans. Hearken unto the Call from the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing: Verily, there is no God but He, the One, the All-Knowing. The servant who is present hath come with thy letter and hath presented it before the Wronged One. We have answered thee with this luminous Book which proclaimeth throughout the world and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for that He hath confirmed thee in turning toward Him and hath made known unto thee that which hath been withheld from the men of the earth and its champions. Verily, bounty is in His grasp, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. When the wafting of the verses doth move thee, turn thy face and thy heart unto the Dawning-Place of the clear tokens. Say:

Section 4: "My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee…"

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call, shown me Thy tokens and summoned me from the precincts of Thy prison. I beseech Thee by Thy Cause, through which they that are sincere hastened to the seat of sacrifice and they that are devoted to the highest horizon, to ordain for me that which shall make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, such that neither the hosts of the oppressors nor the might of the ungodly shall prevent me. O my Lord! I testify that Thou hast created me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy commandments and ordinances, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty through which the ocean of existence hath surged, and by the generosity through which Thou hast quickened the world and its peoples, to ordain for me and for those with me that which shall cause us to be numbered with them that have attained unto Thy good-pleasure and have quaffed the choice wine of detachment from the hands of Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This was revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God.

He is the One Who ruleth over all who are in earth and heaven.

The Call of God hath, from everlasting, been uplifted on high; and the resplendent Luminary of His Revelation hath arisen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Tur. Behind this Light there have, indeed, followed dark clouds, and after it have swept the mists of hatred. Though, in these days, they have hindered the rays of the Sun of Truth from shedding their splendour, yet shall the Light, in the end, prevail, the Cause be made manifest, and the all-compelling decree be witnessed in its ascendancy.

We admonish the loved ones of God—exalted be His glory—to cleave unto trustworthiness and uprightness, and to whatsoever will lead to the exaltation and advancement of the Word of God. O people of God! From among your attributes must the attribute of God be made evident; and your deeds, your motions and your stillness, must become the mirrors of the Will of God. This Wronged One hath ever enjoined upon them that turn unto Him and them that love Him that which causeth loftiness and sublimity. The atoms of creation bear witness and testify that He hath desired nothing for Himself.

Render thanks unto the Ancient Lord, Who hath mentioned thee in a time when thou art encompassed by the slanders of the peoples. We beseech God to bestow upon thee, and upon the loved ones in that land, His bounty of success, and to aid them to persevere in remembrance and praise, in wisdom and utterance. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Ordainer, the Judge, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Take counsel together in thine affairs; whatsoever proceedeth from consultation, that do thou carry out—for in divers Tablets have We commanded all men to consult. We ask God to confirm thee and His loved ones in that which He loveth and approveth; and We ask Him to forgive thy father and thy mother, and then those who have ascended unto Him. Verily He is the Most Merciful of the merciful, and the God of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. End.

To render befitting thanks for these favours no one hath been, nor can ever be, capable—by the righteousness of His own Self, the One, the True. Though the pens of the world and the tongues of all peoples were to utter His praiseworthy remembrance, the praises of the first and the last, they would assuredly not be equal to a single word of those words which shine forth from the Dayspring of His Will. Yet, since we are bidden to praise and glorify Him, we cling to the cord of remembrance; else, what are the praises of created things, and where is the all-holy, most pure, most sanctified Court? In every state we are of Him, and from Him we implore that which is worthy of His bounty.

This servant beseecheth the Lord of Existence to kindle His loved ones with such a fire that the world itself may be set aflame. Verily our Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. There is none other God but He, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Concerning that honoured beloved, Haji Mirza ʿAli-Akbar—upon him be the glory of God—of whom they wrote, and whose steadfastness and ardour they made mention: after this was laid before the Most Holy, the Most Exalted Court, these mighty verses were sent down from the Kingdom of the grace of the Lord of all mankind. He saith, Exalted, the Sanctified be He:

O ʿAli-Akbar! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. He verily remembereth thee and draweth thee nigh and teacheth thee that which beseemeth the days of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Repeatedly hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and time and again hast thou been favored with the tokens of the Pen of Command. Ponder thou upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's will. In every utterance lieth concealed the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that drink thereof! I swear by the Sun of Truth that whosoever shall today observe the divine verses with the eye of justice and fairness shall be sustained by the Kawthar of steadfastness and shall find himself detached from all else but God. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Orb of My proof and hast drunk the Salsabil of knowledge from the chalices of My verses, say:

My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me and magnified me and honored me and made me to know Thee. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the world and Light shining amidst the nations, by Thy Most Great Name through which the limbs of the aggressive ones among Thy servants and the idolaters among Thy creatures have trembled, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in

Thy love and acting according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This servant likewise beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid him to champion His Cause in such wise that the fame of his steadfastness may spread throughout all lands and regions. Should they consider the signs, tokens and verses of the Messengers, and ponder that which hath been revealed and made manifest in this Most Great Revelation from the heaven of bounty, they would testify with absolute certainty to the greatness, power, sovereignty and all-encompassing nature of this Most Great Revelation over all past and future Manifestations. God willing, they are aided to make mention and offer praise and serve the Cause of God—our purpose and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to Him, for He is the Goal of them that know.

As for what was mentioned in the previous letter regarding traveling to different regions for the purpose of teaching God's Cause, after its presentation They said that in these matters consultation must be made. We beseech God to establish this decree—that is, consultation—which We have in these days made binding, that all may adhere to it henceforth. O ʿAli! In the path of God thou hast witnessed and heard that which caused the greatest sorrow. No deed is ever lost in the sight of God, nor shall it ever be. The deeds of His loved ones in His path are each like unto a treasure in the keeping of a Trustee to Whose trustworthiness all things have testified and do testify.

As for appointing this evanescent one as representative specifically for visitation on Friday the seventeenth of the month of Rabi'u'l-Avval at noon, after permission was granted, this one presented himself and there was fulfilled that which hath been the purpose of that Beloved One and all the chosen ones of God, past and future. How blessed are mine eyes and thine eyes, and how blessed am I and art thou! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in remembrance and praise, and in attaining His presence and circumambulating His shrine. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And as to what thou hast written concerning the honoured Aqa [Shahviri] and Aqa Shahvirdi—upon them be the glory of God—and thy mention of their pleasing qualities and their pure deeds, and likewise thy remembrance of the trustworthiness and integrity of the loved ones in that land: these matters were submitted in the presence of His holy Court. He—blessed and exalted be He—hath spoken:

"Out of sheer grace and favour We drew the sons of Abraham and the heirs of Moses from the dust of the earth unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and guided them from the north of idle fancy unto the right hand of certitude. Convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, to these two, Our greetings of magnification. Their mention hath been, and shall ever remain, in the precincts of the Wronged One; and each hath attained unto the traces of the Pen of the Most High and to other favours besides. We beseech God to confirm them, that they may arise with perfect steadfastness to render service unto the Cause of the Lord of mankind. O ʿAli! Implore of God that He may adorn, one and all, the heirs of Kalim with trustworthiness and integrity, with sanctity and purity. Some, in the regions round about, are acting in a manner unbefitting; beseech thou God that He may strengthen all to cleave unto that which causeth exaltation and advancement." End.

The supplication of Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Azghandi—upon him be the glory of God—was laid before the Most Holy, the Most Exalted Presence, and was honoured with His listening ear; and this most holy and mighty Tablet was revealed especially for him, that he might drink from the cups of the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful, the Kawthar of wisdom and understanding. He—blessed and exalted be He—hath spoken:

In the Name of Him Who speaks with wisdom

O son of Azghand, upon thee be the Glory of God! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath presented it. We have revealed for thee a Tablet whereby the cities of knowledge and wisdom have been perfumed. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to be characterized by trustworthiness, righteousness, truthfulness and purity. Blessed is the servant who acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Lord of all lords. Hearken unto the call from the direction of ʿAkka—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Blessed be thy father, again blessed be he! He informed My servants of My Manifestation before I manifested Myself. Verily nothing is hidden from thy Lord's knowledge. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have mentioned him in the Crimson Tablet with My Most Exalted Pen in such wise that his remembrance shall endure among all mentions and his spirit among all spirits. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Take hold of God's Tablet with the power bestowed by Him and follow not those who follow the sources of fancy and imagination. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, He for Whom the Point of the Bayan sacrificed Himself in His path. Fear God, O people of fairness! Be just concerning God's Cause and His Manifestation. He hath come from the heaven of proof with verses which have left those of understanding powerless to comprehend them. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been given by God, the Illuminator of all horizons. O son of Ahmad, upon him be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness! When the breezes of My revelation stir thee and the wine of My utterance intoxicates thee, say:

O my God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, and by Thy imprisonment in the Land of Ta, and by another imprisonment in another land, and by Thy mighty signs, to assist me and Thy loved ones in that which befitteth Thy days and beseemeth Thy station. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and clinging to Thee. Ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by the banners of Thy signs and the emblems of Thy power and sovereignty, to make me steadfast, firm, upright and unwavering in Thy Cause, through which the limbs of the learned have quaked, the hearts of the divines have trembled, and the feet of the wise have slipped, save those whom the hands of Thy favor have delivered. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Such bounty and mercy hath been manifested as the eye of creation hath neither seen nor shall see the like thereof. O people of God! Know ye the worth of this most exalted station and this ultimate goal, and at all times hold fast unto service to His Cause. The victorious hosts are wisdom and utterance and deeds and character. Blessed is he who aids the Cause of his Lord through wisdom and utterance and through that which hath been revealed in the Book. Convey my greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land and its surroundings. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them in that which beseemeth this blessed Day. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Glory and remembrance and praise be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon God's loved ones there and upon all who are steadfast and upright. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The servant 18th of Rabi'u'l-Avval 1305